Working together with community-based partners, we support efforts that focus on saving and improving the lives of women and children, preventing disease among the most vulnerable, and strengthening the health care workforce.

### Improving Maternal & Infant Health

**Helping Babies Breathe**

In 2011, Johnson & Johnson made a $2 million 5-year investment in the Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) initiative in Malawi and Uganda. The program, implemented by Save the Children in these two countries, aims to reduce neonatal mortality due to birth asphyxia by integrating neonatal resuscitation skills and equipment within existing maternal and newborn health services. To date, the partnership has supported HBB training of more than 1,300 skilled birth attendants and saved nearly 23,000 babies (90% of asphyxiated babies) in Malawi and Uganda. Designed for national scale-up by Ministries of Health in the longer term, the project also focuses on improved data reporting and use of data for decision-making in existing J&J supported sites.

**One By One**

Women and girls with fistula are almost always poor and deeply marginalized, leaving most unable to access treatment. To address the substantial backlogs of untreated fistula cases in Kenya and Uganda, Johnson & Johnson has partnered with One By One, to coordinate all arrangements for 300 fistula patients to receive treatment. This project will facilitate access to care by providing round-trip transport to a treatment facility and full cost of comprehensive treatment including pre-surgery care, surgical repair, physiotherapy and counseling. The goal of the project is to restore health and dignity for women and girls who would otherwise spend a lifetime suffering with the physical and psycho-social devastation of obstetric fistula, a childbirth injury that is both treatable and preventable.

**Uganda FamilyConnect**

Johnson & Johnson is partnering with UNICEF’s Global Innovation Centre to further scale innovation in digital health around the world, with an initial focus on technologies to support mothers, babies and families during the first “1,000 days” – the critical early period from conception to age 2. Uganda FamilyConnect is a community-based pregnancy registration program implemented by village health teams initially being launched in 19 Districts in West Nile and Central Uganda, with the overall objective to put in place the foundations required to catalyze national scale-up. By providing timed follow-up reminders via SMS to services, including antenatal care visits, the program aims to increase the percentage of women seeking care – ultimately contributing to the reduction of maternal, child and neonatal mortality in Uganda and improving the health of women and children.

### Promoting the Health of Children & Youth

**Children Without Worms**

Johnson & Johnson strives to improve the health and development of children through the initiative Children Without Worms (CWW) by donating the deworming medicine Vermox® to the WHO for the treatment and control of intestinal worms globally. Treatment with Vermox is only one component of the CWW strategy. To break the persistent cycle of re-infection and to achieve sustainable improvements in health, CWW uses a comprehensive approach that includes addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene education (WASH). A number of African nations are receiving Vermox donation and programmatic support, including Cameroon, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Madagascar, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.
School-based deworming programs keep children free of worms and help them grow healthy and develop to their full potential.

### HIV/AIDS Prevention & Support

**mothers2mothers**

*mothers2mothers* (m2m) empowers mothers living with HIV, through education and employment as mentors in health centers and communities, to prevent HIV infections in children and improve overall health of women and their families. Johnson & Johnson’s 10-year partnership has enabled m2m to expand from 10 sites in South Africa to 348 sites across 6 sub-Saharan countries. In 2014-15, with J&J support m2m served 83,000 HIV positive pregnant women and over 80,000 male partners and provided significant technical support. Current support focuses on program activities towards an HIV free generation in Malawi, Uganda, South Africa, Kenya and Zambia. With support from Johnson & Johnson for its SmART Linkages Project, m2m aims to strengthen its organizational capacity and eHealth operations, including linking clients to services, tracking uptake and referral outcomes, and overall Monitoring and Evaluation.

**HealthEnabled: Faster to Zero**

Johnson & Johnson and PEPFAR have entered into a public-private partnership with HealthEnabled to support the scale up of digital health tools to support elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV (EMTCT) efforts in South Africa and Uganda. Both countries are now implementing Option B+ – lifelong ARVs for all HIV+ pregnant women – however drop-offs in care remain high. The project aims to increase adherence and retention rates by using digital health tools to track and support mothers and infants across the continuum of care through targeted EMTCT SMS messaging and community-based follow-up. By integrating digital health services into national health systems, the project aims to increase the effectiveness of EMTCT programs in the two countries.

### Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

#### Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery

The Advanced Nursing Studies program at Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SONAM) has made dramatic improvements in nursing practice and care throughout East Africa. Johnson & Johnson provides scholarship support to approximately 700 nursing and midwifery students from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda enrolled in AKU-SONAM's nursing and midwifery diploma and degree programs, helping them advance their professional skills and increasing nursing capacity in the region. Over 60 percent of graduates are promoted after graduation and more than 90 percent remain and provide care in their respective countries. Additionally, J&J supports AKU-SONAM’s efforts to strengthen nursing and midwifery support organizations across the region that are charged with supporting the wellbeing of nurses and midwives, ensuring quality of care, and representing the nursing and midwifery professions in policy discussions with government.

#### Amref Health Africa

With only the standard minimum nursing qualification, a majority of Uganda’s midwives are only capable of performing basic procedures. Johnson & Johnson has partnered with Amref Health Africa to support Uganda’s nurse and midwifery training institutions to provide quality eLearning approaches for continuous professional development. This will allow midwives, as well as nurses, to up-skill themselves to ‘registered’ status, enabling them to handle and manage a larger number of health issues without having to consult their supervising nurse or doctor. Increasing the number of registered midwives and nurses will improve access to quality maternal and child care in communities and help address the shortage of nursing and midwifery skills in Uganda.

### Global Health Corps Fellowship

The Global Health Corps (GHC) fellowship program builds health care capacity by providing opportunities for young professionals to work on the frontlines of the fight for global health equity. GHC currently places fellows in Burundi, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, the United States, and Zambia. Support from Johnson & Johnson will allow for the recruitment, training, and placement of 150 GHC fellows – including two fellows each with *mothers2mothers* (Malawi) and Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (Uganda) to implement EMTCT programming, and one fellow placed with Intrahealth (Uganda) to support frontline health worker management using digital technology.
Our Community Work in UGANDA

SOS Children’s Villages

Through the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Nursing Colleges in Mekelle, Ethiopia, and Mogadishu, Somalia, and in cooperation with select schools in Uganda, SOS Children’s Villages and Johnson & Johnson are collaborating to help address the critical shortage of health care professionals in the region. The program raises awareness of nursing and midwifery as a valued career opportunity among communities served by SOS Children’s Villages in Africa and provides scholarships to increase access to health care education – and careers in nursing and midwifery – to orphaned and vulnerable youth in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Uganda.

Management Development Institute

Management Development Institute (MDI) aims to equip Ministries of Health and other organizations delivering health care services to underserved populations with the requisite management and leadership capacity to implement their health priorities. In its first decade, MDI programs have trained approximately 1,000 health care leaders from 32 countries. Designed by world-class management faculty, MDI is delivered by instructors from UCLA Anderson, Amref Health Africa and by outstanding faculty from other African universities, including the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town. The lessons are geared toward successfully meeting the complex challenges faced by Eastern, Western and Southern African health systems. The East Africa MDI includes participants from Ethiopia, Kenya, Somaliland, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

Maternal Child-Health Nurse Leadership Academy

The Maternal-Child Health Nurse Leadership Academy, developed in partnership with the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, provides maternal and child health nurses and nurse midwives mentored leadership with curriculum designed to develop leadership in action through projects that would improve the health of mothers, babies and children. The goal of the program is to enable participants to advance their organizations and careers, influence nursing practice in their work settings, improve systems of care, and ultimately improve patient outcomes. Currently the program supports 12 nurse-midwives who lead inter-professional teams to improve health outcomes for mothers and babies in South Africa, Malawi, Swaziland and Uganda.

Yale/Stanford Johnson & Johnson Global Health Scholars Program

The Yale/Stanford Johnson & Johnson Global Health Scholars Program is designed to build capacity of the health workforce and health systems in resource-poor environments. The program sends promising physicians, primarily from Yale and Stanford, on a medical rotation to one of its six global partner sites – including Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda. The goal of the program is to build the educational capacity of partner hospitals and offer US-trained physicians the opportunity to enrich their knowledge and practice of medicine in settings with few resources.

MDI brings NGOs, academic institutions and the private sector together to design and implement health care interventions.