

Sonrise Hospital Project



Sonrise Baby Home has rescued more than 445 babies from severe malnutrition, illness, and abandonment.

But 30 babies die for every 1,000 births in Uganda. That's 60,000 dying babies every year! Most can be easily prevented. We can do more!



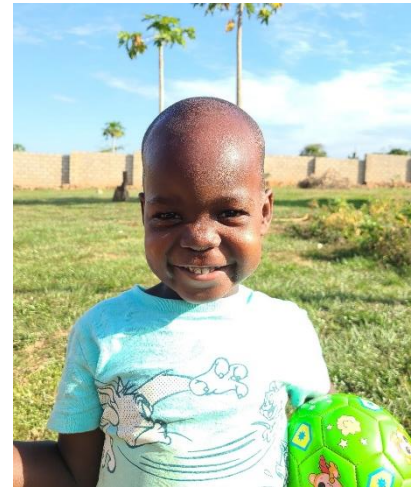
The Sonrise Track Record: 400 lives saved



Gabi was brought to the Sonrise Baby Home in 2019 after she was abandoned naked in a bush. She was a several months old, but weighed less than many newborn babies.

Within four months, Gabi was chubby and healthy.

Today, Gabi is a sassy and active girl. She loves to chase a soccer ball!



Abandoned babies are common in Uganda, and despite humble beginnings (36 babies in a two-bedroom house!), the Sonrise Baby Home has grown to become a highly respected institution in Uganda. The campus of six homes currently cares for 60 babies. Government and church authorities from Jinja, Kampala, Kamuli, Buikwe, Mbale, Kayunga (at least half of Uganda) recognize Sonrise as the leading facility for infant rescue.

The most critically ill babies are brought to the “Phoenix House”, where the Sonrise staff provides one-on-one care. The “aunties” use modern medical techniques while sleeping with the babies and pouring love into them.

Since 2009, Sonrise has cared for 270 male and 175 female babies. Male babies are neglected and abandoned more often than females in Uganda, because boys require an inheritance while girls bring in a substantial dowry.

Sonrise has reunited 85% of the babies with a family member over the past 12 years. As a Christ-centered institution, the staff consider families to be critically important, and Sonrise considers this outcome to be ideal.

400 babies rescued.

340 reunited with relatives.

60 babies placed in Sonrise Children’s Home.

The Problem in Kayunga

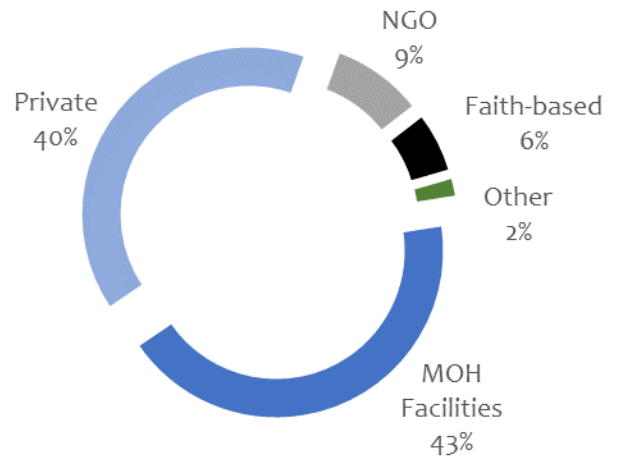
In the Kayunga district, medical facilities are sparse and poorly equipped. Roughly 40% of medical facilities are government-run, with an extremely low standard of care. In the large cities, some private hospitals cater to the 6% of the population with insurance. NGOs and faith-based organizations fill the gaps in high quality care for the rural population.

The Sonrise Baby Home is located in an agricultural area with no high-quality options within about 100 km.

During COVID lockdowns, several hundred women in Kayunga gave birth at home due to a government ban on any travel by road. Stories of pregnant women walking more than 20 km for help (and dying along the way) were commonplace during 2020 and 2021.

In an rural area like Kayunga, very few people have health insurance, so health care is a cash business with very low-income customers. As a result, investors in private hospitals will not fund a project in an area like Kayunga. The only option for this region is a hospital supported at least partially by charitable donations.

Uganda's Health Care Landscape



Kayunga population	60,000
HIV prevalence:	7.6%
Teenage pregnancy rate:	24%
Homes with toilet facilities:	Less than 75%
Homes with handwashing facilities:	36%
Average distance to fully equipped hospital:	126 km

The Plan for Sonrise Hospital

Sonrise Ministries Uganda has become one of the world’s most experienced and successful centers for rehabilitation of severely malnourished infants. The current plan is to build on the success of the Baby Home, by adding a hospital facility that emphasizes maternity and infant care.

The hospital will include:

- Six in-patient rooms;
- A maternity ward;
- A pediatric ward;
- A general outpatient care service area;
- An emergency care ward; and
- A modern test laboratory for HIV, sickle-cell anemia, and other disease screening;
- An on-site pharmacy;
- Ambulance services; and
- A staff of 10 doctors, 20 nurses, and 25 additional personnel.

Only \$1.4 million to build a hospital.

As of November 2022, Sonrise has acquired an acre of land near the main road through Kayunga district, and has already developed plans and started the permitting process for a hospital building. Construction and equipment will cost roughly \$1.4 million, and the first year of operations will add another \$1.3 million in expenses.

After the initial phase, Sonrise expects the hospital to partially offset its expenses by collecting fees and insurance disbursements from patients.

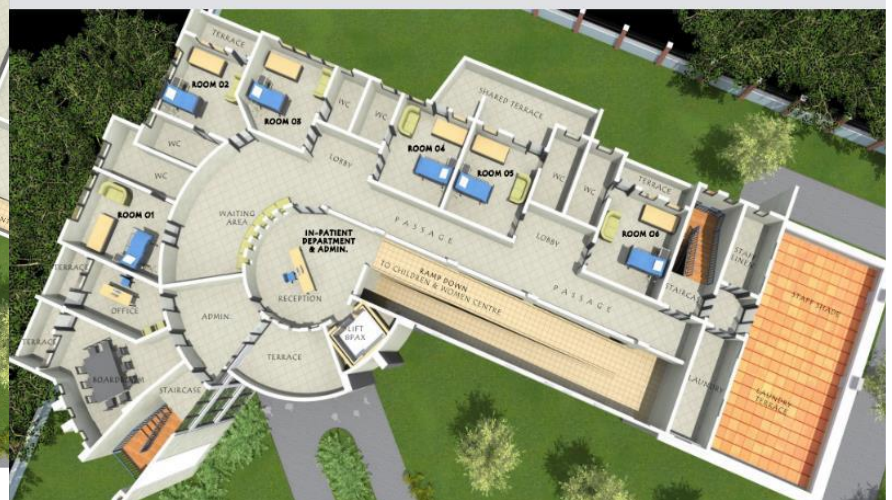
GROUND FLOOR PLAN : OUT-PATIENT SERVICES

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN : IN-PATIENT SERVICES

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Sonrise is Different

The Director of the Sonrise Baby Home, Damali Mirembe Manyindo, is a dynamo who was raised in a Christian orphanage herself. Through the generosity of American donors and her own hard work, she was able to study Psychology and social science at university. She opened the first Sonrise Baby Home in 2009.



Damali's great passion and desire to care for orphans has resulted in the extremely successful Baby Home system, including a campus with six homes and a farm to feed the staff and children. One of the baby homes is designated as the "Phoenix House", and is dedicated to one-on-one care for critically sick infants. A grandmotherly figure named Auntie Peace takes charge of the sickest babies and has developed a method with extremely successful results.



The Sonrise Baby Home system is unique: the organization is led and staffed entirely by local Ugandan people, so every dollar spent is applied in an extremely efficient way to achieve the maximum benefit.

Another unique facet of the Sonrise philosophy is that the Baby Home and the Children's Home strive to be self-sufficient. Each facility includes its own farmland, growing crops to feed the children and the staff. During COVID, the farms became essential to survival, as visits and donations from overseas were interrupted. In fact, the Sonrise farms were able to feed the children, staff, and many people in the surrounding community during that difficult time.

How is Faith of a Child Foundation involved in this project?

The hospital project will be executed locally by Sonrise, led by Damali Manyindo. *Faith of a Child Foundation* is taking a role in American fund-raising, and in serving on an Advisory Board including Stanford doctors and nurse/operations staff as well as business executives.

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