

MATERNITY WORLDWIDE CHRISTMAS 2019 APPEAL 04 November 2019**'All I want for Christmas is an incubator...'**

We asked Maternity Worldwide's team of midwives at the Pirimiti Community Hospital in Zomba, Malawi what they would most want as a Christmas gift this year:

'... an incubator. With the recent high rate of premature babies in our Malawi hospitals I have experienced that the incubators are not enough to accommodate the number of babies born premature in our hospitals. We have to combine the babies in one incubator whereby making them to be exposed to communicable diseases. It's a pity sometimes when you get to the hospital and see how congested the incubator room is.'

Rachel, midwife at Pirimiti Community Hospital in Zomba, Malawi

'... continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine because most of the asphyxiated babies need oxygen that is in a good amount, not too much and not too little. This will help to save lives of neonates who need respiratory assistance after birth.'

RK, midwife at Pirimiti Community Hospital in Zomba, Malawi

'... photo therapy equipment and incubator, due to low birth weight and jaundice among new born babies in our communities'

David, midwife at Pirimiti Community Hospital in Zomba, Malawi

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Maternity Worldwide is a charity saving lives in childbirth in low-income countries by training midwives and skilled birth attendants, improving access to health centres and hospitals, providing communities with maternal and newborn health information and empowering women to become financially independent and decision makers about their own sexual and reproductive health. We have a vision of a world where every woman, wherever she lives, can give birth safely and without fear.

Our mission is to work with communities and our partners to:

- identify and develop appropriate and effective ways to reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity
- facilitate communities to access high-quality, skilled maternity care
- support the provision of high-quality skilled care

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