



KIT EVENTS

AN OVERVIEW FOR OUR AUSTRALIAN PARTNERS



THE CHALLENGE

295,000 women die each year from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth, and close to 2.5 million babies die within their first month of life.



EMERGENCY

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**This is preventable.
This is why we exist.**





OUR SOLUTION

The provision of Clean Birth Kits - an internationally recognised intervention to support safer births.

Soap

To wash the birth attendant's hands and the mother's perineum

Sterile blade

To cut the umbilical cord cleanly and reduce the risk of newborn sepsis and tetanus

Cotton ties

To tie the newborn's umbilical cord



Gloves

Help to stop the spread of infection during childbirth

Gauze

To wipe clear the baby's eyes and to clean the mother's perineum prior to giving birth

Plastic sheet

To prevent the mother and newborn from coming into contact with the ground or unhygienic surface

KIT DISTRIBUTION

- Our Clean Birth Kits are distributed in Africa, South Asia and Papua New Guinea
- Kits are provided FREE to approved Field Partners who integrate the kits into their existing health initiatives.
- Kits have the most impact in settings where a larger % of mortalities are attributed to unclean births.



MATERNAL HEALTH IN FOCUS



- Maternal mortality has fallen by 37% since 2000.
- In Eastern Asia, Northern Africa and Southern Asia, mortality has declined by around two thirds. However, the maternal mortality ratio (the proportion of mothers that do not survive childbirth compared to those who do) in developing regions, is still 14 times higher than in the developed regions.
- More women are receiving antenatal care. In developing regions, antenatal care increased from 65 per cent in 1990 to 83 per cent in 2012.
- Fewer teens are having children in most developing regions, but progress has slowed. The need for family planning is slowly being met for more women, but demand is increasing at a rapid pace.

SOURCE: [United Nations Sustainable Development](#)

STORY OF CHANGE



“Blessing is a 19 year-old Zimbabwe woman who lives with her in-laws while her husband works away in South Africa to earn money for their family. She arrived at hospital by donkey car, a 1.5 hour ride, to deliver her first baby.

The labour went well and the family was so thankful that the financial burden of travelling 3 hours to town to acquire birthing items was taken away from them and they were able to welcome this little life into their family”.

HOW KITS ARE MADE



This year our global partnerships have impacted the lives of over 630,000 people.

BY AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS

Over 19,000 volunteers come together each year to fundraise and assemble Clean Birth Kits as part of large-scale community events, or smaller "Kits at Home" events.

THROUGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

To meet the global demand for kits, we are working with disability provider, Orana, to help assemble extra kits for our global partners. Every kit packed makes a difference to a person living with a disability, and a mother in need.

IN-COUNTRY PARTNERSHIPS

KIT International works with selected partners to fund the procurement and assembly of Clean Birth Kits in-country. This model helps to create livelihoods for local girls and women.

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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it's the only thing that ever does.*

–Margaret Mead

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OTHER WAYS TO HELP



- Host a kit packing event with friends and family. Our events make a wonderful alternative to a traditional baby shower celebration.
- Support KIT International through general fundraising
- Nominate KIT International as a charity of choice in your workplace
- Leave a gift in your Will
- Become a member

Visit our website to learn more and get involved:

kit.org.au



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VISION

"A transformed world for women and girls."