



New Life for Malnourished Baby

The reputation of Ugandan clinic proves itself yet again by saving another child.



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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.

Having received life-saving nutritional interventions on her own child from Noah's Ark Family Health Clinic (NAFHC), the medical center for Noah's Ark Children's Ministry Uganda (NACMU) and a partner of Global Aid Network, this appreciative mother wasn't about to let her relative's child die of poor nutrition.

Approximately four kilometers away from NAFHC in a neighbouring village, lived this elderly woman and her relative, Agnes.

When Agnes' pregnancy was at the seventh-month mark, her husband, Moses Kawere, left her for Juba in Sudan to look for a better way to support his family. *"Unfortunately he left us without the slightest support for the family and never communicated. I therefore had to improvise by running a small fried cassava chips business. I had to move around widely to market the chips despite my pregnancy"*, a pitiful Agnes shared.

Agnes had four other children just a few years older and naturally, with such a small unsustainable income, she was collapsing under the financial burden of providing for her family. *"When life became so hard in Kampala, I decided to move in with my in-laws in Mukono"*, continued Agnes. One of her in-laws knew of NAFHC because the staff helped her child and she thought they might be a potential solution for Agnes' problem.

One day Agnes was with her very weak-looking and dilapidated child when she met NACMU's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who then handed them over to the medical staff at NAFHC.

"My baby came two months early," Agnes anxiously told the staff. The nurse then advised her to take the baby home and instructed her on how to cover and feed her baby, Fatuma.

"At three months when Fatuma was brought to Noah's Ark, she only weighed two kilograms, which was about four kgs below the expected weight", a concerned

medical officer, Fahad, reported. The child was ill-fed and therefore the medical staff at the clinic admitted Fatuma for premature infant formula and observation. The child was diagnosed with Marassmic-Kwashiorkpr and pneumonia. Agnes was also sensitized on proper child nutrition and the child-given antibiotics.

After two weeks, Fatuma had regained weight and was ready to be discharged. Agnes had to continue reporting every week for review, but the child steadily recovered, was immunized and today enjoys a good state of health.