



QUARTERLY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Special Refugee Report
Spring 2017

Maaji Health Center, Uganda, serving South Sudanese refugees

Meet Jenkoma - At 8 Months Pregnant, She Leads Her Children to Safety

The extreme violence in South Sudan left Jenkoma with **no choice but to flee**.

Not only did she and her husband have **seven children in tow**, but she was in her third trimester of pregnancy.

To reach Uganda, Jenkoma and her children **walked nearly 200 miles, about the distance from Seattle to Portland**. After a treacherous and difficult journey, they finally arrived in the Moyo Settlement in West Nile and were greeted by Medical Teams staff.

Shortly after their arrival, Jenkoma went into labor. Thankfully, she was in the expert hands of Medical Teams midwife, Juliette, and **safely delivered her baby, Julius**.

This story is all too common, but **thanks to your support, quality healthcare and compassionate Medical Teams staff are waiting** for refugee mothers as they cross the border into Uganda.



Jenkoma and Julius, only a few hours old.



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YOUR SUPPORT PROVIDES

HEALTH FOR

THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE



Why is health so important for refugees?

- ▶ **In fleeing violence, refugees lose everything.** Health is vital as a foundation to begin rebuilding their lives.
- ▶ **Stress and trauma are directly linked to diseases** like diabetes and high blood-pressure.
- ▶ **The majority of refugees are women and children** - the need for prenatal and pediatric care is immense.
- ▶ **Overcrowded refugee settlements** increase the threat of disease outbreak.

96%
of Medical Teams' refugee volunteers spreading health messages in Lebanon are women.



Medical Teams staff member, Samira, conducts a training for refugee volunteers.

In Syria, because of you...

A Medical Teams partner successfully delivered 15,000 pounds of desperately needed medical supplies to families in the Aleppo province.

In Lebanon, because of you...



934 refugee volunteers have received training from Medical Teams to diagnose diabetes and high blood pressure, and educate their neighbors on healthy behaviors.



3,773 Syrian refugees received subsidized healthcare at a Lebanese health center.



1,156 pregnant women received prenatal care.



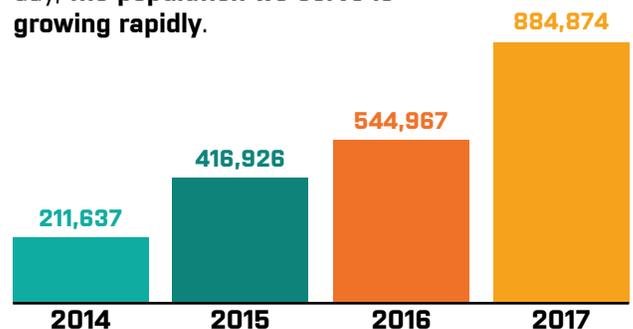
4,798 children attended dental health education presentations.

Results from October 2016 - March 2017

In Uganda, because of you...

Every refugee who crosses the border receives a health screening and immunizations.

And with an average of 2,100 refugees arriving each day, the population we serve is growing rapidly.



Since 2014, Medical Teams has made a **significant impact on saving the lives of mothers and children.**

76%

Decrease in the rate of mothers who die as a result of childbirth.



38%

Decrease in the rate of children who die under the age of 5.

