

IMPACT REPORT

2025



Inspiring Change,
One Life at a Time.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

"Only homegrown development can be a catalyst for lasting change."

I grew up in Singida, where access to clean water, quality schools, and healthcare could not be taken for granted. My family's business gave me opportunities that most around me never had, and that contrast has shaped my life's work ever since.

After a decade in public service, I established the Mo Dewji Foundation in 2014 to move from individual acts of giving toward institutionalised, lasting impact. In 2016, I became the first Tanzanian to sign the Giving Pledge, committing to give the majority of my wealth to this work.

This year reaffirmed a conviction I hold deeply solutions for Tanzania are best built in Tanzania, with and for the people they serve. As philanthropy in the Global South takes on new leadership, I am proud of what our teams and partners have achieved, and impatient for how much further we can go.

A life is equal to a life, no matter what. That belief remains the heart of everything we do.

-Mohammed Dewji



Click or scan to learn more about our Founder, Mohammed Dewji and the work he leads across the globe!

From the Executive Director

"We're not just a philanthropic organisation - we are a learning engine."

In 2025, we deepened the data-driven approach that defines how the Foundation works. Every program is measured, evaluated, and refined so that each shilling invested reaches further and serves better than the one before it.

Our teams remain embedded in the communities we serve. We listen closely, act boldly, and constantly improve. That proximity is our greatest asset - it tells us where the need is sharpest and whether our work is genuinely changing lives.

This year, we strengthened partnerships that scale impact; from advanced education in AI and data science, to high-volume eye camps, to new programs in food and nutrition. Each reflects a simple belief: solutions can come from anywhere and serve everywhere.

My sincere appreciation to our scholars for their ambition, to our patients and communities for their trust, to my team for their dedication, and to our partners for their continued belief in this work. The pages that follow are theirs.

-Imran Sherali



WHO WE ARE



A bold, responsive philanthropy rooted in Tanzania.

The Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF) is a Tanzanian philanthropy established in 2014 by Mohammed “Mo” Dewji to improve lives and expand opportunity nationwide. We focus on three strategic pillars: **education and enterprise**, **healthcare**, and **water and climate** resilience, which together form the foundations of human dignity and development.

We do things differently. Real change rises from the ground up, not the top down, which is why **how we work matters as much as what we fund**. We listen, we learn, and we embed ourselves in the communities we serve. That perspective shapes every program we design.

OUR MISSION

To expand access to higher education, accessible healthcare, and clean water for underserved communities.

OUR VISION

A Tanzania where every individual thrives in a society that is prosperous, equitable, and sustainable.

OUR VALUES

Five principles in everything we do:

Empathy, Integrity, Innovation, Excellence and Partnerships

OUR PROGRAMS



Click or scan to learn more about our work and program areas.

The Mo Dewji Foundation is driven by the belief that every Tanzanian deserves the chance to live a healthy, dignified, and liberated life. Through our three core programs- education to enhance livelihood, healthcare, water access, and climate action - we invest in the future by providing scholarships to talented students, life-saving medical support to those in need, and clean, safe water to underserved communities. Together, these programs form a foundation for a healthier, more resilient Tanzania, today, and for generations to come.

As you go through this year's impact report, we invite you to reflect on where your expertise and ideas might align with ours, so we can advance this work together – with collaborators, funders, researchers and advocates working for impact at local, national and global levels.

1 EDUCATION + ENTERPRISE



2 HEALTHCARE



3 WATER + CLIMATE



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more and get engaged!



