



# Closer Proximity Helps Reduce Costs

Clinic's location reduces the distance a struggling woman travelled for care

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**Our mission is** to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to hurting and needy people around the world, through relief and development projects.

In a bid to make ends meet, men in Uganda often leave their wives at home on their own while they go away for work for long periods of time. Agnes Nalutaaya, one of the beneficiaries of the Noah's Ark Family Health Clinic (NAFHC), the medical center for Noah's Ark Children's Family Uganda (NACFU) and a partner of Global Aid Network, was a victim of such circumstances.

Agnes' husband worked on a safari and was usually gone for several weeks before returning home. Her family live together in a small rented house, typical of low-income housing even by Ugandan standards.

The NAFHC project came as a God-given blessing for Agnes. "I had initially gone to a government health center for my antenatal care which was quite a distance from my home", shared Agnes. "However, my knowledge of the fact that the Noah's Ark Children's Ministry Uganda (NACMU)

*wasn't far from where I stayed changed everything."*

She then decided to change health centers and have her antenatal care at the NACMU clinic for the remaining period. "Knowing of their low charges and good services filled me with confidence", noted Agnes. "I had persistent Malaria but it cleared at NACMU", she added.

As the clock ticked, Agnes' delivery day drew closer as well. However, her joy of the coming baby was undermined by the great need and shortage of both money and supplies to take care of the baby.

*"At the onset of labour pains, my husband was away on one of his usual trips. I was so worried because I knew it was going to be so hard me. I had very little money on me and couldn't make it through paying hospital bills and taking care of myself and the baby after delivery",* recollected Agnes. "I can never explain the relief I got from the help I

*got at NACMU. At almost no cost, I was well attended to and given a mosquito net as well as a baby pack after delivery."*

On an evaluation visit, Agnes' husband was home this time. He was highly grateful for the intervention of the NAFHC Project in the health of his wife in his absence.

*"That project has really helped us in this community,"* he noted. "I wasn't around when my wife was in labour as you may have known and if it wasn't for you project, she would have been in great danger," Agnes' husband firmly affirmed.

Today, the baby looks healthy and his mother noted that the delivering at NACMU helped her save the little money she had at the time to take care of the home and the baby in the absence of her husband.