



URGENT INTERVENTION

Train a cohort of qualified midwives to be disseminated throughout the territory to prevent maternal and child mortality. Open a Midwifery School with 30 students/year for 3 years. Begin practical training on the ground from the second year.



Educational materials for the school already donated by Salerno Rotary and saved from a flood that destroyed the school's first rented location.



La costruzione procede, ora manca ancora il tetto

COMPRA 100 mattoni = €10, mille mattoni € 100!

PER FARE IL TETTO	Qty	EUROS
Lumber 6x2	250	900
Cladding beads	398	970
Sheet metal	205	3000
Gutters	35	170
Nails	1000	300
Paints	80	80

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Bank transfer payable to: Infancy Onlus

Banca Prossima Iban: it 12 c 033 5901 6001 0000 0063 629

For donations: please indicate First and Last Name/Business

Reason and reason for donation:

KIMISCHO project liberal donation.

The deposit receipt has tax value and allows you to deduct the amount from your tax return.

- 5xmille, write the [code 95156870636](https://www.5xmille.it) in the health research box on your tax return

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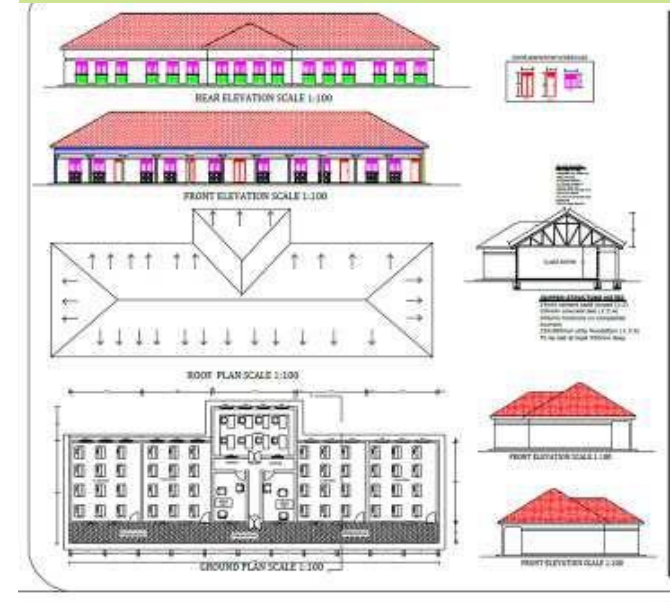


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KI-MI-SCO!!!! COSTRUIAMO INSIEME LA KITGUM MIDWIVES SCHOOL Scuola per Ostetriche a Kitgum



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THE PROBLEM

Uganda's Kitgum District is located in the north of the country and has a population of 250,000 (one million in the province.). Devastated by a 20-year war, it is one of the poorest districts in Africa. More than 75% of the years of life lost due to premature deaths are due to ten preventable diseases. Birth problems with peri-natal and maternal pathology account for 20.4 percent of causes of death, malaria 15.4 percent, acute lower respiratory tract infections 10.5 percent, and HIV/AIDS 9.1 percent.

- Infant mortality 279 per 1000 live births. (ITALY: 3/1000 live births = 93 times lower).

- Maternal mortality 536 per 100,000 live births. (ITALY: 9 cases/100,000 live births = 60 times lower).

Out of 7500 births, about 2092 babies die each year in the first year of life, and about 41 mothers.

KIMISCHO GOALS:

- Reduce the under-five mortality and morbidity rate of children under five years of age from 17% to 5% by 2022.

- Reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rate from 5.3% to 2% by 2022

Improve access to essential medical services, train trained health workers to treat mothers and children.

At 7:35 p.m. Ms. Akullo, a pregnant 17-year-old, arrived at Agago Hospital; she had tried to give birth in her village but failed. Her mother took her to the counseling center 40 km away. After 5 hours of transportation on a stretcher she arrived at the consultatory, but she did not receive help because the midwife was missing. With a journey in very bad conditions that lasted 8 hours, she went to the Abim Health District: an obstruction to delivery is diagnosed and a cesarean section is requested. Akello was then transported to the hospital 30 km away, but it was impossible to perform the C-section because the operating room had been without surgical supplies for 3 weeks. Transferred to an Italian Missionary Hospital in Kalongo, Akullo arrived while I was on call: she had had severe obstruction of delivery for more than 24 hours, severe septicemia and a torn uterus, with a dead infant. I took her to the operating bed where I could do nothing but remove the uterus that was torn beyond repair. We struggled, she and I, many hours on death's doorstep.

Akullo is alive, but, at 17, she will not be able to have any more children.

During my two years of practice in several war-scourged areas of Northern Uganda, I had to witness firsthand a di- mensive number of these incidents. Mothers who died in childbirth due to lack of medical personnel, poor state of transportation limiting access to health facilities, working conditions such as to discourage any motivation in health workers.

These experiences increased my interest in the public health problems of the people, stimulating me to devote my life to health orga nization, epidemiology, and health policy in order to evaluate the most appropriate measures to substantially change the health status of the population.



The new Midwifery School in KITGUM is under construction! Water and electricity has been brought in; the roof, fixtures, fittings and all finishes must now be completed.

The KMMC PROJECT TO REACT, aims to:

- improve the availability, access and utilization of quality maternal and newborn care services
- strengthen human resources and build capacity to provide quality maternal and newborn skilled health care
- strengthen the coordination and management of maternal and newborn care services
- empower communities to ensure a continuum of care between family and health facility



We planted a tree to see the Kitgum School for Midwives and Nurses grow

KITGUM MATERNITY CENTER IS THUS BORN **Kitgum Maternity and Medical Center (KMMC)**

a community-based organization consisting of a small group of doctors and midwives from Kitgum and neighboring districts with the goal of providing quality health care services to the poor.

MISSION: To provide quality integrated health care services that protect and improve the lives of the poor community in Kitgum district.