The Lwala Community Hospital served 32,390 patient visits.

643 babies were safely delivered at the Lwala Community Hospital.

160 Kenyans were employed through our various programs.

New partners joined Lwala to expand HIV care and family planning services.

1,100 girls had uniforms and reusable sanitary pads as incentives to stay in school. We also launched a girls mentoring program to provide social support to in-school and out-of-school girls.

Apple released a short documentary film featuring Lwala’s innovative use of technology in maternal and child health outreach.

Significant progress in infrastructure development took place - including road improvements, internet connectivity, and a completed community bridge.

6,000 students had access to clean water. By the end of the year, 975 community members had been trained in Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH).

2,298 farmers had been trained in organic agriculture by the end of the year.
WE ARE GROWING...

The percentage of women delivering in a health facility with a skilled attendant has more than tripled in the past 4 years.

Our patient volume has nearly tripled in the last 4 years.

Our budget has tripled in the last 5 years. Past 990s can be accessed on our website at www.LwalaCommunityAlliance.org/about/financials

...AND WE STILL NEED YOU!
OUR WORK IS PERSONAL

MEET BENTA, A HYGIENE ENTREPRENEUR

Benta Auma Ouko is a mother of six and a grandmother of one. Several years ago, Benta was a peasant farmer earning an annual income of approximately $465 from sugar cane farming and maize produce. As a result, she was having difficulty meeting her basic needs.

In 2010, Benta enrolled for the first WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) training. The training participants were taught how to keep water safe for drinking and construct latrines and discussed the importance of hand washing. Before the training, her children were prone to diarrhea and missed school quite often. Benta used the little money she earned to treat her children, which often put a strain on her household budget. After attending the WASH training, Benta began to implement what she had learned in her home.

The WASH Coordinator noticed Benta’s application of WASH practices and proposed that she attend the Trainer of Trainers (TOT) course, making her a trained Community WASH Mobilizer. At the same time, Benta was one of 6 community members trained to make soap for local sale and use since latrines were now being constructed in the community. As a result, these community members formed the Furaha Soap Making Cooperative, which over the last 3 years has increased its profits from the production and sale of soap to the hospital, local schools, and individual community members. The cooperative has also diversified its production to include disinfectants and other hand washing products.

Currently, Benta has a steady income as a WASH TOT and a member of the Furaha Soap Making Cooperative. Her children consistently attend school with lower incidence of diarrhea infection. Benta is informed and knowledgeable on health issues that are curable with proper sanitation and hygiene. From her pool of resources, Benta has opened a kiosk to sell soap and other goods to patients and staff at the Lwala Community Hospital.

A HEALTHY START IN LIFE

Marceline Auma smiles as she holds her newborn baby during a postnatal visit at the Lwala Community Hospital. After her one previous pregnancy, her child died due to infections soon after birth. But this 23 year-old mother is not worried about the survival of the latest addition to her family because, for the first time, she delivered at a health facility with the help of skilled birth attendants who gave her clinical care and information to promote health.

Like many mothers, Marceline chose to give birth at the hospital after community health workers visited and educated her on the benefits of skilled delivery. According to Sheila Odongo, a Community Health Worker, the high cost of maternity services and traditional beliefs on childbirth have historically limited the number of rural women who deliver at health centers. “Most of them used to give birth at home with the help of traditional birth attendants who are not equipped to deal with birth complications or provide babies with much needed vaccinations,” Sheila added. This led to higher rates of child and maternal mortality in this region.

The Lwala Community Hospital now has seven nurses and is pioneering behavior change as more and more women opt for skilled delivery. These mothers have vowed to encourage other women to do the same. “I am very happy with the services I got here and the care my baby was given,” says Marceline. As a result of these efforts, Lwala Community Alliance has cut the rate of neonatal mortality in the community in half.
2014: WHERE WE ARE HEADIN

THRIVE THRU 5

NEED: In our county, the rate of under-5 mortality is a startling 150:1000, 20 times higher than in the U.S.

OUR RESPONSE: We are launching “Thrive thru 5” this year to extend the success of our Safe Babies program to children up to age 5. Through a concerted outreach effort from our community health outreach team, we will ensure babies are born safely and protect 7,000 growing children from the most common regional threats of mortality: malaria, HIV, diarrhea, pneumonia, measles, injury, and malnutrition.

GOAL: To cut under-5 mortality in half by the end of 2016.

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT

NEED: In our county, girls’ educational attainment is alarmingly low. Only 60% of girls finish class 8 and only 17% finish high school. Unintended pregnancy for teenage girls is one of the main reasons girls drop out of school. In 2013, more than 300 teenagers gave birth at the Lwala Community Hospital.

OUR RESPONSE: Our “Salama Pamoja” (“Safety Together”) program helps girls and young mothers become agents of their own safety and success through the provision of mentoring, safe spaces, education on sexual and reproductive health, opportunities for involvement in income-generating activities, and access to health services.

GOAL: Reduction in rates of school drop-out, teenage pregnancy and HIV risk; increased self-agency and economic capacity for girls and young women.

HOSPITAL EXPANSION

NEED: Due to the success in driving community demand for our clinical care services, patient volume and needs are outpacing space, staffing, and resources.

OUR RESPONSE: In June 2014, we will begin construction on a new 12-bed inpatient wing, new laboratory, pharmacy, well-child space, and housing for 16 additional staff.

GOAL: Improved care through additional inpatient space, strengthened diagnostics, and separate areas for sick and well-children. Retention and improved quality of life for staff.
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