

Project Completion Report:

New Building for Kyarushesha MAMA Grace Clinic

We are extremely grateful to the Kitchen Table Charities Trust for their financial support of some vital aspects of our building project for a rural maternity clinic in Western Uganda. The build was completed on schedule by the end of May 2021, enabling us to move out of our rented premises on time, therefore avoiding incurring any further rental costs. A straightforward grant application and setup process, plus rapid transfer of funds from the KTCT helped to make this possible.

Since opening our new facilities the mean number of people the clinic sees on a monthly basis has increased from 664 (over 15 months from March 2020 – May 2021) to 817 (over 8 months from June 2021 – January 2022). Additionally, we are saving £500 in rental costs per month.

Disabled-friendly latrine and wash bay

With considerable helpful input from the KTCT we incorporated a disabled friendly latrine and wash bay into the plans for the clinic. This includes ramps for access; a door wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair; an accessible door handle; support rails; positioning of the toilet to allow alongside positioning of a wheelchair; and seating in the wash bay. Photographs of these details can be found below:



Male and female pit latrines and wash bays

Separate to the disabled-friendly facilities, we included separate male and female pit latrines and wash bays. Our Ugandan colleagues and patients requested curtain walls for additional privacy, and we utilised these to install external hand washing facilities with running water from our rainwater harvesting system.



Kitchen

Given the remote location of the clinic, it is critical for the wellbeing of our staff and our ability to retain them, that we provide good quality living facilities, including clean and safe cooking facilities. With the aid of the grant from the KTCT we were able to construct a separate kitchen building with means of safely creating cooking fires.



Incinerator and disposal pits

As a busy health clinic in an isolated rural location, the ability to safely destroy / dispose of medical waste, including biological tissue, such as placentas, is crucial. It is recognised that without this, placentas in particular often get buried in an unhygienic way which leads to problems with infestations and a risk of infection. With the help of this grant, we were able to construct an incinerator and dedicated disposal pits for placentas and other medical waste.

