

# MATERNITY WARD EQUIPMENT

## TRANSPORT OF DONATED SECOND-HAND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR NEW 26 BED MATERNITY WARD.

### PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Many rural areas in Tanzania lack proper healthcare infrastructure, including hospitals, clinics, and skilled healthcare professionals. This limited access to quality maternal healthcare leads to delayed or insufficient prenatal care, which increases the risk of complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

With our small hospital, Kamanga Health Centre, we have overcome some of these obstacles, experienced by residents in the Nyamatongo Ward. We are now averaging 50+ births per month and as such we are at times overflowing caring for mothers and babies sometimes resulting in the need to share beds and provide make-shift observation areas.

Policies in Tanzania stipulate that first-time mothers and mothers giving birth to their 5+ babies have to deliver at a hospital equipped for high-risk and complicated births. This leads pregnant women to wait until they are in active labour to arrive to Kamanaga Health Centre. At this point, we have no means to refer or transfer these mothers to a larger and better equipped hospital.

Rural areas in Tanzania often face transportation challenges, including limited road infrastructure and long distances to reach healthcare facilities. This, coupled with financial constraints, prevent many pregnant women from accessing timely obstetric care, leading to adverse maternal health outcomes.

PROJECT ACTIVITY:	Construction of upgraded maternity ward at KHC
DURATION:	Once-Off
SECTOR:	Maternal health, Logistics, Healthcare
INVESTMENT:	Between USD \$50,000 to \$100,000
TARGET GROUP:	Pregnant women from Nyamatongo Ward
BENEFICIARIES:	Directly: yearly 1000+ women and their families Indirectly: 35,000 residents

FUNDING WILL COVER TRANSPORT, HANDLING, IMPORT AND LOCAL TRANSFERS.  
AUSTRALIA TO TANZANIA.

## ACTIVITIES AND GOALS:

We have already secured funding for the construction of an improved maternity ward adjacent to our current facilities. What we need is funding to ship donated second-hand hospital equipment from Australia or USA to our facilities in Tanzania.

Our new ward will increase our total bed capacity with an additional 25 beds: 6 delivery beds, 10 post-natal beds, 4 post-caesarean beds, 3 pre-natal beds and 2 premature beds.

Included in this ward is also a small operating theatre to accommodate any women experiencing complications - including first-time mothers and women with 5+ babies. They would be able to comfortably and safely come to deliver their babies at our facilities.

The new building would also feature separate toilets and shower facilities for our new mothers.

The rooms will allow us to provide privacy and care to women both before and after delivery.

Further, by constructing this ward, we will free up space in the current buildings to allow for better care of our other patients.

Some equipment in the remaining part of the hospital is due for replacement and we would seek to ship this at the same time.

Every year 11,000 mothers in Tanzania die giving birth. That is 1 woman dying every 47 minutes.

SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS