



Zonta Birthing Kit Project

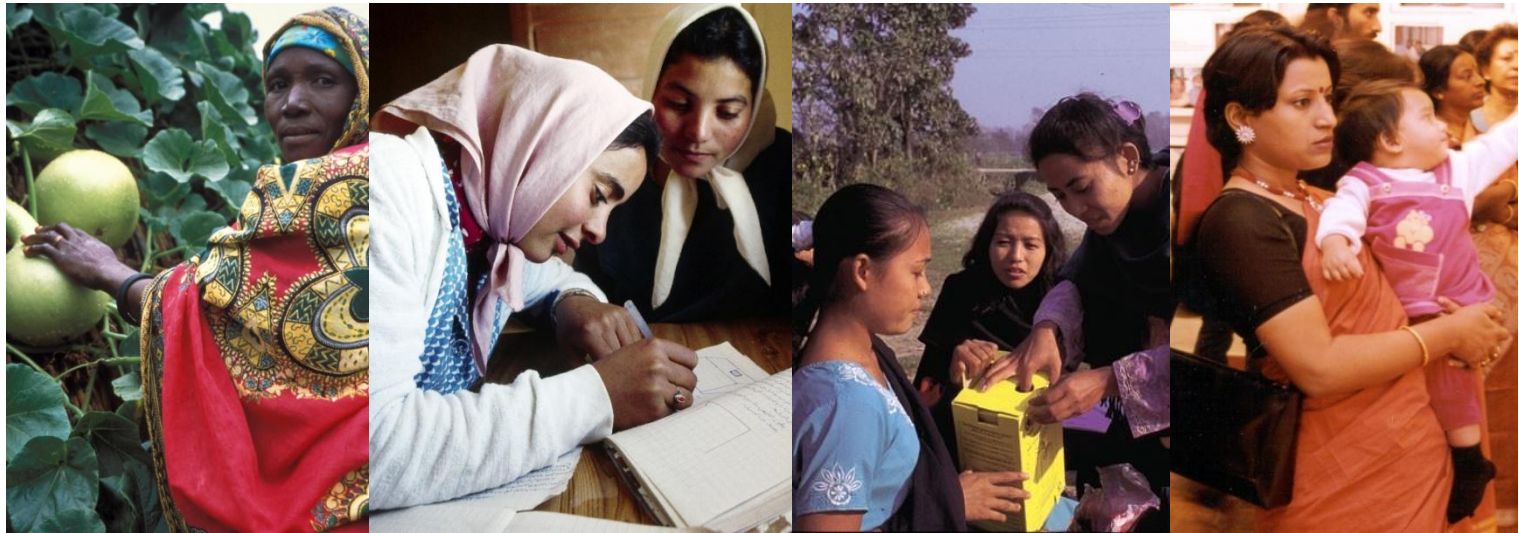
“The elimination of infant and maternal mortality from infection acquired during childbirth, by the provision of a clean birthing environment”





Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



Over 1,250 Clubs in 67 Countries

Almost 33,000 Members



Birthing Kit Project History

- Dr. Joy O'Hazy, a Zonta member, attends the **4th World Conference for Women, Beijing 1995**
- Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills researches and puts together **100 trial kits** in 1999 and sends them to PNG
- The Birthing Kit initiative is accepted as a **District 23 Service Project** at the 2003 Conference
- With the support of District 24, the Birthing Kit Project becomes a **National Service Project** and receives AusAID support in 2004



Organisations working with Zonta



Include:

· **CNCF (Christina Noble Children's Foundation)**

· **MSIF (Marie Stopes International Foundation)**

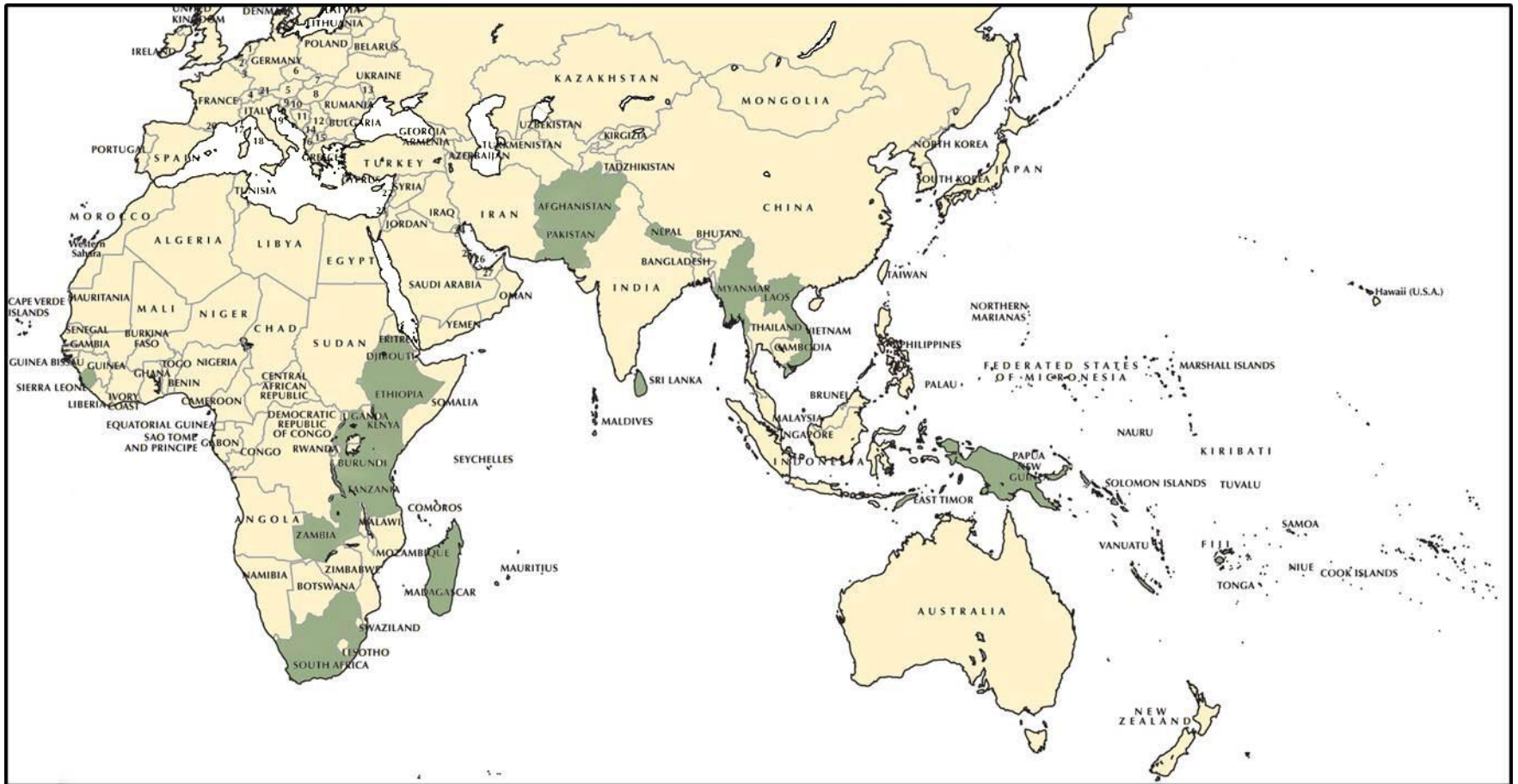
· **Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital Ethiopia**

· **Alola Foundation East Timor**

· **OPAL (Overseas Pharmaceutical Aid for Life)**



Kit Distribution





Assembly Days



- Members, family, friends and potential members assemble the kits
- Previous Assembly Days have seen 60 volunteers assemble 2,000 Birthing Kits in 3 hours
- Local schools also have Assembly Days
- Over 80 Zonta Clubs Australia-wide are already involved or planning an upcoming Assembly Day



Why make a Birthing Kit?

- 120 million women give birth each year
- Over 525,000 women die each year as a result of childbirth
- 99% occur in developing countries
- For every death, 30 more women (approximately 15 million each year) suffer injury, infection or disease
- 1 woman dies every minute in childbirth or from complications



**The Birthing Kit Foundation
(Australia) is trying to reduce
these horrific statistics
through education
programmes and the supply
of clean birthing kits.**



A basic birthing kits consist of 7 items

1m x 1m plastic sheet for the mother to lie on (to prevent mother and baby coming in to contact with the ground)



2 gloves (to prevent the attendant transmitting germs to mother and baby)



A piece of soap (for washing and drying the stumps to prevent infection and to prevent transmission of germs to mother and baby)



**4 gauze squares (to wipe secretions
from the babies eyes and the
mother's perineum)**



3 cord ties (for clean ties for the umbilical cord and to prevent bleeding for mother and baby)



Sterile scalpel blade (for a clean cut of the umbilical cord)



***All the above are contained in a
small press seal plastic bag.***



The Birthing Kit



The finished pack



*“Every woman has the right to a
clean and safe childbirth”*

Website for Birthing Kit Foundation Australia

www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au

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The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) is an organisation dedicated to improving the conditions for women who give birth at home in developing countries.

"Every 90 seconds, a woman dies of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth"

With an estimated 385,000 women dying annually in childbirth, many from infections acquired during childbirth, there is a great need for our clean birthing kits.

Most women we assist for reasons of isolation, cultural choice or poor transport have little or no assistance during childbirth. Many mothers and babies die from preventable infections. By providing a clean birthing kit and training in how to use it, these mothers will have the resources to reduce infection.

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Training Programmes



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