



ABOUT US

MCW Global is a non-profit organization with a vision for communities around the world to achieve greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security. Our mission is to address communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow through our Young Leaders and Africa programs.

WHERE WE WORK

Founded in 1999, MCW Global is registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit based in New York with affiliate organizations in Africa (MC-Rwanda, MC-Tanzania, and MC-Zambia). In Tanzania, MCW Global works with the local MC-Tanzania Leadership Team (Board of Directors and Country Manager) to oversee the development and execution of the country plan, which focuses primarily on Oral Health Care.

WHY ORAL HEALTH?

We believe oral health is essential to an individual's overall general health and that when a community receives access to oral health care prevention, education and services, they're healthier and happier places to live. Tanzania, a country where MCW has been working in the field of oral health since 2001, has 1 dentist for every 120,000 people (the WHO recommends a ratio of 1:75,000). To address this challenge, MCW Global's oral health projects are rooted in a belief in the power of preventive oral health care services (education, screening, and treatment), as they offer the only realistic solution to relieving the oral health disease burden in the country. We also believe that good oral health habits begin at an early age.

OUR ORAL HEALTH CARE PROJECTS

To achieve improved oral health status in Tanzania, we partner with different Tanzanian partners to tackle the oral health workforce shortage in two ways: (1) Capacity upgrades at the MUHAS Dental School in Dar es Salaam; and (2) Dental Outreach Education and Training in the Mbeya and Tanga regions.

❖ Capacity Upgrades at the MUHAS Dental School, Dar es Salaam

In 2007, the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) Dental School, which is responsible for training a workforce to meet the needs of 55 million Tanzanians, was on the brink of collapse. Hardly any of the school's equipment was functioning, staff morale was low, and funds to purchase basic materials for everyday procedures were not available.

This situation prompted MCW Global to bring global industry partners together to explore how to upgrade Tanzania’s only dental school’s equipment and achieve financial sustainability. Since 2008, MCW Global and the MUHAS Dental School have collaborated on a series of infrastructure upgrade projects. Today, the public institution has more than doubled its student intake and increased the number of specialists in the county. It can also afford to purchase consumable materials required to treat the high volume of patients.

❖ **Dental Outreach Education and Training (Mbeya and Tanga Regions)**

Dental therapists, who are considered the ‘backbone of oral health’ in Tanzania, are most often tasked with serving the oral health workforce. With limited funding from the government to support their education, training, and field work, dental therapists often face a lack of preparedness, equipment, and support to conduct dental outreaches in the community.

To address this challenge, MCW Global has partnered with the Dental Therapy Training schools in the Mbeya (2014) and Tanga (2016) regions to help train dental therapists to conduct community-based dental outreaches twice a year (October-November and March-April). We have also mobilized the donation of supplies, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, for these outreaches.

OUR APPROACH

- **Partnership** – We bring international companies, national and local governments, academic experts, and non-profit organizations together to improve oral health for Tanzanians.
- **Local solutions** – Our projects are shaped, developed, and executed by our local partners.
- **Sustainability** – We are committed to achieving financial sustainability in our oral projects.

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100%	\$3 million	132	11,507	2,400
increase in enrollment at MUHAS Dental School since the project began in 2008	in-kind donations to improve facilities at MUHAS Dental School	dental therapy students have participated in MCW dental outreaches since 2014	children have received oral health education, dental screenings & fluoride vanish treatment since 2014	additional Tanzanians projected to receive oral health care in 2019 from our dental therapists