



Fall 2020

DODOMA TANZANIA HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

Areas of Growth in 2021: Pathology, Ophthalmology, Surgery

Medical Team Expands



With construction of additional surgery space, DCMC expects it could triple the number of procedures performed.



DCMC's top 5 pediatric surgeries: fracture repair, soft tissue injury, hernia, abscess, and burn wounds

Dr. Leonard Mlemwa, MD, Pathology Lab Director, eagerly awaits the completion of DCMC's path lab.

To grow patient services, DCMC has added two key specialists to its medical team:



General surgeon
Dr. Yohana Masonda, MD, joined DCMC in February.

With its strategic plan to improve patient care and increase revenue for sustainability in 2021, Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) will be launching major additions to its services and diagnostics:

Pathology – In the New Year, DCMC's new pathology lab will finally be complete after the arrival of all its histology and cytology equipment. Already offering very limited services, the path lab is the only one in the entire region, providing highly valuable, rapid diagnostics for growing numbers of patients.

Ophthalmology – With its new ophthalmologist (see sidebar), DCMC's

eye clinic is expected to blossom in 2021. Recently opened, patients are starting to come for everything from eye exams to cataract surgeries and laser procedures.

Surgery – Increased demand for DCMC's one surgery theatre has urgently prioritized the need for two additional ORs, a minor theater and male/female recovery wards. Designs are being finalized.

Kidney dialysis – DCMC is evaluating a proposal from Africa Healthcare Network (AHN) to build, staff and manage a kidney dialysis center with a unique model of revenue sharing. AHN has established similar centers throughout East Africa.



Ophthalmologist
Dr. Edmund Mushumbusi, MD, was hired in August to lead the new eye clinic.

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.



COVID-19 Update

As DCMC prepared for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, staff moved quickly to implement precautionary measures and increase PPE stock. DCMC received several patients showing symptoms of the virus, but thankfully the medical center was not overwhelmed and all staff remained healthy. The medical center slowly began resuming a level of normalcy in July.



Precautionary measures like this handwashing station were implemented during the pandemic.

DCMC is now caring for 7,000 patients monthly



Pediatric patients occupy nearly 50% of DCMC's beds

One-year-old Joran (center) was dangerously anemic on arrival at DCMC. A few days later, he was feeling better and his mother and grandmother were overjoyed to be taking him home.

Pediatrics is booming at DCMC

“DCMC is a challenging place, because there are many kids coming for care, and most of them come here after visiting several other health units around town,” said DCMC’s Dr. Kabibi Byabato, MD. As the Dodoma area’s only pediatrician,

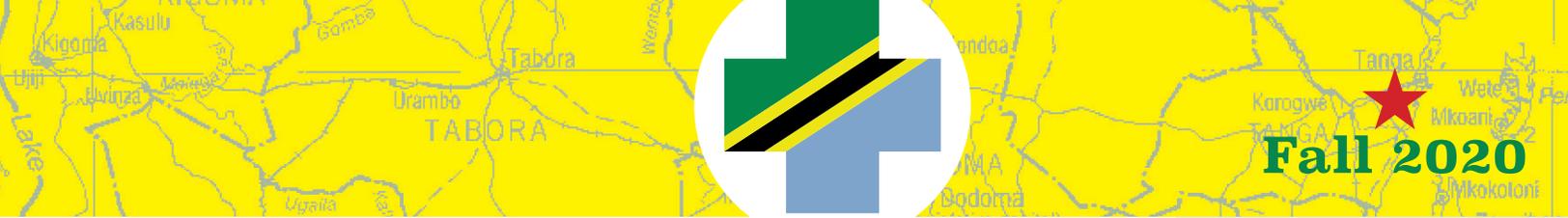
she has become so busy that a normal day involves seeing 25-35 patients in her clinic – and that’s after she does her hospital rounds to check on all the newborns and dozens of admitted children.



On average, 3 babies are born daily at the hospital, half by C-section because of DCMC’s strong reputation for high-risk pregnancy care.



The most common illnesses Dr. Kabibi (center) sees in her young patients are: upper respiratory tract infections, septicemia, dermatitis, and urinary tract infections.



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Returning to Community Health Outreach

DCMC's Community Health Department is getting back into area villages after suspending its activity due to the coronavirus earlier this year. In these underserved, rural communities, women and families benefit from DCMC's health outreach, education, and screening programs.

Over the years, DCMC has provided valuable health education and outreach to more than 100,000 rural villagers



Children received well-child checkups while their mothers waited for their cervical cancer screening.



Women congregated to wait their turn for cervical cancer screening. The DCMC-led initiative discovered 20 patients needing further testing and 8 suspected cases of cancer.

Thanks to support from **St. Andrew Lutheran Church**, Eden Prairie, MN, cervical cancer screening programs were implemented in 4 villages, screening a total of 348 women. Also, the **Infaith Community Foundation's Joyce M. Gouwens Fund** is supporting multiple programs ranging from hygiene and sanitation to emergency prenatal and birthing care.



Dr. Gaspar Msangi, MD, urologist, DTHD donor, and DCMC volunteer

WHY I GIVE

"A lot of amazing things are happening at DCMC. It has a reputation for providing reliable, compassionate, quality healthcare to the people of Central Tanzania, and a lot more can be done with our support."

- Dr. Gaspar Msangi, MD, Atlanta, GA

Life-Changing Surgery for Uli

A growing mass on 11-year-old Uli's back was causing him disfigurement, increasing pain and health concerns. Through an inspired network of global connections, Uli was brought to DCMC. Dr. Yohana Masonda, with the help of a consulting neurosurgeon, performed the tumor removal surgery that would change Uli's life. After 49 days of steady, successful recovery, he was finally sent home. Funds for Uli's care were donated to DCMC's surgery program by Sandi Young, a friend of his family in Park City, UT. "What a triumphant end to a long, difficult journey and now one ahead that's loaded with hope for good health!!!" she said.



After a life-changing surgery and 49 days of care at DCMC, Uli was excited to go home.

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frightening time in its history
– a global pandemic. It's hard
to find words to express how
grateful we are, but the smil-
ing faces of DCMC's
patients really say it all.
THANK YOU

– Anne Hussian,
DTHD Executive Director

We thank all of our donors for supporting

*us during this time. This year was hard but we
managed to go through successfully. We had a
number of COVID-19 patients, but thankfully
we were not overrun. We thank God that our
staff was able to remain healthy, and we
thank the donors who helped facilitate
the quick purchase of PPE so that
we were able to protect ourselves.
Now all medical services are
continuing. We look forward to
a healthier, more prosperous
2021 for all.*

– Prof. Charles Majinge, MD,
DCMC Director

