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## VILLAGE HEALTH WORKS

PWRDF partner Village Health Works (VHW) implements the All Mothers and Children Count Project (AMCC) in Kigutu, Burundi by providing health services to 200,000 women, men and children in the surrounding 18 communities.

The health facility includes four inpatient wards, one dedicated to severe paediatric malnutrition. The project includes community awareness raising on MNCH issues; improved post and ante-natal care adherence rates; family planning counselling; ambulance services; malaria and HIV prevention; addressing gender issues and harmful beliefs, and practices that contribute to maternal and child illnesses; training community members to establish kitchen gardens.

A nutrition centre being built at VHW's health facility will provide the following:

1. Nutritious food for needy mothers and children;
2. Nutritional supplementation for children under 5 years of age with moderate malnutrition;
3. Trained community nutritional promoters will educate families on healthy eating, preparation of nutritious meals from all four-food groups and cooking with locally available, nutritious food.

MNCH priorities of the AMCC Project:

1. Improve the health of mothers and children to increase survival rates
2. Improve access to maternal and child health care
3. Invest in integrated interventions, vaccinations and nutritional supplements
4. Investment in the prevention of HIV and AIDS, malaria and other common diseases associated with waterborne diseases and poor sanitation
5. Improve nutrition through access to healthy, nutritious food and essential micronutrient supplements needed for child development and healthy pregnancies.

## BEST PRACTICES IN INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY

Project is a community development project supported by The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). It brings PWRDF partners Chirapaq from Peru, Kinal Antzetik from Mexico together with Ryerson University Aboriginal Initiatives in Toronto to articulate the value of Indigenous midwifery in Indigenous communities and create tools that support the apprenticeship of new Indigenous midwives in Peru, Mexico and Canada while advocating for recognition of the skills and practice of Indigenous midwives.

The project aims to promote:

- Dialogue on maternal health and the role of Indigenous midwives
- Exchange of experiences and shared learnings between countries in the Americas.

Indigenous midwives possess skills that do not exist elsewhere in health care systems and feel that they are not being used to their full potential.

As an example, Indigenous midwives work to correctly position babies throughout pregnancy to avoid unnecessary cesarean births. They have the ability to reach and care for women who would otherwise receive no pre-natal care.

As Mexican Indigenous midwives state: *"Being a midwife is to be a woman who gives life to another woman who is giving life"*.

Indigenous midwives define themselves as "protectors of space, of families, of culture, of the next generation". They preserve the cultural ceremonies and practices of Indigenous cultures and see culture as a protective element of health and a tool to create better health outcomes in their communities.

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, newborn and child health (MNCH). As part of PWRDF's development initiatives, MNCH remains embedded as part of all of PWRDF's development programs.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

- 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth every day
- 99% of maternal deaths occur in developing countries
- Maternal mortality is higher in women living in rural areas and among poorer communities
- Skilled care before, during and after childbirth saves lives
- Maternal mortality dropped by close to 44% between 1990 and 2015
- The target of the Sustainable Development Agenda between 2016–2030 is to reduce global maternal mortality to less than 70/100,000

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



## ALL MOTHERS AND CHILDREN COUNT PROGRAM

PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count program seeks to reduce illness and death among women of reproductive age, newborns and children of both sexes under the age of five in rural villages.

### 4 Countries:

- Burundi
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Tanzania



### Target Group:

- Women of reproductive age including adolescents & pregnant women
- Newborns & children under 5
- Families
- Health practitioners
- Traditional leaders
- Religious leaders

### PROGRAM REACH



### WHAT DO RADIOS HAVE TO DO WITH MNCH? LOTS!

In Mozambique, PWRDF partner EHALE is using radios in creative and innovative ways. Every day they broadcast a variety of radio programs that

educate mothers and the community at large about the importance of pre and post-natal care, family planning, immunization, HIV and AIDS prevention, nutrition, best sanitation practices, malaria prevention and the importance of breastfeeding. The programs also encourage the use of expectant mothers' houses to increase the number of births assisted by trained health professionals and to decrease the rates of maternal and child deaths. Because the women rarely have access to radios,

EHALE created women's radio listening clubs and provides them with solar powered radios that allow them to listen to the programs. Women can call in to the radio station and get immediate responses to their questions from health practitioners. Radio programs also address societal issues such as domestic violence, violence against women, early child marriage and other societal practices that affect women's health negatively. The radio programs cover nine districts in the province of Nampula in Mozambique.



### 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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