

Weather Forecast:



Today: 30



Tonight: 18



Tomorrow: 28



Day After: 31

Late  
City  
Edition

## FREE ULTRASOUND

**OURGANDA OFFERS FREE ULTRASOUND TO EVERY PREGNANT WOMAN IN THEIR VILLAGES!**



### Walk through the front door of the Bundibugyo

hospital and you will not find a relaxing space with comfortable sofas and attractive artwork. Instead, you'll notice a whiteboard with columns and rows of hand-written statistics. How many outpatients and inpatients did the hospital serve last month? How many surgeries did they perform? How many were treated because of malaria, road accidents, and HIV?

Most frightening for a woman of childbearing age, however, are the terribly high numbers of stillbirths and maternal deaths.

**Q: How can those numbers be changed?**

**A:** Education, birthing kits, and ultrasound.

**Q: Is it true that Ourganda offers ultrasound services to the pregnant women in their villages?**

**A:** Yes. In July 2022, Ourganda purchased two 'Butterfly' point-of-care ultrasound units and immediately started using them in the villages - without any cost to the patient or her family. The pregnant women are elated to see the outline of their baby on the screen and relieved when the baby is healthy.

**Q: Has Ourganda discovered any problematic pregnancies using the new ultrasound units?**

**A:** Just this week, two of Ourganda's medical professionals discovered a molar pregnancy with the Butterfly. In such a case, the fetus does not survive due to genetic defects yet the placenta lives on in the uterus. Some of these become cancerous. By identifying the molar pregnancy, Oscar and Frank may have already saved a woman's life!

In another woman, they identified a set of twins. Especially if the mother and caregivers are unaware until delivery, twins have a higher mortality at birth. Oscar and Frank may have already saved a child's life!

**Q: What other problems does ultrasound reveal in pregnancy, thus allowing for early intervention?**



*"Everyone has a right to flourish."*

*"If you have donated to Ourganda, you deserve thanks for helping purchase these ultrasound units. If you haven't, you can start right now. Our next big purchase is a hemoglobin analyzer that will help save the lives of children and adults with diabetes."*

*"Thank you for being someone's hero. Thank you for helping Ourganda do whatever it takes to save so many lives!"*

- Ron Gladden,  
Ourganda  
Founder

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1. Is the baby in breach position?
2. Is there an accurate due date? Delivering past the due date is dangerous for the baby due to the placenta aging. Ultrasound can give an accurate due date.
3. Where is the placenta located? If the placenta is in front of the birth canal, it may bleed heavily during labor.
4. How much amniotic fluid is around the baby? If there is little fluid, there is a problem and preparations for delivery need to be made.

Vincent Tibesigwa, Ourganda's ministry coordinator is proud of these developments. "We are very happy to prevent all the stillbirths and maternal deaths that we can," he explains. "Our teams have always provided life-saving medical care wrapped in kindness, but these new ultrasound units are a big step forward. We thank God and we thank our donors!"

## **BIRTHING KITS!**

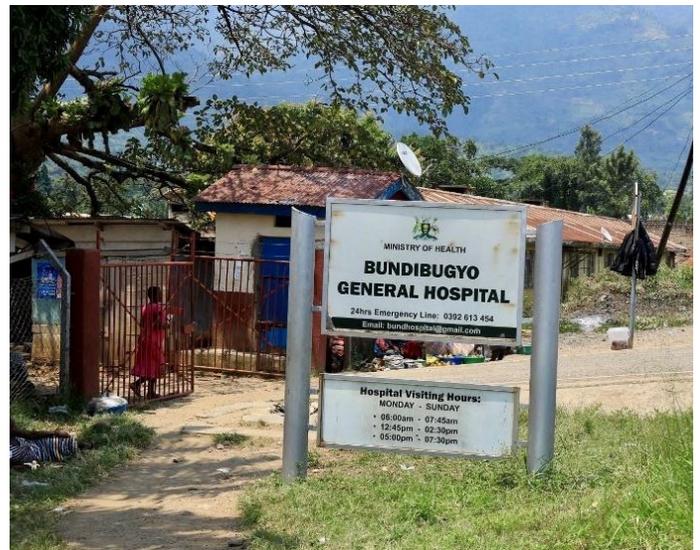
**OURGANDA PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF BIRTHING KITS TO EVERY PREGNANT WOMAN THEY CAN FIND**

**Q: When did Ourganda start providing birthing kits to pregnant women?**

**A:** As soon as they learned that the local hospital often turns away a woman in labor unless she brings her own birthing kit. That was way back in 2018.

**Q: Why does the hospital refuse to serve a woman who does not have her own birthing kit?**

**A:** The hospital seldom has what they need. They have no choice.



**Q: How many birthing kits has Ourganda provided?**

**A:** By the end of September, they will have gifted birthing kits to over 1,000 women.

**Q: What is included in a birthing kit?**

**A:** Surgical blade, gauze, receiving sheet, surgical gloves, cord ties, etc.

**Q: How does a pregnant woman get a free birthing kit from Ourganda?**

**A:** Get in touch with Annah, one of Ourganda's medical clinical officers, by calling (256) 772-625-520. There is no cost whatsoever to any pregnant mom.

*Turning Misery Zones into Flourishing Zones!*