

Tanzania Health PARTNERSHIP



We Are Tanzania Health Partnership



Maternal and child healthcare services are experiencing record demand at DCMC. The pediatrics department cared for more than 5,000 children last year.



WE'VE MOVED!

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New Name, New Office

wenty years ago, we embarked on our mission to support compassionate, Tanzanian-led healthcare at Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC). With tremendous thanks to you, we've become a thriving medical center serving nearly 100,000 patients annually. We have truly become a beacon of hope for the people in Tanzania.

Our new name Tanzania Health Partnership reflects who we are now and in the future

Tanzania Health Partnership

Our country of focus Our reason for being Our relationship with DCMC and you

You have made all of the successes in our first 20 years possible, and with large-scale expansion unfolding this year, the future beckons for DCMC, our mission, and continued opportunities for partnership. As Tanzania Health Partnership, we look forward to having you at our side.

Thank you!

Our name has changed, but our mission remains the same

We will continue partnering with DCMC to build spaces and services to meet patient needs. This year, construction of a new 71-bed patient ward is already under way, and plans for a new surgery building are being finalized.



These new spaces will allow DCMC to serve even more patients, especially women with high-risk pregnancies, children requiring dedicated pediatric care, and patients needing life-saving surgery.

Medical Partnerships Aid Patient Care

To volunteer at DCMC, call us: 763-231-2954



70% of DCMC's patients are women and children.

s the pandemic fades, DCMC is experiencing overflowing numbers of patients seeking its quality care. Medical partnerships offer much needed support to the busy staff. Volunteer doctors and medical students help care for more patients and share their skills and knowledge. Mitchel Fenrich, a Physical Therapy resident from University of

resident from University of Minnesota, completed a 10-week clinical rotation at DCMC. Mitchel worked daily to help patients rehabilitate after surgeries, injuries, and more.

"I spent a wonderful month volunteering at DCMC. It is really a great team working at the hospital so kind-hearted and devoted to work." – Dr. Ayelet Abrahami, MD (below)



Israeli pediatrician Dr. Ayelet Abrahami, MD, volunteered for one month in early 2022. She was a great source of relief to the continually busy pediatrics department.





In Memory 20

We dedicate this newsletter to Deanna Mills, our Board Chair who passed away in March after a short illness. Deanna was an inspirational leader who believed everyone should have access to high-quality, affordable medical care. In her four-decade career working with community health centers in Minnesota, Deanna viewed health equity as social justice for populations that are often overlooked. She brought her passion and insights to our Board and shared DCMC's drive to grow its services, outreach and partnerships. Deanna's leadership and future-oriented vision have left a legacy that will embolden our mission for years.



DCMC facilitates emergency obstetric care (EMOC) training for rural health providers.

Improving Maternal Health in Rural Areas

uring the pandemic, DCMC saw fewer pregnant women from Dodoma's surrounding rural areas coming for care. "DCMC is known for its maternal care, so this was hard for us," said Dr. Cyrialis Mutabuzi, MD, Director of the Community Health Department (CHD). In response, the community health team committed to improving maternal health in rural areas

by expanding its emergency obstetrics skills training programs for rural health providers. The programs emphasize how to

DCMC provides supportive supervision to 120 village health workers and 75 rural health providers.

identify high-risk pregnancies and how to respond to emergencies for women and newborns.



With nearly 83% of the Dodoma region living in rural areas, DCMC's health trainings and programs for rural health providers improve health in outlying communities lacking access to larger hospitals.

DCMC's new 71-bed patient ward is expected to be completed in May

"Right now DCMC is at capacity every single day. We just don't have the beds to admit everyone who needs one," said Edward Emmanuel, DCMC's Chief of Administration. "Our new patient ward will change everything and we'll be able to care for so many more people."



DCMC's new Eye Clinic Director, Dr. Francisco Msonge, MD examines a patient

Scholarship Recipient Now Leads DCMC's New Eye Clinic

Through the Ruth Safemaster Flatt Scholarship Fund, Dr. Francisco Msonge, MD, completed his advanced ophthalmology degree and has returned to lead the new DCMC Eye Clinic. Equipped to provide everything from basic eve exams to cataract surgeries and laser procedures, the eye clinic is predicting significant growth in the coming year.

> IN 2021, DCMC SERVED 2,030 EYE PATIENTS

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Your Support Brings Health and Spreads Hope



Asante Thank you! t DCMC, your gifts save lives, give hope to the frightened and ill, uplift many too poor to pay for care, and so much more. As we watch DCMC grow and expand this year, we share these reminders of the many ways you helped thousands of patients last year:

- 1,278 newborn babies
- 1,656 surgeries
- 6,719 dental procedures
- 7,444 ultrasounds
- **13,780** maternal and child health visits **84,854** - total patients

In our world of conflict and need, thank you for all you do to support our mission. It really matters.

> – Anne Hussian Tanzania Health Partnership Executive Director

Make Your Impact Today

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With thousands of women, children and families coming to the medical center every month, your gifts ensure that everyone will receive the care they need and deserve.

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