

# Tanzania Health





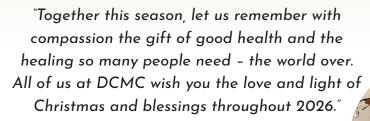












Prof Emmanuel Mbennah, PhD DCMC Board Chair



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#### New DCMC Executive Director



"Many patients need DCMC's excellent care, and I intend to help it thrive."

A nationally recognized
Certified Public Accountant,
DCMC's new Executive
Director, Pauline Mtunda,
brings his extensive
expertise in finance and
business operations to
DCMC to help fortify the
hospital as it plans for
continued growth.

As a former member of DCMC's Board of Trustees, Mtunda is deeply familiar with the medical center's mission and work. His top priorities have been to stabilize medicine and supply stocks, strengthen staff, obtain critical equipment, and expand surgery care.



# Surgery: Top Priority

With new surgery space to perform more procedures safely and efficiently, hundreds more patients are able to receive high-quality surgical care at DCMC, a facility they know and trust

#### WITH DEMAND FOR SURGICAL

care on the rise, expanding the medical center's surgical spaces and services has been an ongoing top priority for DCMC. Progress is well underway.

A recently opened Phase 1 small surgical expansion (at right) has added another operating theater, larger patient prep and recovery rooms, and a welcoming reception area – all designed to better serve patient and physician needs. Later this year, construction on the hospital's Phase 2 larger combined surgery and ICU building is slated to begin.

Thank you for supporting DCMC's

Phase 1 surgery expansion



Donations are needed to help purchase critically needed surgical equipment and to complete the Phase 2 larger surgery/ICU building.

To discuss a gift, contact Anne Hussian, Executive Director –

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#### THE NICU IS GROWING

To complement the growing surgery services, DCMC's NICU has also expanded to care for more newborns in need of extra support. Now equipped with 5 beds, the NICU is often near capacity.

An average of 5 infants/week require extra care in the NICU, most staying for 3 days.



St. Catherine's University students Mwangaza Alfani (2nd from left) and Ubah Omar (4th from left) spent 5 weeks at DCMC collaborating with staff and local partners to strengthen support for survivors of gender-based violence.

# Student Research Lays Groundwork to Address Gender-Based Violence

"This research was led with such compassion and showed us how much we can do to help these victims," said Dr. Dorcas Mkanje, MD, DCMC's Community Health Department interim director. This summer, DCMC hosted two Master of Public Health students from St. Catherine University (St. Paul, Minnesota), who researched gender-based violence (GBV) in Dodoma and how DCMC can be a trusted resource for people in need of care. The students worked with DCMC staff, regional government officials, and area social services centers to identify available resources, best practices, and gaps in care. Their research mapped out:

- Referral pathways available in the region
- Safe houses for women and children in Dodoma
- Opportunities for DCMC to educate staff and improve care for GBV victims

## Growing New Opportunities for Women

DCMC's new hands-on Shamba Darasa project, or "Farm Class", a women's nutrition program, is teaching local impoverished women how to grow and sell nutritious food, improve their families' health and food security, and create new paths for economic growth. Shamba Darasa's first enrollees are 10 widows from the nearby Ntyuka village.



DCMC has enlisted agriculture and nutrition experts to help teach the women.



Covering 2 hectares, the irrigated garden's first vegetable harvest is expected in December.

## Why I Give



"Giving through Tanzania Health Partnership means directly impacting those who need it most. Their gratitude is reflected in the smiles. laughter and eyes that dance when given new glasses, in the baby returning a toothless grin, a mom receiving consequential prenatal care, or the man feeling the relief of dialysis. My gifts cross the barriers that would divide us in today's world and unites us with the oneness of all humankind. It is my calling to give with heart."

Penne Sewall,
 donor and DCMC volunteer
 Minneapolis, MN

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# **Thank You** for Supporting Global Health



In this year of turmoil for global health, thank you for your continued compassion and support for the thousands of people who turn to DCMC for care. You've helped DCMC build buildings and expand its crowded NICU (p. 2), launch new initiatives to improve the health and welfare of impoverished women (p. 3), secure critical equipment and supplies, and position the hospital for a busy 2026 growing surgery, dentistry and so much more.

We are immensely grateful for your willing and generous partnership - and for your refusal to set aside the health needs of others, especially those living a world away.

From all of us at Tanzania Health Partnership, we wish you good health and many moments of peace this Christmas and in the year ahead.



With gratitude,
Anne Hussian, Executive Director

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