

See the Risk. Save a Life.

Help equip 18 rural health centers in Ethiopia with portable ultrasound technology



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> Why Ultrasound Matters

In rural Ethiopia, many midwives care for pregnant women without ultrasound. This makes it difficult to confirm gestational age, identify multiple pregnancies, or detect high-risk complications.

In 2025, Healing Hands of Joy piloted portable ultrasound at one rural health center in southern Ethiopia. During the pilot, 413 pregnant women received scans, 41 were referred for emergency or cesarean delivery, and one triplet pregnancy was identified and referred for higher-level care.

Building on this success, Healing Hands of Joy is ready to expand the model to 23 additional rural health centers. Five devices are already funded. Support is now needed to equip the remaining 18 health centers with portable ultrasound devices, training, supervision, and monitoring.

Each equipped health center is expected to screen approximately 670 pregnant women per year.



Equipment handover



"I was able to see my baby in my stomach, I never imagined [it possible] what a joy; this will keep me coming for my checkups regularly."

- a pregnant mother

The Goal: \$100,602

\$5,589 equips one rural health center with a portable ultrasound device, training for two health professionals, training materials, supportive supervision, and outcome tracking. *18 health centers still need funding.* Your gift will bring lifesaving care to mothers in Ethiopia. Give today to help raise \$100,602 for this project.

1. How will health centers be selected?

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Health centers will be selected based on need, readiness, and long-term sustainability. Priority will go to underserved rural areas with high maternal and newborn health needs, strong patient volume, and the ability to begin services quickly.

2. What makes a health center eligible?

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Selected health centers must provide maternal and newborn health services, including prenatal care, delivery, and postnatal care. They must also have skilled health professionals, such as midwives and nurses, who can be trained to provide ultrasound services.

3. What infrastructure is needed to receive a device?

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Each health center must have reliable power, a secure and private space for ultrasound services, and basic clinical infrastructure, including an examination couch, privacy arrangements, and infection prevention materials.

4. Who will be trained to use the devices?

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Two health professionals at each health center will receive hands-on ultrasound training from OB-GYN trainers. Health center leadership must commit to assigning trained staff to provide ultrasound services and support continuity if staff changes occur.

5. How will referrals work?

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Selected health centers must have a functional referral link with a higher-level facility that can provide emergency obstetric care, including cesarean delivery when needed. Communication and transport options for urgent referrals will also be considered.

6. How will duplication with other efforts be avoided?

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Health center selection will be aligned with Ministry of Health and regional priorities. Healing Hands of Joy will also coordinate with partners to avoid duplication and strengthen the broader maternal health system.

7. How will quality be monitored?

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Health centers will participate in supportive supervision, performance reviews, quality improvement efforts, and clinical audits. These steps help ensure that ultrasound services are used safely, consistently, and effectively.

8. What data will Healing Hands of Joy track?

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Healing Hands of Joy will track the number of pregnant women receiving ultrasound scans, high-risk findings detected, referrals made, ultrasound coverage, equipment functionality, trained staff actively providing services, and patient satisfaction.

9. What updates will donors receive?

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Donors will receive updates showing how the devices are being used, how many pregnant women are reached, how many high-risk conditions are identified, and how many mothers are referred for higher-level care.