

HEALTH BUILDERS



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About Health Builders

Since 2007, Health Builders has worked to address inaccessibility to quality health care services in rural Rwanda. Through our unique, collaborative partnership with Rwanda's Ministry of Health (MOH), we offer educational programming, provide life-saving technology and equipment, and construct health centers and posts that improve thousands of lives.

Health Builders supports

52 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTERS

across **3** DISTRICTS
Rwamagana, Rulindo and Nyabihu

serving a population of just over **1** MILLION



OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Health Builders is committed to addressing inadequate knowledge and skills among health care providers, limited health care infrastructure, deficient life-saving technologies and poor community awareness on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles.

VISION

Every Rwandan has access to safe and reliable health care and is able to live a dignified, healthy and prosperous life.

MISSION

Health Builders strengthens health center management, improves clinical care and builds health care facilities for the rural communities in most need in Rwanda.

APPROACH

Health Builders focuses its interventions at the primary health centers facilities and villages where more than 90% of Rwandans receive care.

Our goal is to supply health care providers with the knowledge, skills and resources needed to give patients a high-quality standard of care.

Areas of focus include:

Reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, adolescent sexual reproductive health, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), infection prevention and control, and data and resource management.

Training + Mentoring Community Health Workers

Health Builders, with the support of Pfizer Foundation and in collaboration with Rwanda Biomedical Center, trained community health workers (CHWs) on Integrated Community Case Management in Nyabihu and Rwamagana Districts. The ultimate goal was to improve the quality of care for children under five years old.

Under-five childhood illnesses training + management

These CHWs were trained on screening, diagnosis and management for the most common childhood illnesses including malaria, diarrhea and malnutrition. Recognizing danger signs, timely referral and correct treatment were among the main outcomes of the training.

Furthermore, nurses were also trained on integrated management of the above high risk conditions.



2,801

CHWs TRAINED IN THIS PROGRAM

62

LEAD NURSES
TRAINED IN THIS
PROGRAM

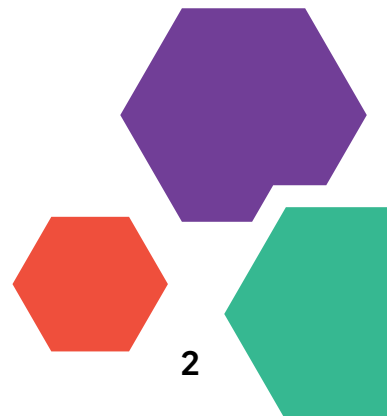


Health centers staff leadership and management training + mentorship

Health Builders trained and mentored health center staff in leadership and governance, monitoring and evaluation, pharmaceutical and financial management.

936

HEALTH CENTER STAFF
MENTORED IN THIS PROGRAM



Philippe Mugiri, Health Management Advisor, Nyabihu District mentors a health center staff member

Life-saving Technology + Equipment

Expanded obstetric ultrasound technology

In collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Foundation, the DAK Foundation and the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), Health Builders **expanded obstetric ultrasound technology to centers in Nyabihu District.**

16

ULTRASOUND MACHINES DONATED

Previously, mothers in this district had to travel for more than two hours to access the technology at the hospital level.

11,856

EXPECTANT MOTHERS SCANNED ACROSS 23 HEALTH CENTERS

582

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES REFERRED TO HOSPITALS



A nurse performs a scan, Nyabihu District

Continued COVID-19 support

Health Builders continues to assist with COVID-19 vaccination campaigns in all three districts by providing logistical and data entry support. In partnership with DAK and Gould Family Foundation, we **provided oxygen concentrators, cylinders and personal protective equipment and supplies to health facilities.**

12

CONCENTRATORS

30

CYLINDERS



Health Builders delivers equipment to Rutongo District Hospital, Rulindo District

Community Awareness + Education

Health Builders actively supported the health centers and the community health workers (CHWs) to **create awareness and educate the community on malaria prevention, child nutrition and hygiene.**

At these campaigns, deworming, vaccination and growth monitoring activities were also performed.

225,241

COMMUNITY MEMBERS REACHED

Non-communicable disease awareness and screening

Health Builders is helping to lead the way in reaching the goal, established by the Rwandan government, of increasing non-communicable disease (NCD) screenings to 4.2 million by 2025.

Hosting mass screenings at already-existing events like District Open Days raised community awareness and reached larger audiences effectively and efficiently.



A CHW performs a growth monitoring check for a child during the campaign



Screening for diabetes and hypertension at a district open day, Rwamagana District

Construction Projects



Rugerero Health Center

The center started to offer curative and prevention services in April 2022. Immediately after its completion in July 2018, it was repurposed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to serve temporarily as an Ebola Transit Center, due to the Ebola outbreak in the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo. Then in 2020, the Rugerero Health Center was designated as a COVID-19 testing and treatment center.

