

Dispensary / maternity ward in Mazola / Mkinga District, Tanga Region, Tanzania



The Mkinga District lies deep in the bush, far from modern conveniences. The nearest hospital is hours away, in the larger city of Tanga. For most people, the journey is not only difficult but also very costly—money they simply cannot spare. Buses run only occasionally, and few locals own motorcycles, while cars are virtually nonexistent. When illness strikes and their bodies are weak, they often have no choice but to face the reality that they cannot make this long, exhausting trip for the care they need.

Diseases and birth complications:

In the Mkinga District, people struggle with diseases such as malaria, infectious illnesses, and many others that could be effectively treated—especially children and the elderly. Pregnant women and babies are particularly at risk: without local medical care, complications during childbirth can be fatal. Every single life lost highlights the urgent need for accessible healthcare.

That's why our organization decided to take action and build a dispensary with a maternity ward—bringing much-needed care to the surrounding villages.

The dispensary is fully equipped to serve the community: a doctor's room, a nurses' room, an emergency room for injuries, a pharmacy, a waiting area, a delivery room, an overnight room, plus essential facilities such as toilets, a placenta pit, and a medical waste incinerator. Since its completion and handover, we have visited the clinic several times and are thrilled to see it already making a real difference: countless patients have been treated, and many healthy babies have entered the world. This clinic is more than a building—it is a lifeline for the community.

Construction of the dispensary and maternity ward in Mazola



Initial discussions in the Mkinga District with the responsible authorities



Start of the construction



Workers at work....



The project is slowly taking shape...



Roofing sheets and water tanks are being purchased and delivered either by bus or truck...



Roofing sheets



Water tank delivery



Construction of windows

**We live in the massai village
close to the dispensary**



**... and cook
together with
the massai
women.**

**Also a „bath
room“ was
specially build
for us 😊**



Bath room



Additionally, a small medical waste incinerator, toilets, and a placenta pit have been constructed.



Of course, the equipment and furnishings are also included...



completion and Handover of the dispensary / maternity ward with Opening Celebration



The whole community comes together, and the women are especially delighted about the maternity ward.



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