

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Prepared for the faithful partners of Mother of Mercy Referral Teaching Hospital



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We are deeply grateful for your extraordinary generosity and the faithful partnership you continue to demonstrate in supporting Mother of Mercy Referral Teaching Hospital (MMRTH) and Dr. Tom Catena. Your commitment has transformed lives, expanded access to essential care, and strengthened the overall health system in the Nuba Mountains. We are sincerely thankful for your partnership.

*Thank  
you!*

Across **Mother of Mercy Referral Teaching Hospital** and its **19 community clinics**, close to **350,000 patients** received both primary and advanced care in **2025**.

Because of you, **26,941 children** were screened for malnutrition, including **257** who were admitted for care, **8,896 maternal health visits** were provided, and **1,163 individuals** regained sight through cataract surgery.

With an operating budget of \$3.2 million, **this level of care amounts to less than \$10 per patient visit**. As Jim Ansara, President of Build Health International, shared, "In nearly three decades working on healthcare infrastructure, I've never seen a 450-bed hospital run with the level of efficiency, effectiveness, and stewardship that Dr. Tom and his team demonstrate."



*- Jim Ansara, President,  
Build Health International*



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SUDAN

**Page 3: Timely care gave Asha and her twins a chance to live.**

# Lives Forever Changed



MMRTH and its clinic network had a 19% increase in patient visits from the previous year—delivering life-saving treatment across one of the most underserved regions of Africa, despite war, famine, and displacement.



37,617 vaccines administered

8,896 maternal health visits, an 18% increase

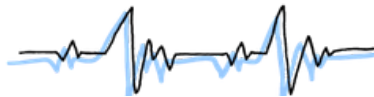
2,850 surgical procedures performed, a 7.8% increase



26,941 children screened for malnutrition, with 257 admitted for care



691 mental health visits, supported by a new clinical officer with psychiatry training



173 patients cared for in the new high-dependency unit (a step below an ICU)

1,811 eye surgeries restored sight

2,388 dental patients seen, 42.5% more than in 2024

808 cholera patients treated

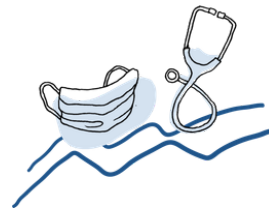
135 patients fitted with prostheses and orthotic devices



# Story of Hope

**Asha**, a mother from the Nuba Mountains, came to Mother of Mercy Hospital for a routine checkup during her twin pregnancy. The team quickly identified serious risks, including high blood pressure and complications with the babies' positioning, and admitted her for care.

When labor began, Asha safely delivered her first child, but the second twin faced a life-threatening complication. An emergency cesarean section was performed, and after 20 minutes of resuscitation, the baby survived.



Today, Asha and both of her children are healthy—an outcome that would have been **impossible** without access to skilled care.

In a region where more than 80% of births take place at home, stories like Asha's highlight the critical importance of safe, hospital-based delivery.



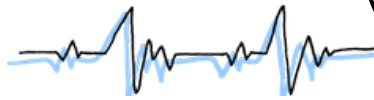
**950  
SAFE deliveries**

**5,554  
prenatal care  
visits**

**18% delivery  
increase**

# Saint Bakhita Health Training Institute

Students like Zeubeida (below) and Ali (right) represent a new generation of healthcare workers rising from communities deeply affected by conflict, loss, and limited access to care. Both were shaped by witnessing preventable deaths in their villages, particularly during childbirth, and felt called to make a difference.



Now as they are completing their training, they are serving in the hospital and outreach clinics, providing safe, skilled care and improving outcomes for mothers and babies in their communities.

This investment in training is also critical in times of crisis. During a cholera outbreak that affected more than 3,000 people and resulted in over 100 deaths, prepared health workers enabled a rapid and coordinated response. Through staff training, supply distribution, and the establishment of treatment centers, the outbreak was contained.



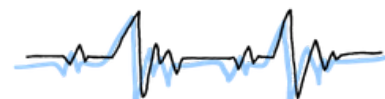
**Students graduating  
in 2026:**

**29  
Midwives  
trained**

**19 Clinical  
Officers  
trained**

**62 new students  
enrolled for 2026**

**In areas impacted by conflict and displacement, these teams continue to adapt quickly, ensuring care remains available when it is needed most.**



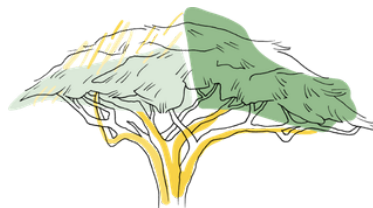
# Thank You

Your commitment to Mother of Mercy Referral Teaching Hospital continues to expand access to life-saving care and make a lasting difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands. Because of you, services are growing, including strengthened maternal and newborn care to ensure more mothers and babies receive the safe, compassionate treatment they deserve.

Dr. Tom Catena and his family continue to serve on the front lines in the Nuba Mountains, where he remains the only resident surgeon for nearly 4 million people. With your support, he is training local staff and strengthening a growing health system that brings life-saving care to families across this underserved region.



*Stay tuned for the May 2026 newsletter, which will include a special family update.*



Together, we're delivering quality healthcare in Nuba while standing strong through conflict and crisis.

*Thank you!*



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