Cumulative Impact for
2024 & 2025

190,760
Lives Touched

5,382
Eye
Surgeries

401
Scholarships
Awarded

68
Strategic
Partnerships

49
Wells
Operated

84,730
Eye Patients
Treated

2025 IMPACT BY NUMBERS



EDUCATION + ENTERPRISE

172

Active Scholars

141 Courses across 30 institutions
96% Post graduation success rate
80% First-generation higher
education students



HEALTHCARE

49,041

Patients Treated

16,099 Reading glasses
95 Cryotherapy procedures
479 Healthcare personnel trained
228 Children treated with Spina Bifida



WATER + CLIMATE

33,200

Lives Reached

49 Wells operated
1,450 SaWa bags



1 EDUCATION + ENTERPRISE

A Pathway To Success

Africa is the youngest continent on earth. According to the African Development Bank, more than 10 million young Africans enter the labour market every year - far more than the economies are creating formal jobs to absorb. Tanzania sits squarely inside that story, producing graduates faster than it is producing the conditions for those graduates to thrive. Artificial intelligence, big data, and the rapid reordering of industries are redefining what it means to be employable, relevant, and competitive. A university degree, on its own, is necessary but no longer sufficient. The gap between what a degree provides and what the world now asks of a young person is widening every year. This is where the Mo Scholars Program begins.



Join us in shaping Tanzania's future!

We invite academicians, entrepreneurs, and mentors to join us in shaping career pathways rooted in curiosity, discipline, and real opportunity.

MO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

it is more than
a Scholarship

The Mo Scholars Program is designed to give first-generation students in Tanzania the knowledge, confidence and clarity they need to shape their own futures.

Across 30 higher learning institutions, we deliberately identify young people whose talent and ambition are clear, but whose financial and structural barriers are highest. A scholarship secures their place at university; the program around it equips them to move from admission to graduation to meaningful work and leadership.

Through structured coaching, practical skills training and close mentorship, Mo Scholars learn to navigate academic pressures, manage their finances, build professional networks and participate fully in the digital and economic sphere. By the time they graduate, they carry a toolkit for resilience, opportunity and service.

Today's scholars are already becoming tomorrow's architects of change. The Scholars' trajectories are proof that when first-generation students are backed with the right support, they can redefine what is possible for themselves, their families and their communities.



CURIOSITY



DISCIPLINE



RESILIENCE



THE COLLECTIVE RISING



Designed For Excellence

The Scholarship Program is built with a mission towards impact investment. Our methodology focuses on a young person whose entry into higher education will not only transform their own trajectory but rewrite the horizon of everyone around them.

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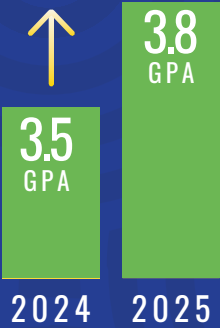
first-generation university students

In the Mo Scholars Program, supporting one student is a deliberate strategy to shift the prospects of the people around them. When a first-generation student enters university, it changes what their family expects, how younger siblings see their own future and what their community believes is possible. Each Mo Scholar becomes a role model whose journey can influence an entire generation.

This is why, by design, 80% of the students we select are first-generation students entering undergraduate education. This is the direct outcome of how we research, how we identify, how we listen, and how we select. Every scholar represents a household crossing a threshold for the first time - a younger sibling who now believes university is for them, a parent whose horizon has widened, a community that has watched one of its own step into a future it had previously only imagined.

Proof That The Model Works

The model is no longer experimental. It is tried, tested, and measured. In 2025, we scaled the program by 30%. The average GPA across the program rose from 3.5 to 3.8 - even as we onboarded the largest cohort in the program's history.



401 rising leaders now sit under the wing of the Mo Dewji Foundation with a 96% post graduation success rate and partnerships across 30 higher education institutions across Tanzania.



STORIES THAT INSPIRE



Mo Scholars Shine on the Global Stage

Two of our scholars, Careen Kiwele and Oscar Malogo of the University of Dar es Salaam, travelled to Vermont, in the United States, to compete in the Huber Debates - one of North America's most demanding public speaking and debate tournaments. They were the only team representing Africa. Out of more than 80 teams drawn from 20 North American universities, they emerged as champions, with Careen individually ranked among the top 4 speakers out of 160.

