

INFANCY INTERNATIONAL

Our Mission Infancy International is a not-for-profit, humanitarian organization advancing sustainable, family-centered solutions for infant health and development in resource-constrained communities in Africa and beyond.

Our Partners Our infant health professionals create partnerships with parents and peers around the world (including health educators, doctors, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, maternal-infant community health workers) to share life-saving knowledge and skill.

Our Impact We activate national and international partnerships to respond to great challenges in infant health and development through education, prevention and intervention.

Our Difference

The partnership model at Infancy International creates change and sustainability among targeted health systems through unparalleled degrees of community ownership. By partnering with medical schools and teaching hospitals, we innovate alongside those who can best advance infant health processes in their regions of the world. By training national health educators who equip generations of health workers, we maximize our international volunteer resources and geographical expanse to benefit the greatest number of infants in need. Our infant health teams dedicate weeks to train alongside one another with preparatory and follow-up distance learning and peer consultation made possible through video conferencing. This arrangement maximizes the efficiency and impact of the *in vivo* collaboration. By equipping mothers to mentor new mothers in their communities, we greatly expand the number of families we touch. By broadcasting early parenting education on the radio we will spread knowledge that can improve the quality of infant lives across a nation. We vigorously advocate for greater access to essential prenatal, neonatal, pediatric health and development resources.

Our Principles

- At the heart of who we are and what we do as an organization is the desire to ennoble and promote the human dignity of each person we encounter.
- Every infant has a right to accessible, quality healthcare, secure parenting relationships, and enriched learning and living environments where they are sheltered, safe and well-nourished.
- Health systems reform is best initiated, directed and sustained by members of local communities. International support, when invited, should work together with grass-roots efforts to meet community-defined goals.
- Active collaboration with existing efforts in each region prevents duplication of services, links our partners to needed resources (e.g., micro-enterprise programs), and ensures highly efficient and self-sustainable programs.
- Evidence-based advances in infant healthcare and developmental support – made within nations of any economy – contribute invaluable to the global promotion of infant well-being.
- Ongoing outcome research must be conducted to objectively monitor, evaluate and improve the impact we are having on infant health and development. It is essential for humanitarian support to be responsive to the needs and feedback of those we aim to serve.

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Our Upcoming Initiatives

Complimentary Health Care Practices for Newborn Survival, Health and Development

Medical Center-Based

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center/ Medical College, Moshi, Tanzania

Train and deliver care alongside medical faculty, students and staff across disciplines in our model of complimentary care practices that health worker and parent can collaboratively deliver to ill and underweight newborns and premature infants.

Develop mothering care programs and rooms where mothers of ill, underweight newborns or premature infants 1) gain knowledge in infant health, development and safety and 2) deliver specialized infant care practices in hospital which they will then continue at home to optimize growth, recovery and decrease risk of re-hospitalization.

Link the special care nursery with resources for medical equipment and facility improvements.

Conduct research to measure the effectiveness of 1) our training and 2) our efforts on infant survival, health and development.

Disseminate research findings to create best care packages and inform policy.

Community-Based

Minnesota International Health Volunteers, Karatu, Tanzania

Train and deliver care to ill and underweight newborns and premature infants alongside rural health workers and traditional birth attendants. Support village family-newborn education groups. District health trainers will continue to advance our complimentary care model.

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