



Saving lives in childbirth



Just a few months can make
the world of difference.

Volunteer in Africa and help
save lives in childbirth now
and for future generations.

About us

Maternity Worldwide saves lives in childbirth in developing countries. We believe no woman or girl should die giving birth. We want to see a world where every mother, wherever she lives, is able to give birth safely and without fear. We want to stop mothers dying and suffering in pregnancy and childbirth, we want babies to live and be healthy and we want families to thrive.



What we do

- We train doctors, nurses and midwives to become skilled birth attendants.
- We provide community education on maternal health and family planning so people know when to seek help.
- We empower women to set up their own businesses so they can become financially independent and can pay for travel to a health centre to give birth.
- We improve access to maternal health facilities utilising motorbike ambulances, foot ambulances and community clinics.

Where we work

We work in areas where mothers are most at risk and where the need is greatest. Since 2002 we have worked in 11 developing countries and currently have 3 integrated maternal health programmes in Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda.

Make a difference and volunteer with us

By volunteering with Maternity Worldwide, doctors, nurses, midwives and other professional staff will have the opportunity to play a vital role in saving the lives of countless mothers and babies during childbirth now and for the future.

Whether you want to be teaching medical staff in the health centres and hospitals, conducting needs assessments, improving and setting up new systems, providing community education on maternal health, carrying out crucial research or helping hands-on to safely deliver babies - there are plenty of opportunities available.

We believe in sustainable ways of making a difference so by sharing your skills and advice you will leave a lasting legacy which will help to save the lives of mothers in the future.

We have projects in Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda, within each of these projects there are different needs and opportunities available. We will match your skills to a role where you will make the biggest difference and have the level of support you require.



What we're looking for

In general we are looking for professionals with at least three years of experience (including current or recent experience), this will depend greatly on the role and support available as each programme is different and will be decided on a role by role basis.

For clinical roles, you will have experience of dealing with high-risk pregnancies and complicated deliveries. You will be able to work autonomously with limited supervision.

Ideally you would have experience of supervising, mentoring, managing and training other staff and would feel happy to devise training programmes to share your skills and knowledge. This enables your work to continue after you go home.

The length of time we would like you to spend volunteering would depend on the project but generally it is between 3-12 months.

What we offer

Your accommodation, flights, basic living allowance, medical insurance and vaccinations will be covered by Maternity Worldwide for the duration of your placement.



Get in touch



For more information about volunteering for Maternity Worldwide please visit our website www.maternityworldwide.org, email info@maternityworldwide.org or call 01273 234033.