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Transform health
centres with clean
water this Christmas

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Give babies like
Drissa the best
start in life.





"It's a bad situation in general because you cannot get clean and the child cannot get clean. So mum and child are both dirty and infections happen."

Djénèba

Through out her labour, Djénèba was in the small delivery room, lying on a single metal bed with no sheets. There was no clean water for her to drink as she gave birth to her babies – a grueling ordeal that left her physically weak. There was also no clean water for her to wash herself with after her babies arrived. While she was labouring, her elderly mother-in-law was forced to fetch dirty water from a well in the village, so the floor could be washed of blood before the next mother-to-be arrived.

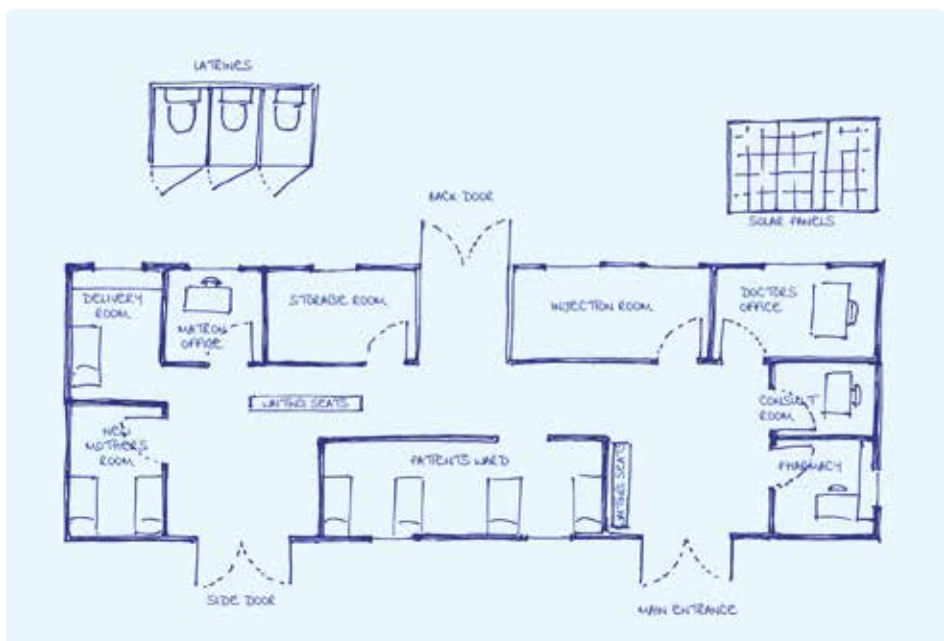
Djénèba came to Talo Health Centre to give birth. During delivery, it became clear that she was expecting not one, but two precious babies.

No clean water as Djénèba gave birth to twins



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How your church can help deliver clean water to health centres like Talo in Mali this Christmas



- 1 The existing borehole nearby will be deepened and reinforced.
- 2 Water will be stored in a 10 cubic metre tank on a raised tower.
- 3 The water will be drawn up with a pump powered by solar energy.
- 4 The storage tanks will be connected to the delivery room and the three consultation rooms.
- 5 The water from the water tower will be chlorinated to ensure there is no contamination, and to protect its quality.



While Drissa's parents have been visiting the health centre every few days, they have been unable to tend their crops. And the cost of the salt water has left them with no money at all – they've had to borrow from neighbours.

Drissa was born in the health centre, but later developed 'fistula abscesses', open wounds with pus seeping out. This was most likely caused by poor hygiene. Doctor Martin Koné has spent the last few months treating Drissa's wounds with salt solution, at great expense to his parents, because there is no clean water at the health centre.



No clean water to treat Drissa's sores



"When we came here to see the doctor we were really afraid. My husband and I and all the children, everybody thought that Drissa will die."

Kotimi, Drissa's mum

Doctor Martin Koné has spent the last few months treating Drissa's wounds every few days.



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"Comparing how the situation was then with what we have today, I am seeing a big difference. It's very easy for me to wash my hands after helping a mother; there is reduced infection and mothers are happy to come to deliver here."

Juliana Msoffe, midwife, Kiomboi Hospital, Tanzania

Your church can help bring clean water to health centres like Talo this Christmas

Clean water can transform healthcare – like it did for pregnant women and their babies at Kiomboi Hospital in Tanzania. In 2015, our Deliver Life campaign, thanks to the support of churches like yours, helped to bring clean water to Kiomboi, where Juliana Msoffe is a midwife.

Please give a gift to The Water Effect Appeal and help deliver clean water to health centres in some of the poorest countries in the world.

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