

Tanzania: Deliver Life Program

We have completed the second year of our four-year **Tanzania: Deliver Life** program. The program is part of the Canada – Africa Initiative to Address Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa—a partnership among four Canadian organizations, jointly funded by the Government of Canada. We are focusing on improving maternal and child health by providing water and sanitation services at 12 obstetric and neonatal care clinics in the two rural districts of Geita and Nyang'hwale, Tanzania.

Our aim is to directly reach over 666,000 people.



Nurse Grace stands outside the new pour-flush toilets at the Kakora Dispensary.

Only 44% of facilities providing maternity care have clean water, toilets & soap

398 out of 100,000 women will die during or shortly after their pregnancy

40 out of 1,000 babies in Tanzania will die before their 1st birthday

Our Progress

In year two we:

- Constructed water sources for 6 out of 12 health facilities.
- Constructed waste incinerators and placenta pits at all 12 health facilities.
- Trained health workers, village members, partner staff & local government representatives on sanitation & hygiene best practices.
- Developed a sanitation & hygiene users handbook for facility health workers.
- Launched a hygiene behavior change campaign in schools.

What's Next?

In year three we will:

- Use solar-powered water pumps to extend the water supply from 3 health care clinics that received boreholes in year 2. This will supply the communities surrounding the health clinics with a steady supply of water.
- Install internal plumbing, flush toilets, and sinks at all 12 health facilities.
- Build water, sanitation and hygiene facilities at the 6 remaining obstetric and neonatal care clinics.
- Work alongside governments to strengthen the management of water, sanitation and hygiene services.
- Continue to train health workers, village members, partner staff and local government representatives on sanitation & hygiene best practices.
- Work with teachers, students and school committees to promote hygiene behaviour change.



A Mother's Story

"I am very happy that the dispensary has access to water now. I did not have to bring or buy water for use during the delivery process."

Kwilaba holds her 3-hour-old baby delivered at the Kakora Dispensary in the Nyang'hwale District, Tanzania, in June 2018.

Before we started working in the Nyang'hwale district, Kakora Dispensary had no water, no toilets and no incinerator or placenta pit to safely dispose of medical waste. Expectant mothers had to bring their own water for the delivery process.

Thanks to the work of WaterAid Canada and our local partners, the dispensary is now supplied with water via a solar powered water system, a toilet block has been constructed and infrastructure is in place for safe disposal of medical waste. As a result, the number of people coming for health services at the Kakora Dispensary has greatly increased.

Our work is ensuring that the youngest lives in the Nyang'hwale District are welcomed into a clean and safe environment.

