



SUCCESS STORY

KAVUMU COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM A CLEAN MATERNITY

Kavumu maternity and pediatric rooms in Miti Murhesa Health Zone rehabilitated by World Vision project AXxes



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Above, Mwamini and Furaha, delivered on a single bed are seen with their children and below titular nurse in the new maternity.

Miti Murhesa Health zone started in early 2005 due the restructuring of the former Katana Health zone to becoming the Northern South Kivu District, in November 2003. At that time, population was approximately 151 175 inhabitants. The population density is more or less 250 hab. /km². After a population count in September 2007 and further update in 2008 it came to approximately 165 711 inhabitants.

In 1989, Kavumu community built a two room-structure as health facilities. One room was used for hospitalization and another for maternity. It is worth mentioning that at this particular time the population size was approximately 5000. The Health zone is currently working out with 16 health centers, 1 hospital and 1 pediatrician hospital. Among these health facilities, Kavumu RHC is the biggest within Miti Murhesa HZ with approximately 32 363 inhabitants, i.e. 20% of the total size of population with an average of 200 delivery cases per month.

After noticing that it was not easy for people from the neighborhood to access Kavumu Referral Health centre, in 1997 Kavumu community decided to build a more or less 12/8metres room for postpartum. When AXxes project started in 2006, the people at the grassroot expressed the need for widening the maternity because pregnant women were giving birth in very pathetic condition. Sometimes there were 2-3 deliveries on a single bed. The room was unclean and crowded with many items. Pediatric was facing a similar challenge (two to three children were sleeping on a single bed). However, with support and funding USAID, World Vision AXxes in collaboration with Miti Murhesa Health Zone succeeded in expanding the 3-room structure mentioned above in order to fix the problem. The rooms were also equipped with necessary equipment. The center is now spacious, clean and pleasant. Kavumu community members are endlessly thankful to USAID funded program for these great achievements.

“Now I am very happy since each labor case is handled individually in own bed. Mother can now rest in a clean room and this will help not only in avoiding infections but also hygienic conditions are sound...” claimed Mr Passy MUHOGERHA, Kavumu RHC Titular Nurse.