"As the only Africans in the room, we knew we represented something bigger than ourselves. We represented Tanzania, MDF, and every young person who has been told to wait their turn. We showed up and delivered on the highest stage"

Careen Kiwele and Oscar Malogo,
University of Dar es Salaam, Class of 2026



Leading with Purpose

Khairat Maalim, a graduate of the year 2025 from the State University of Zanzibar, is one of many examples as she begins life with a successful entry as a Project Coordinator with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

"The Mo Scholarship Program gave me the confidence to walk into rooms I would have hesitated to enter on my own, and sharpened the skills once I was in them."

Khairat Maalim, State University of Zanzibar, Class of 2025

Mo Scholars Taking Initiative Beyond the Classroom

Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management at the College of African Wildlife Management, Naushard has taken the initiative to conduct virtual conservation training sessions open to participants from all fields of studies. Through this initiative, he is sharing practical conservation insights with a broader audience and inspiring others to engage in environmental stewardship.

"There was a time I faced serious difficulties in my studies and I never thought I would make it to my final year. As I stood presenting my research proposal, I became very emotional reflecting on my journey. Without the support of the Mo Dewji Foundation, I would not have reached this level."

Naushard Yunusu, College of African Wildlife Management,
Class of 2026



Full Circle Moment

Abdul Shabani almost dropped out, not for lack of talent or determination, but for lack of financial support. Thanks to the Mo Scholars Program, he graduated in 2025 with the Best Student Award. His near-perfect GPA, just shy of a 5.0, earned him a fully funded MBA scholarship from the Bank of Tanzania. Today, Abdul is part of the team designing and shaping the very program that shaped him, going from being formed by the pipeline to forming the pipeline itself, with the mission of helping more scholars come through it as successfully as he did. Today's scholars become tomorrow's architects, returning to elevate the systems for those who come next.

Abdul Shabani, University of Dar es Salaam,
Class of 2025



Mo Scholars Skill Building

Emmanuel Bingile is studying for a Bachelor of Health Systems and Management at Mzumbe University. Through the Mo Scholars Program, he's gaining more than academic knowledge, developing confidence and a mindset to succeed after graduation.

"The first thing I learned was how to manage my finances and plan for life after university. The Mo Scholars Bootcamp taught me the value of saving, professionalism, and accountability. I realised that success comes from discipline, meaningful relationships, and the ability to spot opportunities when they arise."

Emmanuel Bingile, Mzumbe University, Class of 2026



MO-KERRY SCHOLARSHIP

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Africa's agricultural sector is the continent's largest single opportunity for inclusive economic growth.

There is, however, a gap between what is grown on the ground and what reaches consumers as safe, high-quality, value-added products.

The Mo-Kerry Scholarship Program (MKSP) was designed just for this - to build a stronger pipeline of industry-ready food science professionals. Through a one-year program that combines specialised training, mentorship, and industry placements, MKSP prepares scholars with the technical and professional skills needed to contribute towards food and manufacturing sectors.

Through food science training and direct industry placements, MKSP moves beyond traditional vocational education to develop a high-calibre talent pipeline for the agro-food sector. By integrating academic learning with practical industry experience, the programme provides a scalable model to strengthen food systems and develop skilled professionals across Africa.

The vision is fundamentally Pan African: harness Africa's agri-growth by building the human capital needed to industrialise the sector sustainably and competitively from within the continent itself.



What Makes MKSP Unique

The curriculum was co-designed with Kerry Group from the beginning, ensuring that scholars are trained in the skills and competencies that the industry requires. The program has been designed alongside practitioners who understand the realities of modern food value chains.

The program also embeds inclusion and practical experience at its core. The inaugural cohort, with an equal ratio of males and females, reflects a deliberate commitment to creating equitable opportunities within the sector. Six of the program's twelve months are spent immersed in industry environments, where scholars work alongside food technologists, processors, and food safety professionals. This integration of classroom learning and industry experience ensures that graduates leave with both knowledge and applied skills.



