

# August 2019 Featured Grantee Brick By Brick Partners

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for  
Women



**Uganda**

## Introducing Brick By Brick



Founded in 2003, Brick By Brick is an innovative bi-national partnership that improves education, health, and economic opportunities in East Africa. It has steadily expanded the scope and impact of its programs and is fully committed to key US and Ugandan partnerships. It has received numerous awards for its work.

## Where in the world?

- **Uganda: population 35 million**
- **About the size of Oregon**
- **One of the fastest growing populations in the world**
- **Median age just 15 years old**
- **One of the world's poorest countries**
- **Women spend 9 hours a day on household chores**
- **Gender inequality is rampant**
- **Official language is English, but there are 30 indigenous languages**
- **80% are employed in agriculture**
- **Rakai and Kyotera Districts are rural, poor**



## Life challenges of the women served



**Women in rural Rakai and Kyotera Districts are poor and at high risk for pregnancy-related problems**

- **6,000 women die annually due to treatable complications of pregnancy and childbirth**
- **75% of deaths are attributed to delays in seeking and accessing quality care at a health facility**
- **90% live in remote villages, 29% >3 miles from health facility**
- **24% live in extreme poverty**
- **33% of women are illiterate**
- **16% of girls 12-19 are mothers**

## About the featured grantee

### History of successful, high-impact programs

- **Babies and Mothers Alive:** high impact, low cost interventions at 25 health facilities reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity
- **My Pads:** educational program focusing on sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, and healthy life choices. Students make reusable menstrual pads.
- **School Program:** 9 schools completely renovated
- **Lead-Organize-Integrate:** 14 schools improved libraries
- **Construction company:** uses environmentally sustainable technology

## What are we supporting?

**Mama Rescue Project reduces transportation delays for pregnant and laboring women**

- **Transport vouchers for women who attend 4 prenatal visits**
- **Rapid Emergency Response - mobile phones to request emergency transport**
- **Communication of critical information - midwives use their mobile phones to send clinical information to hospital ahead of the woman's arrival.**



**Direct Impact: 6,281 women in labor**  
**Indirect Impact: 50, 543 (midwives, Mama Ambassadors, motorbike drivers, spouses, children)**

# Budget

DFW's grant of \$50,000 will be used for:

Item	Description	Total
Helmets	Two branded helmets per bike will be provided for use by driver and patient	\$5,000
Mobile phones	25 phones will be set up on the Mama Rescue platform and provided to each of the health facilities	\$247,500
Boda boda taxi reimbursement for delivery	50% of expected pregnancies require support for transport to Health Centers for delivery. Calculation is based on community poverty levels in districts served	\$18,840
Emergency transport reimbursement	15% of the 50% pregnancies will likely experience a life-threatening complication and require support for emergency referral	\$25,909.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>

## Share your thoughts

1. **What benefits might occur beyond improving maternal and newborn outcomes?**
2. **Why are partnerships pivotal to the success of this program?**
3. **What other issues might be addressed using the technology in the Mama Rescue Project?**

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## August's Sustained Grantee: Gardens for Health International

### Maternal Health Program

- 9,840 pregnant women will be educated on maternal health and will be encouraged to attend regular prenatal check-ups.
- One Pot One Hour lesson demonstrates how to cook a healthy meal with limited time and resources. Mothers learn to identify symptoms of common illnesses, promote family planning, and discuss difficult subjects like traditional medicine and gender-based violence.
- This leads to pregnant women being healthier and well-nourished throughout their pregnancies and fewer children becoming malnourished during the critical first 1,000 days of life.
- Direct Impact: 9,840 women; Indirect Impact: 22,000 family members

