



Thanksgiving Message from the Executive Director, STMEA

Dear Esteemed Partners and Friends,

As we come to the close of this year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your support to Save The Mothers. Your collaboration has been instrumental in advancing improving maternal and newborn health.

Through the Master of Public Health Leadership (MPHL), we have equipped multi disciplinary professionals with knowledge, skills, and values to drive sustainable change for safe motherhood. The MPHL alumni have translated learning into action, delivering change projects that have improved the quality of care for mothers and their new born babies.

In addition, we are deeply encouraged by the progress made through the Mother-Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (MBFHI). Working closely with the MBFHI health facilities, district leadership, MPHL alumni and partners, we have supported health facilities to create environments where mothers and newborns receive safe, respectful, and dignified healthcare.

Looking to the coming year, we remain resolute in our commitment to deepen partnerships, strengthen the MPHL and MBFHI programs. Together, we will continue to ensure that no mother or new born dies due to preventable causes related to child birth.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. We look forward to another year of shared purpose, innovation and impact.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dr Mushin Nsubuga, Executive Director STMEA on behalf of Save The Mothers Board, staff & the communities we serve.



Christmas gift for Mukono General Hospital from Save the Mothers

Save the Mothers East Africa (STM), in partnership with Uganda Christian University (UCU), expanded and fully equipped the labour suite at Mukono General Hospital. The expansion works that started in October 2025 were completed in December 2025.

The expansion increases the labour suite from three to five delivery beds, addressing long-standing congestion. Mukono General Hospital conducts over 9,00 births every month, an overwhelming workload for the available infrastructure with mothers delivering on the floor thus compromising safety, dignity and respect.

The labour suite expansion at Mukono General Hospital was supervised by an engineering team from Uganda Christian University, ensuring high-quality and accountable implementation.

With the newly expanded and equipped labour suite now operational, Save the Mothers officially handed over the unit to Mukono General Hospital at the commissioning ceremony on 12 Dec 2025.

At the ceremony were Mukono General Hospital leadership, stakeholders from Mukono local government, Resident District Commissioner, District Health Office, Uganda Christian University and Save the Mothers. **To page 2**



Mukono General Hospital leadership joined by stakeholders from Mukono local government, Resident District Commissioner, District Health Office, Uganda Christian University and Save the Mothers at the commissioning ceremony on 12 Dec 2025.

Mukono Labour Suite before the expansion



Save the Mothers, has worked at Mukono General Hospital since 2011 under Mother Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (MBFHI) program. STM implements MBFHI in 15 hospitals across Uganda.

Christmas gift for Mukono General Hospital from STM

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Speaking at the commissioning ceremony the Board Chairperson of Save the Mothers East Africa (STMEA), Hon Sylvia Ssinabulya noted that the labour suite expansion and equipment responds to the burden of preventable maternal and newborn deaths. *"This project is part of our commitment to ensure safe, dignified, and respectful maternity care,"* she said.

The project was funded by Save the Mothers through its generous partners: Diane Jones, in loving memory of her son Tyler Jones, after whom the labour suite is named. Support for furnishing and equipping was provided by the Harrison-Cooper Foundation.

"Their compassion and partnership will directly impact thousands of mothers and newborns for years to come," the Board Chairperson added.

This project reinforces the shared vision: that no mother or newborn should die or be harmed due to preventable pregnancy related complications.

Expansion works in October 2025



Site inspection: Mukono General Hospital & STM staff: Midwife Norah Nakimuli, Umar Nsereko Senior Hospital Administrator/MPHL student, Dr Geoffrey Kasirye Hospital Director, Dr Mushin Nsubuga STMEA ED and Brenda Acheng -STM program coordinator.

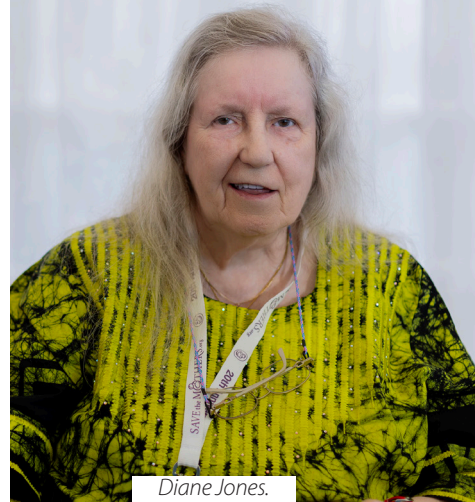
The works that started in October 2025 involved breaking some walls of the old labour suite, to create room for expansion by constructing new walls, the floor, windows, sink, lighting, plumbing and washrooms next to the labour suite, drug storage cabins, and fixing curtains.



Diane's message a day before the commissioning event

"Tomorrow is the dedication of the expansion of the Mukono Mother Baby Friendly Hospital Labour Suite that I've always been sad to see one mother on the floor every time I visited. Hopefully, this expansion to a fully equipped 5 bed Labour Suite will provide safer deliveries in future and keep mothers in labour off the floor."

"I'm all excited even tho' I won't be there in person - I got to see it under construction in my October visit and say my bit dedicating it to the glory of God, in honour of our still-born son, Tyler, and thanking my Dad for leaving me the funds to be able to do this."



Diane Jones.

Mukono Hospital Labour Suite after expansion and equipping



The expanded and fully equipped labour suite at Mukono General Hospital was named Tyler Jones in memory of Diane Jones' son.



Commissioning the Tyler Jones labour suite



L-R: Mukono General Hospital Board Chairperson Mr Fred Iga, Resident District Commissioner Hajjat Fatuma Ndisaba Nabitaka, District Health Officer Stephen Mulindwa, STMEA Board Chairperson Hon Sylvia Ssinabulya, STMEA Executive Director Dr Mushin Nsubuga and Hospital Director, Dr Geoffrey Kasirye.



L-R: Dep Vice Chancellor Uganda Christian University Mr David Mugawe and STMEA board chairperson Hon S Ssinabulya.



Resident District Commissioner Hajjat Fatuma Ndisaba Nabitaka thanked Save the Mothers.



Stakeholders at the commissioning event



Dr Sharon represented Diane Jones at the commissioning event.



Dr Mushin Nsubuga, Mr Fred Iga & Hajjat Fatuma.

Commissioning the Tyler Jones Labour Suite: Hon Sylvia Ssinabulya Chairperson STMEA Board delivers her commissioning remarks.

"Save the Mothers, thank you for expanding and equipping the labour suite. Now we have the luxury of having 5 beds. This stops the issue of mothers waiting for another in labour, before they can also deliver safely on the labour bed." **Dr Geoffrey Kasirye, Hospital Director**

We appreciate this partnership. Thank you for raising our standards. **Mr Fred Iga, Hospital Board chairperson**

With this investment we are a step closer to narrowing the maternal mortality. This Labour suite will benefit Mukono and all surrounding environment. It is also good for our health workers to work in a safe environment as they serve the mothers.

Ms Namboozo Fulatu, represented the Chief Administrative Officer



Mukono General Hospital, STM, UCU and Mukono district leadership tour the labour suite.