By developing food scientists and processing professionals prepared to contribute across Africa, MKSP responds to the continent's growing need for skilled talent to support agri-industrial transformation. Scholars complete the program having gained exposure to the roles they are preparing to enter, graduating with the practical experience, confidence, and industry readiness.



Scholar Spotlights

"We see products on supermarket shelves every day without realising the science and innovation behind them. Visiting Kerry Group's factory helped me understand the industry in a completely different way. The Mo-Kerry Scholarship allows us to experience what we are learning beyond the classroom."

Leila Kupela



"The kitchen has always been my therapy. After my degree, I was at a crossroads, then the Mo-Kerry Scholarship arrived at exactly the right moment. What started as a personal passion is becoming a real expertise."

Happiness Msabi



"I've always known that the right people around you change everything. Hiking to the Waterfalls in Morogoro with my fellow scholars was one of those days I'll carry for a long time. The laughs together at the top said it all. The scholarship is shaping me in the industry, but days like this remind me it's building something far greater than a career."

Kennedy Ngoiya





HEALTHCARE

One Camp: Three Programs **Stitched Together.**

As a result of a robust learning and development system, we expanded our healthcare delivery model, *stitching together eye care, gynaecology, and spina bifida & hydrocephalus (SBH) initiatives into a single, integrated camp.*

Behind every clinical decision is data. This year, our camps went fully digital. Every patient, every screening, every surgical outcome is consolidated in real time on a digital platform. The result is a healthcare program that is not only more efficient and accountable but also one that learns faster, adapts more quickly to match global standards.

Our monitoring data revealed that more than 60% of camp participants are women, and that a visit to an MDF camp is often the only contact many rural Tanzanians have with a specialist all year. Every camp is now an opportunity to restore sight, reduce the mortality rate of women through cancer screening, identify congenital conditions early, and connect families to a continuum of care.



Did You Know?

In Tanzania, there is 1 ophthalmologist per 1 million people. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends 4 per 1 million. This is 75% below the minimum threshold the WHO considers safe for a functioning health system.

TWO YEARS ONE TRAJECTORY

84,730

EYE PATIENTS TREATED 2024 | 35,689
2025 | 49,041



31,102

EYE GLASSES
DISPENSED

2024 | 15,003
2025 | 16,099



5,382

EYE SURGERIES PERFORMED

2024 | 2,333
2025 | 3,049



20

2024 | 8
2025 | 12

INTEGRATED
CAMPS

Across two years, MDF has treated over 120,000 patients through 20 integrated camps, delivered 5,382 surgeries, dispensed more than 31,000 pairs of glasses, expanded into gynaecological care, and reduced SBH mortality from 15% to 6%. We show each year side by side so the trajectory is clear: every metric grew in 2025, and **the gains are the result of sharper systems, and a model that learns from every camp.**



EYE CARE

Setting the Stage for a National Plan

Over 8.2 million Tanzanians live with visual impairment, most due to cataracts or uncorrected refractive errors. The World Health Organization estimates that at least 80% of blindness globally is preventable or reversible with timely care.

We have been on the ground in Tanzania's most underserved districts, refining a model that is rigorous, cost-effective, and community-rooted. Every camp we have run, every surgical outcome we have tracked, every cost we have driven down has been part of a deliberate effort to build the evidence base for a national plan of action, co-led with the Ministry of Health and partners, to clear Tanzania's backlog of cataract cases and put a forward-looking eye care strategy in place.

2025 AT A GLANCE

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16,099

GLASSES DISPENSED



3,049

EYE SURGERIES

49,041

PATIENTS TREATED

25,527

EYE DROPS AND
MULTIVITAMINS



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Clinical Outcome: Surpassing the WHO Benchmark

The WHO defines surgical success as achieving post-operative visual acuity of 6/18 or better in 80% of cases. This is the benchmark against which every MDF camp is measured — a reflection of our healthcare standards and follow-up care.

