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# DODOMA TANZANIA HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

## DCMC at a Critical Juncture

Positioned for the Future



The waiting room at Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) is often overflowing, and a record 80,000 patients are anticipated this year. A recent visitor commented, "There's absolutely no place to sit."

Asante Beverage Company will produce a variety of bottled water, tea and juice to help support the medical center.

Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) is at a critical nexus in its development, having doubled in size at a time when Dodoma is also experiencing unprecedented growth as a capital city.

Thousands of people have recently moved there, many of whom are being drawn to DCMC for its quality care. The new west wing expansion is

helping accommodate this growth, but DCMC leadership expects the medical center's ability to provide services to soon be outstripped by demand.

In these challenging times, the medical center is slowly making headway toward financial sustainability, but more is needed to complete that journey. Currently, DCMC is cover-

ing nearly 65% of its costs, and donations from DTHD support the 35% gap. The largest budget items are medical staff salaries and medical/lab supplies.

Over time, DCMC's social enterprise partner Asante Beverage Company is expected to provide a majority of the gap funds, which will decrease as the hospital grows and covers more of its own costs.

**Thank you! Your gifts support the critical care needed at DCMC.**

From the start, the plan for DCMC included a separate social enterprise that would give at least 50% of its profits to the hospital. Fast forward to present day, and the 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Asante Beverage Company is slated to begin production in July.

A DTHD delegation will be on site to attend the July 19 grand opening celebration with Tanzanian officials.



Our mission is to ensure high-quality, compassionate, Tanzanian-led health care for the people of Central Tanzania by developing the capacity and sustainability of Dodoma Christian Medical Center.

## Creative Minds, Helping Hands



Project CURE volunteers in Denver packed items to send to DCMC in Tanzania. A similar container was recently shipped from Global Health Ministries.

Whether it's doctors volunteering their time and expertise, partners shipping free medical supplies, or visitors packing suitcases full of sutures, gloves and gowns, DCMC's vision attracts and motivates creative minds and helping hands from all over the world.

Dr. Charles Yancey, ophthalmologist and DTHD Board member (below), has shipped equipment and plans to return to DCMC to help establish an eye clinic in 2018.



# Medical Center Snapshot



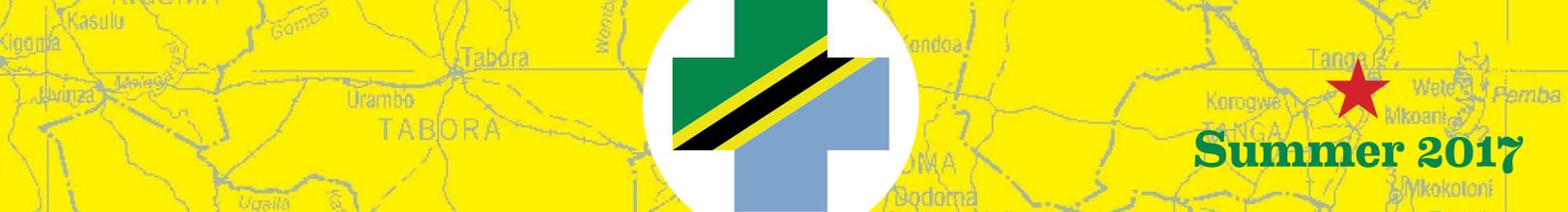
Dr. Nyamba (far right) is the first full-time surgeon at DCMC. Since 2014, the number of surgeries has tripled at the medical center, and DTHD funds will help hire more acute care nurses.



(Above) Marlene with her newborn daughter after undergoing emergency surgery to stop life-threatening hemorrhaging. DCMC has become the hospital of choice in the region for high-risk maternal and newborn care.

(Right) A young boy uses a stick from a neem tree to brush his teeth, a common substitute for a toothbrush due to its medicinal properties. DCMC's Dental Clinic conducts outreach in these areas and provides free services to children who need urgent care.





# How to Help: A Guide to Giving

*There are multiple ways to support our mission of bringing health and hope to Dodoma*

The medical center is on track to treat 80,000 patients in 2017, a new record, and your help is needed NOW more than ever.

Although DCMC covers nearly 2/3 of its operating costs, it relies on us to cover the remainder. Grants and other needs at DCMC total \$75,000 each month.

*For every dollar donated to DTHD, \$.92 goes to the medical center*

## Here's how you can help:

- Make a monthly or annual donation via check to DTHD or Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org)
- Consider planned giving. Call Executive Director Anne Hussian at: (763) 432-6589
- Join the conversation on social media:



The sustainability model for the medical center combines thriving partnerships, social enterprise, and philanthropy in order to provide a consistent level of high quality care that is rarely seen in Africa, particularly for the poorest of the poor.



[www.dthd.org/how-to-help](http://www.dthd.org/how-to-help)



A patient at DCMC speaks with Dr. Michelle Biros from the University of Minnesota's Department of Emergency Medicine: "I can always count on DCMC for the best. No one in my family will ever go anywhere else now."

## UofM Collaborations Expanding at DCMC

Dr. Shalini Kulasingam from the School of Public Health will be returning to DCMC in August to conduct community health workshops for regional health officers and advance the medical center's current research on adolescent behaviors relating to reproductive health and drug use. The findings will be published and used to develop evidence-based interventions.

In 2018, the Physical Therapy Department will

launch a resident exchange at DCMC, and the Ob/Gyn Department plans to send three more residents as part of its ongoing exchange.

"It's important for the UofM to be present at DCMC and support this work," said Dr. Kulasingam. "It is astonishing and breathtaking to see the progress on site."

Dr. Shalini Kulasingam speaking at DTHD's Mama Salama event.



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★ **Message from the Executive Director** ★

I've been talking with a lot of you since our Mama Salama fundraising event in May, and believe me when I say your encouragement and enthusiasm for this mission fuels us as we continue to press through what's turning out to be our most challenging year yet in this project. We need you more than ever right now.

Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) is growing exponentially, which means higher short-term costs, and it'll be several more months before our Dodoma-based social enterprise partner, Asante Beverages, is able to share any profits with the medical center. In this gap period, both DTHD and DCMC are challenged to fully fund the medical center's priority needs: additional nurses, a pediatrician, medications, lab

supplies, health outreach in rural villages, a new pathology lab, and more. In short, patient care is potentially at risk at DCMC without your support. See our current CrowdRise fundraiser to understand how every little bit can help.

Thank you for donating your time, treasure, supplies, equipment, medical and business skills, and – most of all – for caring about the thousands of people in Dodoma who now depend on DCMC for a quality of care not often found in Africa. On behalf of them, we thank you for all you do to boldly and generously support this mission.

With gratitude,

**Anne Hussian, Executive Director**



DCMC Trustee Dr. Redempta Mbatia (left) attended the May DTHD board meeting and met with UofM partners to express gratitude and discuss ongoing work.

