



Tanzania Health PARTNERSHIP



IT'S OUR 20th Anniversary!

From humble beginnings, DCMC is now Dodoma's top choice hospital serving nearly 100,000 patients/year – and poised for even more growth.

THANKS to
all our donors
for an inspiring,
successful
20 years!



DCMC's new
70-bed patient
ward has
dedicated
pediatric rooms.
50% of DCMC's
admissions are
children.



Compassionate
care sets DCMC
apart from other
hospitals in the region,
drawing thousands of
patients from around
the country for
care.

In 2003, the land on which Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) now sits was just cow paths and wild bush, and DCMC itself was only a dream eager to be realized. Today, 20 years later, DCMC is a thriving, 130-bed, Tanzanian-led medical center serving nearly 100,000 patients every year – and saving lives every day. Recognized as Dodoma's highest quality health care facility, especially for women with high-risk pregnancies, the hospital is coming off a year of historic growth and now pursuing its next big goal: a new surgery building. Together with DCMC, we celebrate 20 years of bringing health and hope – and quality care and jobs – to the people of Tanzania.

"DCMC has had significant impact, lives have been saved, pain and suffering have been alleviated. We are truly thankful for these 20 years."

- Ambassador Prof. Emmanuel Mbennah, PhD,
DCMC Board of Trustees Chair



2022 by the Numbers



Throughout 2022, DCMC's medical team stretched to serve patients during the frenzy of construction projects on site and the busy launch of major new services like kidney dialysis.



In what became a year of historic growth for the hospital, thousands received care:

- 91,973 patients
- ▼ 1,346 babies born
- 1,681 surgeries
- ▼ 6,774 well-child check-ups and vaccinations
- 5,984 pediatric patients
- ▼ 96,678 lab tests

Spring
2023

Training Health Workers in Rural Dodoma

As part of DCMC's commitment to improve maternal and child health in rural Dodoma, DCMC's Community Health Department, in collaboration with the Tanzania Ministry of Health, is leading skills training seminars for Community Health Workers (CHWs). CHWs fill critical gaps in care for pregnant women living in rural areas who have limited access to health facilities and trained professionals.



A CHW participates in DCMC's seminar on maternal health in rural Bahi district.



For the first time in their lives, 1500 children and 200 adults in rural villages were screened for eye health. Dozens were referred to DCMC for follow-up care and prescription glasses.

Volunteers Share Collaborative, Impactful Week with DCMC Eye Clinic



Visiting ophthalmologists performed surgeries and trained local staff.

DCMC's Eye Clinic is the only one-stop shop for total vision care in Central Tanzania

In January, eight Minnesota eye care professionals, including an ophthalmology resident from the Mayo Clinic, volunteered with DCMC's new and growing eye clinic. Over the course of one week, they partnered with eye clinic staff to perform dozens of surgeries, provide skills trainings for advanced procedures, and conduct first-time vision screenings for 1700 people in two rural villages. To complete DCMC's full array of eye health services, they also set up an optical lab so DCMC can grind lenses and make prescription eyewear.

"We expect the eye clinic to bring a brighter future for eye health in Dodoma and the region, with improved service and modern surgery for patients and the whole family."

– Dr. Fransisco Msonge, MD, DCMC ophthalmologist and Eye Clinic Director

DCMC Preparing to Add Hearing Care

The World Health Organization estimates that 136 million people in the African region live with hearing loss.



Thanks to a generous donor, DCMC nurse William Katendwa received a scholarship to attend the Starkey Hearing Institute's 9-month Zambia-based training course in audiology, a rare specialty service in Africa that DCMC is eager to provide.



Nurse William Katendwa at DCMC prior to leaving for his training.



Dental Clinic

Welcome to Dr. Marco!

In 2022, Dr. Marco David joined DCMC as its new dentist, following the retirement of Dr. Charles Rabemahefa, who served as Dental Clinic Director for 15 years. As he cares for dozens of patients each week, Dr. Marco has also been overseeing the completion and set-up of the new dental lab.



Leading the Way in Central Tanzania

With the addition of DCMC's new dental lab, the Dental Clinic is poised to be the leading site in Central Tanzania for comprehensive oral health care. Opening soon, the lab will be equipped to make supplies for orthodontia (braces and retainers) and prosthodontia (dentures, crowns and implants). Patients will no longer have to travel 8 hours to Dar Es Salaam for these rarely available advanced dental services.

Tanzanians age 20-29 average one missing tooth; over age 60, the number increases to eight.

Five dental students from Germany volunteered in the Dental Clinic for several weeks in March, serving hundreds of patients alongside DCMC's dental team. As a learning opportunity for both the visiting volunteers and the local staff, DCMC dentist Dr. Marco reflected, "These visiting dental students are very skilled and give a lot of help to our clinic staff."



Dental procedures increased 25% in 2022



Your Gifts Support Patients In Desperate Need, Like Yusuph

Yusuph came to DCMC for dialysis, costly care that requires continuity to sustain health. The owner of a once thriving transportation business in Dodoma, his illness and need for dialysis hindered his ability to work and earn income. Over months of treatment, his family's support wavered under the increasing stress and cost of caring for him – until they finally chose to abandon him at the hospital, leaving him in tears and with no hope for his future health. Thanks to the Charity Care Fund, DCMC's doctors and nurses were able to assure Yusuph he could continue receiving treatment – at no cost.



Yusuph with Dr. Moyo, MD, DCMC's dialysis physician.



Are You Interested in Serving at DCMC?

DCMC Welcomes Medical Volunteers

Volunteering at DCMC is an opportunity to serve the people of Tanzania, share skills and training with local staff, and learn and grow within your own field. Currently, the hospital requests ob/gyn, pediatric, internal medicine and nursing professionals to help support the influx of patients coming for care every day.

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DCMC staff celebrating 20th anniversary.

Thank You for Years 20

Without your decades of generosity, friendship, patience and prayers, DCMC wouldn't be what it is today, caring for tens of thousands and boldly strategizing its future. The recent opening of their new 70-bed ward was a source of great excitement and pride to their staff because they could serve more patients, and now we look forward to helping them add a new surgery building. THANK YOU, and here's to the next 20 years!

*– Anne Hussian, Executive Director
Tanzania Health Partnership*

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"20th anniversary" event!
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