87%

Our eye surgery standards exceed the WHO benchmark of 80%.

6/6 Full sight restored: normal, everyday vision

6/18 WHO success benchmark: can live and work independently

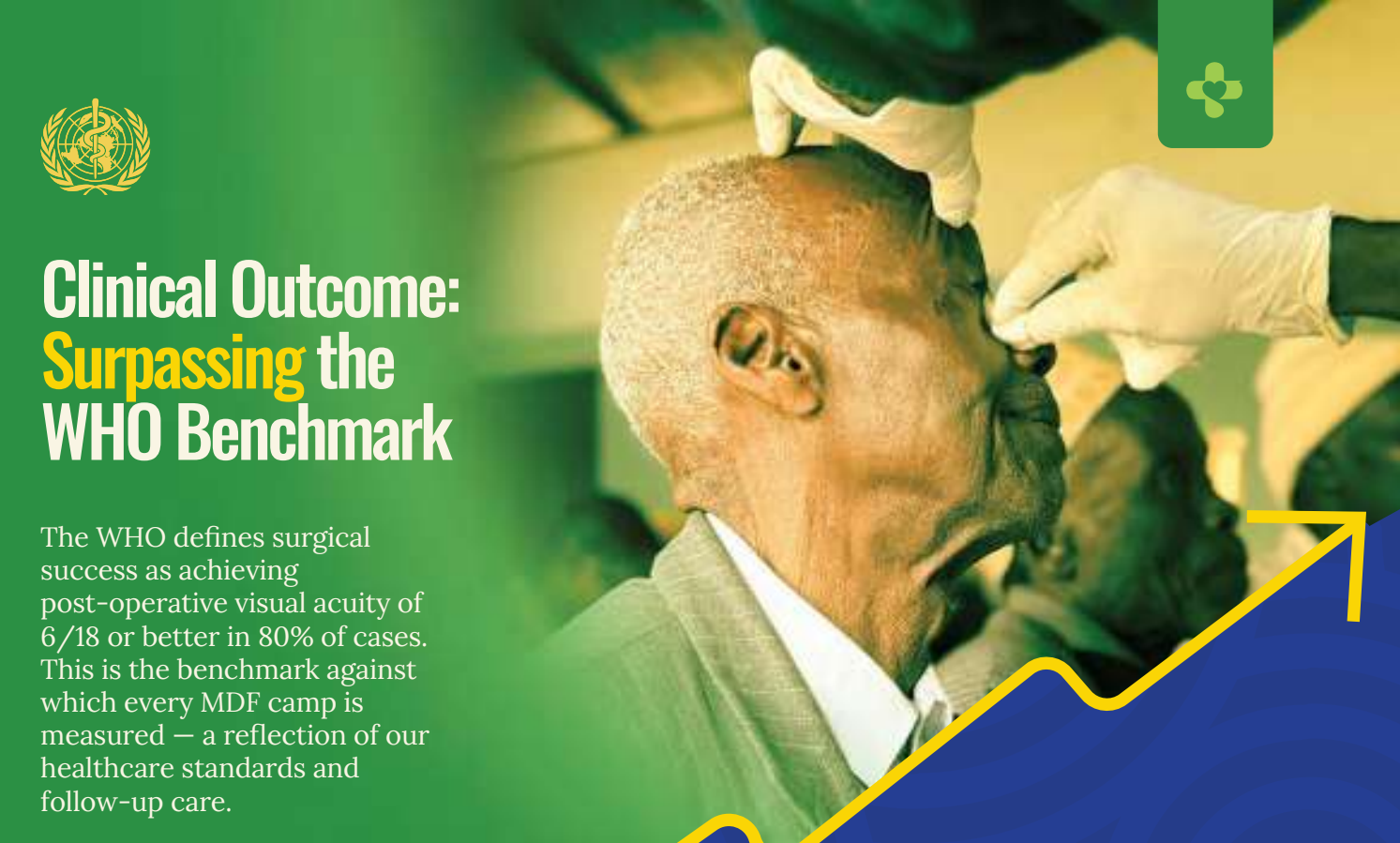
6/36 Low vision: blurred, but some useful sight

