

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Nkomaindo Eye Clinic, Tanzania

Reaching out to help prevent eye trauma in Masasi

In their own words

'Before my eyes were treated, I could hardly do anything by myself. I had to be taken by hand to do anything. Now I can care for myself.'

Robert Machombe, patient who had cataracts removed



Tanzania factfile

Capital: Dodoma

Languages: Kiswahili or Swahili (official), English (primary language for commerce, administration and higher education), Arabic (spoken widely in Zanzibar), and many local languages

Religion: Christian 30%, Muslim 35%, Indigenous 35%.

Export: Gold, coffee, cashew nuts, manufactures, cotton

Further reading:
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USPG in Tanzania

Missionaries of the UMCA (now part of USPG) first arrived in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) in 1863. USPG continues to support each Anglican diocese in Tanzania as they reach out in a local cultural context.

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 in England (234518) and in Ireland (CHY 7998)



About this Project...

▶ **Target: £4,140 / €5,120 | Project 358**

Nearly one in two school-aged children in the Masasi region of Tanzania are suffering from eye infections, traucoma and eye trauma, largely due to a lack of clean water for washing. To help combat this issue, the Diocese of Masasi has set up an eye care programme which it is running out of a clinic it established at Nkomaindo Hospital. As part of its programme, clinic staff have devised a simple technique for washing hands and faces that uses a minimal amount of water – it involves using a hole in the shell of a calabash fruit as a water holder, with a small hole cut in the fruit so that only a small amount of water is dispensed at a time. Church health workers

are going into villages, demonstrating the technique and teaching families the importance of hygiene. The clinic also carries out simple operations, such as the removal of cataracts, which are effectively giving back sight to the blind. In more complex cases, the clinic's staff refer patients to hospital. Money from USPG is being used to fund medical treatment for people with eye infections and educate communities on the importance of hygiene. USPG also funds the salary of an ophthalmic nurse and other staff. Basic supplies at the clinic are supplied through the government's health department.

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