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THE NEW MATERNITY CENTRE OPENS

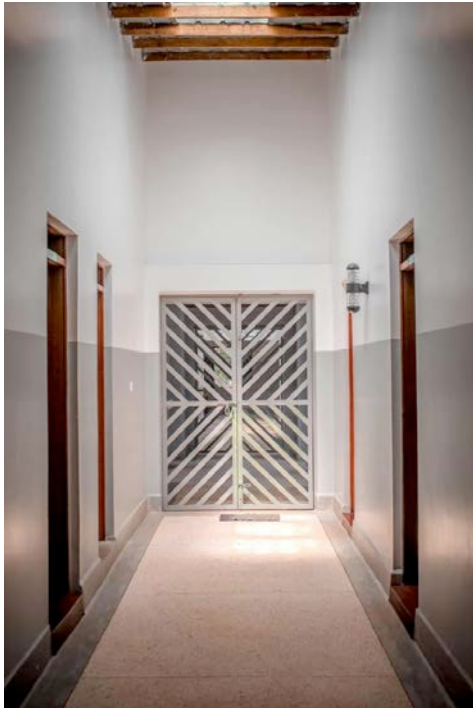
We are immensely proud to share the news that **our Maternity Centre has been officially opened!** This health facility is desperately needed in the Bukasakya community where we work, as this area has some of the highest maternal and neo-natal death rates (MMR and NMR) in the world.

The centre will provide pre, post and neo-natal healthcare to mothers and babies and support safer childbirth to reduce this tragic loss of life. We are incredibly grateful to all our supporters and the Nick Maughan Foundation for helping us make our dream to build a Maternity Centre a reality.

The building is just as beautiful on the inside as its external structure. The stunning corridors give off a wonderful sense of tranquility, providing a calming energy for expectant mothers.



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... IV stands and beds for the wards and an ultrasound machine for the consulting room.



As various equipment arrived, the different areas of the building began to evolve into their designated usage. There were birthing tables and hospital cots for the delivery suites, ...



Construction work also took place outside. The main gate entrance was completed, paving slabs leading up to the building were laid, aggregate for the walkways was compacted and drainage around the perimeter was installed.



Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects in Uganda. With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

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A huge team of volunteers from the UK that had been instrumental in making the Maternity Centre happen, all went over to Uganda to join in with the celebrations of its opening.



There was a fantastic buzz leading up to the ceremony. Michael Malomo, Treasurer of Spotlight on Africa-Uganda Foundation said "in a very short time, a huge history has been made. It is unbelievable that we are going to host ministers from the Ugandan cabinet and an MP from the UK".



Dr Diana Atwine, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health Uganda, was the guest of honour and officiated at the opening ceremony, sharing her experience on Twitter.



Dr. Diana Atwine
@DianaAtwine

I officiated at the opening of the fully equipped 40 bed 'NICK MAUGHAN modern maternity and Newborn Centre in Mbale City. This community facility will offer highly subsidized maternal and child health services to the people of Mbale and beyond.



The event was also reported on the Ugandan News! The footage is available on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4SBz419NLY>

Although sad to leave after such a joyous occasion, the UK volunteers have left behind a strong team of medical professionals to run the Maternity Centre. Some of the members of staff can be seen below.



And working alongside them will be Community Health Promoters (CHPs) who have graduated from the certificate course in Maternal and Child Health.



So the Maternity Centre is now up and running and appointments for the very first patients have taken place. Taking a step back to think about how much has been achieved in this community is very humbling; we are utterly grateful for your continued support.

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