Counting Fingers Legally blind: sees only shapes and movement

No Perception of Light



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Doing More With Every Shilling

46%

Operational efficiency achieved.



Our eye camps now deliver 46% more value for money. Where camps spanned over three days in a single district, they now span over five days across multiple districts within a region. The cost per cataract surgery reduced from TZS 225,000 to TZS 185,000 (US\$123 to US\$67).

Outreach Within Outreach

Getting to camps can be challenging, and thus we introduced the outreach within the outreach program, whereby smaller clinical teams break away from the main camp to deliver screening, glasses, and treatment in more remote areas, including leprosy centres, senior care facilities, prisons, and schools.

Fully Digital, Increased Efficiency

The single biggest transformation of our camps in 2025 was their full digitisation. Every patient registration, every diagnostic result, every surgical outcome is now captured on a unified digital platform.



Accurate data: no more paper trails, no more lost records.



Faster, reliable workflows: operational efficiency and patient experience enhanced.



Lower cost, lower footprint: cheaper in the long run, and climate-conscious by design.



Real-time insight: clinical leads make decisions in real time

Building the Road to Stronger Partnerships

This year, we continued to strengthen partnerships based on shared values, mutual trust, and a commitment to lasting impact. The international standing, credibility, and leadership of our Founder, Mohammed Dewji, have helped unite institutions and individuals who believe in collective action. The partnership between MDF and the Kym Rapier Foundation reflects the kind of collective action our Founder continues to inspire, and we look forward to building on more such partnerships in the years ahead.



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"I see clearly now. **I am at peace**, and my dream is to start a poultry project. This is a new beginning for me."

— **Balbina Mrema, Singida**

"Working on my farm is part of who I am. Holding my tools and planting maize and beans keeps me active. At 60, I had lost that. After treatment I returned to my fields. **I move freely now**, and I work as I once did. Asante, asante sana, Mo Dewji Foundation."

— **Hemedi Mnaguzi, Kilindi**

"I was struggling to read or even recognise people. As a retired evangelist, clear vision is essential for reading scripture and engaging with my community. After receiving glasses, medication and counselling, **I can read scripture again** and recognise the people around me."

— **Musitungi Sedon, Singida**

"**I was seeing darkness**. Preparing porridge over open flames had become dangerous. After treatment, I returned to my small business. Today I earn a steady income, and I can provide for my children again."

— **Jess Njabuka, Kilosa**



VOICES FROM THE CAMPS



2025 IMPACT REPORT

LOOKING FORWARD

Everything we have done over the past years has been to set the stage. With all the data, a digitised platform, surgical outcomes that surpass WHO benchmarks, and partnerships that span government, NGOs, and clinical experts, MDF is now ready for the next chapter.

In 2026, we will work closely with the Ministry of Health and key national stakeholders to spearhead a national plan of action to clear Tanzania's backlog of cataract cases - and to put a forward-looking eye care strategy in place.

STITCHING THE PROGRAMS TOGETHER

Care Designed For the Women Who Need It

Our camp data revealed that women make up more than 60% of attendees, and for many, it is the only specialist contact they have all year. That insight changed the way we deliver care. In 2025, we integrated gynaecological services and neural tube screening services into our eye camps, making it a more comprehensive model of care.



The need is acute: cervical cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer-related death among women in Tanzania, yet only 7% of women aged 15-49 have ever been screened - far below the WHO target of 70% coverage. Breast cancer is an equally urgent challenge, and the majority of women in rural Tanzania have never accessed screening services, despite clear evidence that early detection saves lives.

