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## EHALE

EHALE (Associação Comunitária de Saúde) is a long-term partner of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund operating in nine districts in the province of Nampula, Mozambique.

As part of PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count project, EHALE is working with the Nampula Provincial Health Department to reduce maternal and child mortality in 248 villages and will increase the number of institutional deliveries of pregnant women assisted by trained personnel while providing knowledge on maternal newborn and child health (MNCH). Pregnant women, and mothers of children under five and their families are the target group.

The objectives of the project implementation strategy are:

1. To mobilize and educate community leaders and volunteer, community health workers (CHWs) in MNCH principles and gender equality
2. To train CHWs and traditional birth attendants to accompany and educate pregnant women and mothers of children under five
3. To ensure that pregnant women receive pre and post-natal care
4. To work with first and second level government-run rural health facilities to improve general MNCH services.

The project will equip 27 rural health centres with Solar Suitcases, fetal dopplers (heart beat monitors), sterilization pans and motorbike ambulances. Two dispensaries and 10 expectant mothers' houses will be built on the properties of government-run medical facilities that have pre-existing maternity wards. Mothers will be educated about the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding, malaria prevention and good nutrition. This project builds on the best practices learned during the implementation of previous projects that include, but are not limited to, the Preventive Health and Food Security Project currently funded by GAC and PWRDF.

**The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund** is the official development and relief agency of the Anglican Church of Canada. Staff work with church-based and secular partners throughout the world, including Canada, to respond to humanitarian crises, carry out long-term community development and engage in education and advocacy.



## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

PWRDF is partnering with Indigenous communities in Mexico, Peru and Canada to implement a Maternal Newborn and Child Health program in the Americas.

Indigenous peoples in the Americas have resilient midwifery birthing values and customs informed by tradition, knowledge and practices that have been passed from generation to generation. Articles 11, 15 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People state the right of Indigenous people to receive healthcare in ways that are appropriate. This is a commitment reaffirmed in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Many Indigenous women in the Americas continue to deliver their babies assisted by traditional birth attendants. Collaboration between traditional birth attendants and those in the formal health systems will contribute to the formalization of training methodologies aimed at the inclusion of indigenous knowledge and best practices in the educational curriculum of midwifery in these countries. The result will increase Indigenous women's access to health services that reflect their cultural practices, beliefs and cultural sensitivity — without compromising the quality of service.



## PWRDF PROGRAMS

PWRDF works with partners on a range of humanitarian and development programs. The majority of these address poverty, gender justice and environmental concerns. Food security, preventive health, MNCH and micro-finance are areas of priority. Communications and public engagement support partner's initiatives in Canada and abroad.

PWRDF's work is supported by Anglicans and other individuals, organizational donors and Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

# Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program

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## The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

(PWRDF) has a long history of working on maternal and child health. This work remains embedded as part of all of PWRDF's development initiatives.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

- Every day, approximately 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth
- 99% of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries
- Maternal mortality is higher in women living in rural areas and among poorer communities
- Young adolescents face a higher risk of complications and death as a result of pregnancy
- Skilled care before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborn babies
- Between 1990 and 2015, maternal mortality worldwide dropped by close to 44%
- Between 2016 and 2030, as part of the Sustainable Development Agenda, the target is to reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births
- The maternal mortality ratio in developing countries in 2015 was 239 per 100,000 live births versus 12 per 100,000 live births in developed countries

Source: World Health Organization (WHO)

### The Goal

To address Sustainable Development Goals 3, 3.1 and 3.2

- Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio
- End preventable deaths of newborns and under-five children
- Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages



## REPORT CARD

### 3 Year Mark—How Are We Doing?

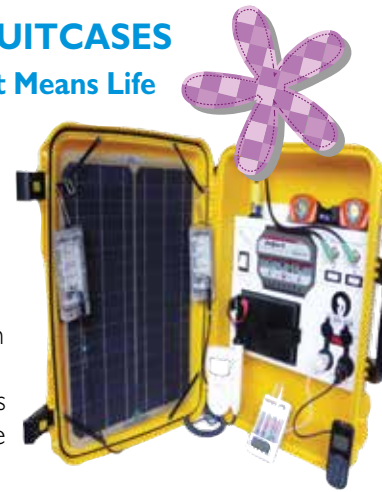
- 📍 **172,714 children under 5 have been vaccinated**  
Vaccination rates in target areas  
*Burundi* – from 60% to 80.8%  
*Mozambique* – from 60% to 90.2%  
*Tanzania* – from 60% to 72.8%
- 📍 **10 Nutrition Centres have been set up in Burundi**  
Malnutrition rates in target areas  
*Burundi* – from 10% to 3.7%  
*Tanzania* – from 17% to 1.5%
- 📍 **Mother and Child Mortality rates in target areas**  
*Burundi* – reduced child mortality from 12% to 0.56%  
*Mozambique* – reduced child mortality in 6 districts by 20%  
*Mozambique* – increased institutional births from 36% to 89.6% with 89% of pregnant women having at least 3 pre-natal consultations (was 30% 3 years ago)
- 📍 **Infrastructure**  
PWRDF built and equipped 2 clinics with labs and pharmacies in Burundi and will support them until the end of the project  
PWRDF built and equipped 10 Expectant Mothers' Houses in Mozambique used by 2,212 pregnant women in 2015  
PWRDF built and equipped 1 maternity ward in Tanzania  
45 water wells have been built in Burundi and Mozambique giving 65,285 people access to clean water
- 📍 **Bicycle Ambulances**  
1,252 pregnant women in Mozambique used bicycle ambulances to access clinics; 231 villages in Burundi and Mozambique have access to these ambulances
- 📍 **Malaria Prevention rates in target areas**  
Malaria prevalence was reduced to 45% from 75% in Tanzania

## SOLAR SUITCASES

### When Light Means Life

Solar Suitcases are portable, cost-effective suitcases that power critical lighting, mobile communication devices and medical devices in low resource areas without electricity.

In Africa, pregnancy and childbirth complications result in hundreds of maternal deaths every day, including Mozambique where clinics often don't have electricity. The Solar Suitcase provides healthcare professionals with a renewable power source to operate medical lighting, cell phones and small medical devices. Currently, 1-in-40 pregnant women die during childbirth in Mozambique. With the Solar Suitcase, health providers can perform routine deliveries and surgical procedures, and can promptly diagnose and treat birth complications at night reducing maternal and infant morbidity and mortality and improving the quality of healthcare in Mozambique.



### HOW CAN WOMEN'S LIVES BE SAVED?

Most maternal deaths are preventable, as the healthcare solutions to prevent or manage complications are well known. It is important that all births are attended by skilled healthcare professionals, as timely management and treatment can mean the difference between life and death for both the mother and the baby.



### MNCH Guiding Principles IN BRIEF

1. Health equity
2. Sexual and reproductive rights
3. Continuum of health care connecting the whole community
4. Elimination of violence against women and children
5. Participatory research
6. Innovation to connect with the most hard-to-reach

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