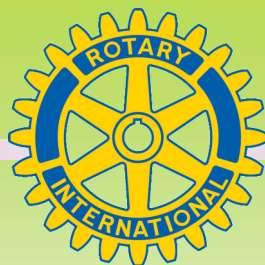


Breathing For Life

Nejo and the surrounding region have a population of 500,000. The majority are subsistence farmers with high infant mortality rate and very poor maternal health. The primary hospital has only 6 doctors including 1 surgeon and 1 OB-GYN.

Nejo's part of W Oromia region - **≈2.5 million people** - serviced by 5 smaller 'hospitals' with fewer resources. Most travel 6 to 8 hours by foot for any kind of treatment. TB, Malaria, water borne disease, upper respiratory tract infection, Asthma, Pneumonia, Goiter are common and deadly.

The respiratory issues are a key factor in the recovery and survivability of many patients – particularly children and pregnant women. Training, education and a local, reliable source of O₂ will save many lives and improve the condition of many more.



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to save lives needlessly lost.*

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The Need

Lack of training, education and oxygen supply in Western Oromia has been impacting patients with respiratory ailments, cardiovascular diseases, gynecology & obstetrics issues and pediatric problems. Over 8600 patients are regularly in need of oxygen in those areas.

It is the most basic and pressing maternal child health needs in the Rural Oromia Region of Nejo, Ethiopia.

8 to 10 pediatric & pregnant women die each month due to lack of O₂

There is a serious lack of understanding of how to alleviate the problems. Also, the nearest source of supply is in Addis Abab - a 12 hour ride and 320-400 miles away from the hospitals in W. Oromia. The cost of the tanks and transportation make an adequate supply difficult.

Training, education and a local, reliable source oxygen can dramatically increase the rate of survival and recovery. for many acute procedures and diseases.



The Goals

The goals of this project are to:

- Develop a program and purchase/install appropriate equipment to improve the effectiveness of O₂ resources, delivery and reduction in need.
- Establish an appropriate economic model to ensure sustainability of the program.
- Raise ≈ \$355,000 USD to develop & implement the program including training and purchase, installation of equipment.



For more information about this project and additional information on the area, please visit:

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The Vision

Nejo Hospital has recently been designated a Region Hospital which will help give it the resources and ability to assist all of the hospitals and clinics in the region.

The program and equipment will meet the needs of patients with acute and chronic ailments and diseases in the W Oromia region.

This grant will provide the expertise, training, education and equipment to Nejo Hospital to implement and sustain the goals.