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New in 2025

The first full year of integrated gynaecological services, shaped by insights from our 2024 monitoring data.

5,817



WOMEN
SCREENED

95

CRYOTHERAPY
PROCEDURES
PERFORMED

56

MAJOR
SURGERIES

3,875

BREAST &
CERVICAL
SCREENINGS

Across 7 districts in 6 regions, our teams delivered 5,817 gynaecological consultations and 3,875 breast and cervical cancer screenings. Among these 95 women received cryotherapy - a procedure that treats pre-cancerous cervical lesions and prevents progression to invasive cancer in the majority of cases.

Major gynaecological surgeries restored the health of 56 women, enabling them to return to work, care for their families, and lead normal lives.

Every woman who attends a health camp is also trained in self-breast examination, a simple, evidence-based screening method recommended by the WHO that requires no equipment.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2026, we will strengthen our partnerships by integrating new technologies and innovative approaches into our screening efforts. We welcome collaboration with organisations in technology, research, and healthcare to develop tools that improve early detection and support more effective treatment pathways.

PROTECTING THE SMALLEST LIVES

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus: Survival to Recovery

Neural tube defects, including spina bifida and hydrocephalus (SBH), are among the most common congenital conditions in Tanzanian newborns. Child Health Tanzania reports that about 7,500 infants are born with neural tube conditions in Tanzania each year, yet only a small number receive life-saving care.

**MORTALITY
DOWN FROM
15% TO 6%
SINCE 2024.**

228

CHILDREN
REACHED

122

SURGERIES
PERFORMED

In 2025, we supported 228 children with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and performed 122 life-saving surgeries for 111 children. The average admission age was 14 months, indicating that earlier identification is reaching families more quickly. We supported boys and girls in nearly equal numbers, with most patients coming from Tanzania mainland.

Our most significant clinical achievement this year is reducing the mortality rate among supported children from 15% in 2024 to 6% in 2025. This outcome resulted from early case identification and improved post-operative care for the children.

On Spina Bifida Day, in partnership with Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute, we screened 139 children and identified 22 (15.8%) who required immediate surgical intervention. Hydrocephalus accounted for over 80% of cases, while a smaller proportion involved tumour-related conditions requiring specialised care.

Case Study: Leonarda's Second Chance

Leonarda, age 8, Dar es Salaam

Born in Dar es Salaam, Leonarda spent years with undiagnosed symptoms - persistent fevers, difficulty walking, and a growing head. Despite regular clinic visits, her hydrocephalus was missed until after her father passed away. Her mother, coping with grief and financial hardship, faced overwhelming challenges, especially when an initial shunt became infected. She was referred to the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute, where two successful surgeries changed her future. Now eight years old and back in Grade 3, Leonarda is excelling at school. Her recovery has allowed her mother to return to work. Leonarda dreams of becoming a doctor and extending the care to other children one day.

From Mbeya to Lyon: Dr Katunzi Takes Tanzania Neurosurgery to the World Stage

Last year, we introduced Dr Desmond Katunzi and Dr Rayner Mtasingwa, whom we supported for a Master's program in Pediatric Neurosurgery at the University of Nairobi in partnership with the Ministry of Health. Through this investment, MDF is building sustainable local expertise to improve outcomes for children with neurological conditions in Tanzania. Each trained specialist mentors future Tanzanian doctors, strengthening healthcare capacity and reducing reliance on costly referrals abroad.



In their second year, Dr Katunzi's research received international recognition, and he was invited to present at a leading neurosurgery symposium. His study, "Prevalence of Neural Tube Defects and Their Associated Factors in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review," was selected for the 51st Annual Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN 2025), to be held at the Centre de Congrès de Lyon in Lyon, France, in October 2025.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

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Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI)

We strengthened our partnership with the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) to expand access to specialized neurology care for children living with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH) across Tanzania. Through this collaboration, we supported 122 neurosurgical procedures and strengthened local capacity by training healthcare workers on the early detection and management of SBH during community health camps.