Ubugingo Health Post Project

Health Builders has piloted three different design sizes in Rulindo, a rural district in the Northern Province of Rwanda. It is an all-inclusive project consisting of:

- Innovative and modular design and construction of three health posts of different sizes (small, medium, large)
- Medical equipment with a biomedical engineer apprentice for user training, repair, maintenance
- Management, clinical training and mentorship
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation to assess the health posts' feasibility, impact and sustainability

Together, **the three health posts will serve over 17,000 people residing in three cells of Rulindo District.** This pilot project, made possible by the Tim & Jane Meyer Family Foundation and the Pace Family Foundation, will establish a proof of concept for the need of the MOH to expand the primary health care services offered by these health posts, including basic laboratory diagnostic services, antenatal and maternity care, and management of non-communicable diseases. Once completed, it is felt that both the MOH and other potential investors will see this solution as a high-impact and cost-effective way to deliver safe, quality health care in rural areas.



Mwulire Health Center



Health Builders is constructing a new health center in collaboration with Rwamagana District with major support from the Pace Family Foundation. The health center is close to completion in Mwulire Sector in Rwamagana, a rural district in Eastern Province of Rwanda. The population in this sector currently requires at least one to two hours to reach the nearest health facility. **This health center will serve over 27,000 people.**

When I felt the contraction, it was at night, I was alone at home, with no transportation fees. I walked to the health center which is 10 minutes from my home. I felt safe, due to the health center was close to my house, and the road was safe.

I am happy that I was able to receive the maternity service here, nearest to my home, and I am happy that, I did not use the transportation fees.

VESTINE

A mother who gave birth at Rugerero Health Center, a facility constructed with Health Builders' support



The mentorship and support from Health Builders staff taught me a great deal of what I know today. I am confident in my skills because I am being supported by experts from Health Builders.

CHANTAL UMUBEYI

Rwamagana Health Center Accountant

Success Story: Rwahi Health Center

Rwahi Health Center is located in Shyorongi sector, serving a population of 10,373. The health center experienced poor performance in resource management and quality of care in the 2019 assessment.

Patient trust had been lost, as evidenced by the decrease in the utilization rate of outpatient consultation services from 81% to 67%, one of the lowest rates in the district. In January 2020, the facility had a debt of nearly 20 million Rwandan francs (around 19,000 USD) to the district pharmacy. This debt, almost equivalent to an entire year of health center revenue, was a big burden for the facility. It was unable to pay salaries for contractual staff.

Health Builders intensified support for the health center's new management, emphasizing customer care and pharmaceutical management, including drug consumption tracking and inventory reporting.

Two years later, **the utilization rate of outpatient services has risen to 100%.** Overall the health center has improved dramatically:

35%

**INCREASE IN QUALITY OF CARE
AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

88%

CLIENT SATISFACTION RATE

49%

**INCREASE IN SERVICES
UTILIZATION RATE**

51%

**DECREASE IN FACILITY
DEBT**

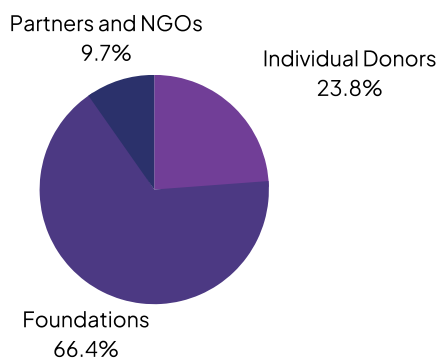
The experience of the Rwahi Health Center shows how much Health Builders' interventions for improving the quality of care contribute to increased coverage of essential health services. Health Builders is helping to build sustainability of services in these challenging times of reduced funding for health care in developing countries.

2022 Financial Summary

Figures for the year ended June 30, 2022

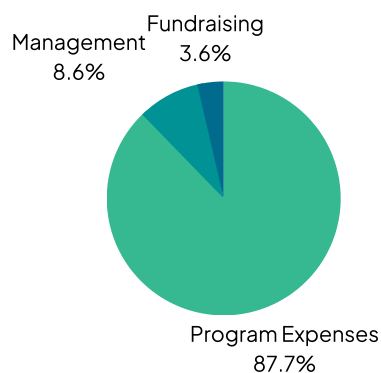
Revenue

Individual Donors	\$151,950
Foundations	\$423,856
Partners & NGOs	\$62,129
Total Revenue	\$637,935



Expenses

Program Services	\$539,794
Management	\$53,103
Fundraising	\$22,339
Total Expenses	\$615,236



The incredible achievements of 2022 could not have happened without the generous support of our donors. Together we have a great deal to celebrate! We were able to do so much more because of you.



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