

# “Hospitalization Unit” Project

**SECTION:**  
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

**LOCAL PARTNER:**  
Catholic Congregation of Banyatereza Sisters  
LOCAL SUPERVISOR: Priscilla Busingye

**FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS:**  
Fondazione Cantonuovo

**BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT:**  
2012

**COST OF THE PROJECT:**  
35.000 €

**COUNTRY, CITY:**  
Uganda, Rwibaale

## THE STORY:

This project was presented to Maurizio e Fabrizio Tiezzi and two volunteers of Fondazione Cantonuovo during their visit to Uganda in October 2011. Many pregnant women in eastern Uganda can receive appropriate medical cares only in big cities such as Kampala or Fort Portal, located 300 km from each other. From their villages, with no means of transportation they start on foot toward the nearest hospital often jeopardizing their life and the life of their baby to reach it. To improve this situation some small sanitary units have been built in the area between the two big cities. The Banyatereza Sisters Catholic Congregation built one of these units on the road that connects Kampala to Fort Portal. It is a small infirmary at Rwibaale, 100km from Fort Portal, for newborn babies and pregnant women. The infirmary, however, is not functioning at its best for it can provide only emergency assistance. In fact, about 8 women give birth every day inside the structure to be discharged immediately after delivery for lack of beds available for a longer period of time. The purpose of the infirmary is to take also care of children who are often diagnosed with infections such as HIV and, mostly, malaria. The structure needs to be widened to take care of similar necessities as well.

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:

- To complete the construction of the maternity ward, which has the capability to accomodate up to 12 women and where the newborn babies can receive cares as well.
- Construction of a surgery room next to the maternity ward for different kinds of alsosurgeries.



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FOTO:



1) The functioning part of the medical infirmary



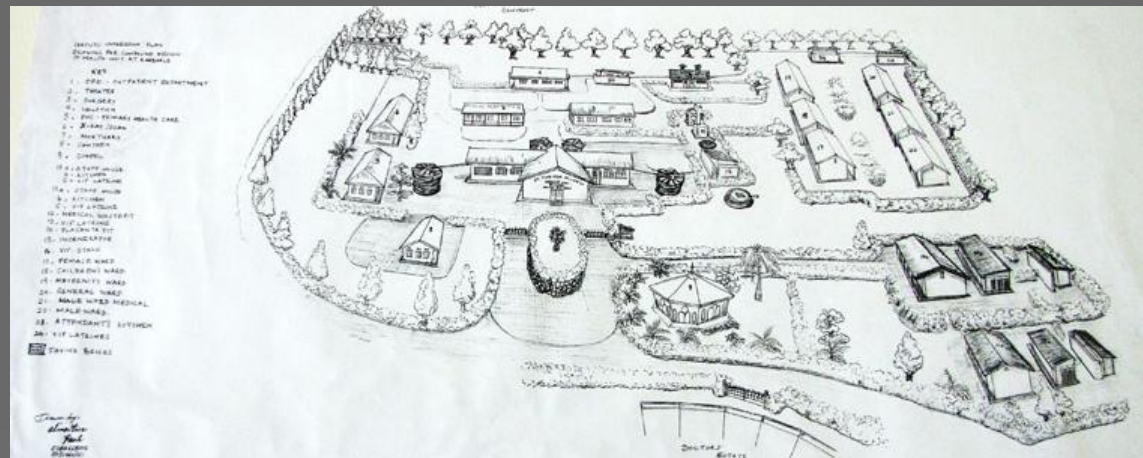
2) Inside the infirmary



3) A little patient suffering from malaria



4) Fabrizio and Maurizio Tiezzi with Sr Priscilla and other nuns discussing the new project.



5) The project plan. At present only the completion of the existing units has been planned.