

Every mother  
and newborn  
has the right  
to safe  
childbirth.



**WE CARE SOLAR**  
Light Every Birth



We Care Solar launched

# Light Every Birth

to give health workers  
the power to save lives.

## No woman should die giving life.

Around the world, 300,000 mothers lose their lives from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

More than one million newborns don't survive their day of birth.

## You can't treat what you can't see.

Hundreds of thousands of health facilities lack reliable electricity. The consequences are tragic. Health workers struggle in near-darkness, relying on inadequate light from kerosene lanterns, candles or cell phones. Critical procedures are delayed or cancelled. Lives are lost.

To be effective, obstetric care requires bright light and continuous power.





# The We Care Solar Suitcase

## Clean energy for safe childbirth

### Our Technology

- The Solar Suitcase provides sustainable energy for medical lighting, fetal monitoring, and power for phone charging and medical devices. This enables health workers to provide timely, effective obstetric care.
- When health workers have access to electricity, they are more confident, safe, effective, and empowered to provide around-the-clock care.

### Our Approach

- We partner with government ministries, UN agencies, and local and international NGOs in both the health and energy sectors to ensure our technology reaches rural health centers.
- Our technical workshops build local capacity in solar installation and maintenance to ensure program sustainability. Our gender-inclusive trainings promote women as trainers and solar installers.
- Our health worker trainings ensure that recipients know how to properly use the Solar Suitcase and related medical devices.



### Our progress by 2023:



Equipped more than 8,350 health centers with Solar Suitcases



Enabled safe deliveries for more than 14 million mothers and newborns



Partnered with more than 80 local and international organizations



Trained more than 35,000 health workers



Averted more than 101,000 tons of CO2



# Light Every Birth

an international campaign



## 30 by 2030

**30 million safer births by 2030**

We Care Solar launched Light Every Birth in 2017 to address the urgent need for clean energy for safe childbirth. Solar Suitcases provide life-saving power to mothers and babies in thousands of health facilities.

We are working country by country in partnership with government agencies and international NGOs to ensure that EVERY public maternal health center has reliable power for safe deliveries.

- Liberia: Achieved full country coverage in 2019
- Zimbabwe: Achieved full country coverage in 2022
- Sierra Leone: Achieving full country coverage in 2023
- Uganda: Achieving full country coverage in 2023
- Nigeria: Launched in 2022
- Malawi and Tanzania: Launching next





## Join us, as we Light Every Birth.

We are building a global community of individuals, partners, philanthropists, and foundations who believe:

1. Every woman has a right to a safe delivery.
2. Every health center is entitled to reliable light and electricity.
3. Clean, solar power offers an immediate and sustainable solution to this global challenge.

**Together, we can shine a light on safe childbirth.**

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