Tumaini La Maisha (TLM)

Pediatric cancer is highly treatable, yet access to timely, quality care remains out of reach for many children across Tanzania. Recognising this gap, the Mo Dewji Foundation has built a long-standing partnership with Tumaini La Maisha (TLM), a Tanzanian non-profit organisation dedicated to improving survival outcomes for children with cancer through early diagnosis, access to treatment, and comprehensive support services. This partnership encompasses family support, nutrition, education, and psychosocial services that address the full spectrum of a child's needs throughout their treatment journey.



LOOKING FORWARD

We will expand and deepen our network of healthcare partnerships to strengthen the continuum of SBH care, ensuring patients have access to timely detection, referral, and specialised treatment.

WATER + CLIMATE

Beyond a Single Use. A Holistic Water Strategy.

Water in rural Tanzania, water is the foundation of healthy communities, productive livelihoods, and economic resilience. Access to water is therefore fundamental to both community resilience and long-term development.

In 2025, we expanded access to clean, reliable water in underserved communities and strengthened the sustainability of our water program. We maintained every water point built so far, piloted innovative household-level solutions, and began developing a One Water Strategy that integrates water access with health, livelihoods, and climate resilience to maximise long-term impact.

TWO YEARS ONE TRAJECTORY

33,200

PEOPLE WITH
WATER ACCESS

2024 | 24,500
2025 | 33,200

8,700

People with access to
water through SaWa bags

4

REGIONS
SERVED

2024 | 3
2025 | 4

49

WELLS
OPERATING

2024 | 49
2025 | 49

Our commitment to sustainable water access continues through strong local partnerships and innovative solutions. In 2025, we expanded beyond community wells by piloting a new safe-water approach that brought household connections to an additional 8,700 people.

100%
WELLS OPERATIONAL



INNOVATION IN ACTION

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SaWa Bags: Safe Water From the Well to the Tap



1,450+

SaWa BAGS DISTRIBUTED



A well at the centre of a village is a transformation. The journey from the well to the cooking pot is still long, and contamination at the point of storage remains one of the most common pathways to waterborne disease in rural Tanzania.

In Ifakara, in the Morogoro region, **MDF piloted the SaWa Bag - a low-cost water purification and storage bag designed to treat and safely store water at the household level.** We distributed 1,450 bags to households across the municipality, reaching an estimated 8,700 people with a daily, point-of-use safe water solution. The pilot promotes safer treatment and storage practices, reduces the risk of waterborne illness, and critically places safe-water decisions in the hands of the women who run rural Tanzanian households.

“Before, we were drinking water straight from the source, without treating it. Now I use the SaWa Bag every day for myself and my three children. We drink clean and treated water, and I’ve noticed we are healthier - fewer stomach problems than before.”

— SaWa Bag recipient, Ifakara, Morogoro



VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY



“We used to walk long distances to collect water and shared the same water sources with livestock. Now we have clean water close to our community, making life much easier. We are truly grateful.”

Mwasiti Shabani – Ng’aida village, Singida

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Designing a One Water Strategy

Drawing on years of implementation, we have built strong community partnerships, established a maintenance model that sustains every water point constructed, and piloted innovative household-level solutions. These investments have created a strong foundation for the next phase of the program and reinforced water's role in improving health, livelihoods, food security, and community resilience.

In 2026, the Foundation will build on this progress by developing a One Water Strategy, a holistic approach that recognises water as a catalyst for **health, economic opportunity, food security, and climate resilience.**



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Join us in experimenting and scaling water solutions. We invite researchers, innovators, infrastructure financiers, and technologists to join us in expanding access to water through smart design, bold thinking, and locally grounded solutions.



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