Shanti Uganda, a community-led birth house in the Nsassi Village of Kasana Luweero, works to eradicate preventable maternal mortality throughout Uganda. It offers safe and respectful births, perinatal care, immunizations, access to emergency transport, and family planning resources. Shanti Uganda leverages the expertise of local midwives, trained birth attendants, and nurse assistants to oversee deliveries and provide holistic healthcare for community members. Shanti Uganda’s services tackle the key drivers of death—unplanned pregnancies, mother-to-child transmission of HIV, poor prenatal care, unskilled deliveries, poor clinical practices, lack of emergency transport, and delayed treatment of childhood illnesses. Through this model, Shanti Uganda has impacted over 27,650 lives since 2008 and ensured over 1,000 successful deliveries.

Pregnant mothers deliver with a skilled birth attendant. Midwives actively identify, enroll, and support mothers to ensure prenatal care. Infants are enrolled with a midwife to ensure they thrive. Children receive all vaccination on time to guard against preventable diseases. Teen girls and boys engage in education workshops to learn about healthy relationships and STIs.
Growth Performance Indicators

Since 2011, there has been a

353% increase in women given appropriate information on the prevention and recognition of sexually transmitted diseases and reproductive tract infections.

Since 2011, Shanti Uganda has generated:

531% increase in females tested for HIV/STIs

49% increase in male partners tested for HIV/STIs

643% increase in clients tested for HIV/STIs
Shanti Uganda Mothers: Treated with Care to Deliver Healthy Babies

At Shanti Uganda, patient care is of utmost importance. When a woman first steps onto the Shanti Uganda grounds, she is warmly greeted by staff members and assisted to the main building to be enrolled for care. As a patient of Shanti Uganda she is guaranteed care centered on the Ugandan ideals of hospitality and community. Midwives at Shanti Uganda are not just health care professionals, they go out of their way to make sure each patient feels a part of the Shanti Uganda family. Because of this, patients often refer to their midwives as “aunt” as a sign of respect and admiration for their intellect and emotional compassion.

Jackie is a Shanti Uganda mom of two children. Jackie gave birth to her first child at a government hospital, where she was physically and emotionally abused by local health care professionals. While pregnant with her second child, her friend referred her to Shanti Uganda where she eventually gave birth and received intentional care. Today, she shares how a Shanti Uganda midwife has changed her family’s life.

“I can go to my midwife at Shanti Uganda when I am heart-broken. She is like an aunt because she teaches you things at Shanti Uganda and at home. She advises you to take care of your children by working hard. She comes to your home and makes sure your children and family are doing okay. There are very many people without aunts, and she is there for them. I want to go to school for fashion design once my daughter turns one. Because of Shanti I am able to continue pursuing my dreams knowing my kids are safe and healthy.”

- Jackie

In addition to supporting mothers, Shanti Uganda supports midwives, nurses, and trained birth attendants by providing them with the tools to thrive as community health care professionals. Sister Josephine, the current Head Midwife at Shanti Uganda, shares why she is passionate about midwifery in Uganda and why midwives are so important to the health of the nation.

“I have the skills, and I am able to save the mothers. I help with all aspects of pregnancy and making it as healthy as possible. When they come to deliver, I feel good. I just want to save lives. That’s all. More people are going to die in this area and all of Africa if people are not educated and don’t go in [to healthcare centers] for help. In Africa, people have not put health as their first priority. They say, ‘We don’t have time for that.’ But when it’s too late, then they come. They can build the future of a bright nation, but if we hide people from more information, more problems are going to come.”

- Sister Josephine
Cumulative Impact Since 2011
Shanti Uganda collects data at point-of-service to assess organization-wide impact since 2011.

1,184 women given family planning education and counseling
2,676 women given appropriate information on the prevention and recognition of STIs and reproductive tract infections
9,317 child immunizations

1,254 live births

Since 2011, Shanti Uganda has tested...
1,196 male partners for HIV/STIs
6,271 females for HIV/STIs
7,467 clients for HIV/STIs
19 Teen Girls Workshops Conducted

438 teen girls educated

40% more girls understand how HIV/AIDs is spread*

40% more girls understand how to avoid unplanned pregnancies*

40% more girls expressed a keen understanding of their importance and potential as a young woman*

6 Teen Boys Workshops Conducted*

180 teen boys educated*

40% more boys understand how HIV/AIDs is spread*

40% more boys understand how to avoid unplanned pregnancies*

170 Gardening & Nutrition Workshops Conducted

2,044 Community members educated

90 participants reported an improved appreciation of sustainable farming practices*

90 participants who reported an improved understanding of nutrition and health for pregnant women and their families*

*Target value; true number not available at this time.