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Record-Setting 2,000+ People Receive Sight-Saving Eye Care from DCMC



Rural schoolchildren lined up for their vision test.

In just one week, the eye care team:

- Screened 1,200 elementary students and 100+ adults in rural Dodoma
- Examined 692 patients at the clinic
- Performed 35 sight-saving surgeries



Skills trainings were a focus during eye surgeries.



Patients of all ages were examined in the clinic.

In February, DCMC welcomed an eight person team of eye care professionals from Minnesota who provided critical vision care to thousands of people, the majority from underserved rural communities. Hundreds of patients arrived daily at the DCMC eye clinic — some walking miles and lining up as early as 4 a.m. The team also traveled to remote villages to screen schoolchildren and families.

The group, which included DCMC staff and ophthalmology faculty and residents from the University of Minnesota and Mayo Medical School, was deeply moved to treat so many people in such a short time.

"People came from all over the country," reflected Dr. Francesco Msonge, MD, DCMC's ophthalmologist. "We served many patients in severe need of eye care and we expanded our clinic service to new areas. This is so important for our people."

UMN PT Residents Gain Valuable Training

For nearly a decade, DCMC has partnered with the University of Minnesota's Physical Therapy Department to host residents for an immersive eight-week rotation. Under the guidance of DCMC physiotherapist Dr. Nuru Mohammed, students gain valuable diagnostic skills and explore innovative treatment methods. This hands-on experience not only strengthens their capabilities but also fosters a deeper understanding of global healthcare.



At a rural school, PT residents Ally Palmer (left) and Lydia Perez Kocis assess a young boy's leg.

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DCMC in Growth Mode

Life-Changing Surgery at DCMC

For years, Kalunde lived with a growing goiter, an irregular enlargement of the thyroid. As it began to affect her health, she sought help from multiple hospitals in Dar es Salaam, only to hear the same response: the surgery was too risky.



Kalunde's sister, a former patient at DCMC, encouraged her to visit DCMC. After a thorough exam, DCMC's surgeon, Dr. Yohana Masonda, MD, told Kalunde that he could remove the goiter. He agreed the surgery was not without risk, but he was confident that it could be successful.

For Kalunde, it was more than successful – it was life-changing. Today, she is goiter-free and praises DCMC's medical team, saying, "I am so thankful to all the caring doctors. They have given me new life."

To meet rapidly growing patient needs and build revenue for sustainability, DCMC has been an ever-changing landscape of construction and remodeling the past few years. Its own 5-year strategic plan, in combination with new government regulations, has been the impetus for several new buildings, spaces and services to emerge at DCMC:

- New pharmacy building
- New 8-room private ward
- Remodeled labor and delivery rooms, pathology lab, and morgue
- Emergency room space near the expanding surgery ward
- Private TB testing and HIV counseling rooms near the lab
- New consultation and triage spaces in the outpatient department

In addition, the NICU has been moved closer to the labor and delivery ward so new mothers can be close to their infants (see p. 3). **Looking ahead, the elaborate surgery and lab expansions currently underway are expected to be completed by mid-year, and plans are being made to update the Dental Clinic.**



Large lab expansion includes new blood draw rooms and more admin space.



A well-stocked new pharmacy building is open to the entire community and generating significant revenue for DCMC.

"DCMC is meeting a critical need that means the difference between life and death for many people."

- Prof. Emmanuel Mbennah, PhD,
DCMC Trustee Chair



All lab spaces are now fully interconnected, increasing functionality and team collaboration.

DCMC will open another operating theatre by mid-year.



DCMC's NICU: Providing Life-Saving Care Around the Clock

Thank you to everyone who has donated to DCMC's life-saving NICU

With its reputation for skilled ob/gyn care, DCMC regularly cares for women with complex pregnancies that often result in premature deliveries. With up to 10 babies born each day—many needing specialized care—DCMC's small NICU is giving vulnerable infants the extra care they need for a stronger, healthier start in life. “Parents feel safe having their babies here, knowing they can receive the extra care they need in our NICU,” shared one NICU nurse.

Why I Give

“As part of a mom group from Calvary Lutheran Church, we gathered and packed dozens of baby blankets for the new moms at DCMC. From a mom in the US to a mom in Tanzania, the love of Jesus can be seen in the smiles. That is why I give — of my time, my heart and my funds — to support DCMC.”

— Kay Kufahl
Golden Valley, MN



A new mom at DCMC receiving a blanket donated by the Calvary MomCo group.

A Look Back at 2024: DCMC's Commitment to Care



DCMC's pediatrician checks one of the many newborns.

In a year of change, growth, and challenges, DCMC remained focused on what matters most – the patients.

2024 AT A GLANCE:

95,000 Patients
1,242 Newborns
1,763 Surgeries
4,218 Eye clinic patients
41,940 Pharmacy prescriptions
102,624 Lab tests

Thank you for supporting DCMC's skilled, dedicated medical and dental staff who – every day – are making DCMC the facility of choice for thousands of families in Tanzania.



The eye clinic is the fastest growing service at DCMC.



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April 29

Join us for a casual, “non-gala” event to celebrate Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) and its important work impacting thousands of Tanzanians.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Dr. Magdalena Lyimo, MD, PhD, DCMC Board of Trustees, hematologist, and professor at Tanzania’s leading medical university

Dr. Shalini Kulasingam, PhD, MPH, epidemiologist and professor at the UMN School of Public Health



WHEN Tuesday, April 29: 5:30-7:30pm
1 hour program beginning at 6pm

WHERE Brookview Golf Club, 316 Brookview Pkwy S.
Golden Valley, MN 55426

TICKET \$25 - hors d'oeuvres and drinks included

Thank you for all you do to help us deliver on our mission to support DCMC and its patients. Bringing health and hope to people in need matters more than ever today.

– Anne Hussian, Executive Director

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