

Construction of maternity clinic in Kikyusa, Kampala, Uganda

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross settled in 1993 with four Indian sisters in Uganda, in Kiziba. Today there are already five locations.

The sisters are involved in health care, education and early childhood education, social and pastoral ministry.



Because of the needs, the misery and the suffering of the people in the rural area of Kikyusa, a health center (Holy Cross Health Center) has been established here. It is the only functioning health facility in the area, for a catchment area of about 25,000 inhabitants.

It is especially concerned with the commitment for a better and safer care of pregnant women, mothers and children. Today's maternity ward consists of a single small room, which is more than just makeshiftly equipped. A functioning and better equipped building department is urgently needed.

Many mothers come from far away villages to give birth. They come on foot or are brought by motorcycle - often too late. If complications occur, the women have to be taken to the nearest hospital - with the road conditions 70 km is a very long way and it is connected with the race for time - often enough, help cannot be given anymore.

Particularly depressing is the fact that some mothers cannot afford the trip to a hospital because of poverty. Then they are dependent on all kinds of miracle healers with their practices and often with bad consequences.

Many births are still assisted by untrained helpers at home with unhygienic instruments or unsuitable methods - the consequences are dramatic.

In connection with a rapidly growing population, the number of pregnant women is also increasing. For this reason, it is of great importance to us that the construction of a maternity clinic provides mothers and newborns with professional care and competent treatment.

The construction work has already begun. When they started work, they encountered a problem with the soil.



The workers dug the trenches for the foundation. They noticed that in some areas the soil is soft and water was found, which was collected after the rain. This is also a swampy area. You should use more iron bars and hard core stones to have a strong foundation. So more materials must be used in the foundation to increase the strength before you continue with the work. This will cost them more than what was already planned. Unfortunately the financing is not yet secured.