MOI SURGERY REPORT - 30 CHILDREN WITH HYDROCEPHALUS AND SPINA BIFIDA



27TH OCTOBER 2026

PROJECT CATEGORY: HEALTH

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LALJI FOUNDATION & BARAKA FOUNDATION

Committed to Community Development,

Project Category – Health – Spina bifida and hydrocephalus

Ilala District, Dar es Salaam Region,

Date: 27TH October, 2026,

Venue: Muhimbili Orthopeadic Institute Hospital, Dar es Salaam. (MOI)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lalji Foundation is a charitable organization committed to improving the quality of life of vulnerable and underserved communities across Tanzania. The Foundation works towards building an inclusive society by empowering individuals and communities to become economically self-reliant through education, healthcare support, skills development and financial assistance.

Through its various humanitarian initiatives, Lalji Foundation supports children, women, people with disabilities and disadvantaged families. Its key areas of intervention include providing educational support to orphans, improving access to clean and safe water, supporting healthcare services, sponsoring medical treatments and surgeries, and promoting economic empowerment among women and vulnerable groups.

Baraka Foundation is a charitable organisation registered in Canada committed to supporting vulnerable individuals and improving the well-being of communities through humanitarian and social development initiatives. The Foundation believes in creating positive change by supporting people facing social, economic and health-related challenges, with particular attention to those who cannot easily access essential services.

Through its charitable activities and partnerships, Baraka Foundation contributes to initiatives that improve access to healthcare and provide assistance to individuals and families in need. Its support focuses on making essential medical services more accessible, particularly for vulnerable children requiring specialised treatment.

In collaboration with **Lalji Foundation, Baraka Foundation** is supporting surgical operations for **30 children** diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) in Dar es Salaam. This partnership aims to reduce the financial burden on families and ensure that affected children receive the necessary medical attention and surgical care.

Through this collaboration, Baraka Foundation demonstrates the importance of partnerships in addressing healthcare challenges and improving the lives of vulnerable children. Its contribution reflects a shared commitment to compassion, humanity and creating better opportunities for children to live healthier and more dignified lives.

Spina Bifida is a congenital condition that occurs when a baby's spine and spinal cord do not develop properly during pregnancy. It develops when the neural tube, which forms the brain and spinal cord, fails to close completely in the early stages of pregnancy. This condition can result in damage to the spinal cord and nerves, leading to physical disabilities such as difficulty walking, weakness or paralysis of the legs, and problems controlling bladder and bowel functions.

Hydrocephalus is a medical condition characterised by an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within the brain's ventricles. This causes the spaces in the brain to enlarge and may increase pressure on surrounding brain tissues. The condition can occur before birth, at birth or during childhood. Children with Hydrocephalus may experience an enlarged head, persistent headaches, vomiting, vision difficulties, developmental delays and other neurological complications.

Both Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus require timely medical assessment, specialised treatment and continuous follow-up care. Surgical intervention can help prevent serious complications, protect neurological functions and improve the affected children's health and development.

General Statistics approximately 7,500 cases of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus are reported annually in Tanzania. This estimated 60% of affected children lose their lives due to inadequate access to appropriate care and treatment. These figures are reported estimates rather than figures from a comprehensive national surveillance system

Patrick Zabron Majala, Medical Officer representative at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI), commended Lalji Foundation and Baraka Foundation for their valuable contribution towards supporting children diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. He explained that these conditions require specialised medical attention and, in many cases, surgical intervention to prevent complications and improve children's quality of life. He noted that the cost of treatment can be a major challenge for families, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Ms. Sofia Nasson, community development officer at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI), expressed her appreciation to Lalji Foundation and Baraka Foundation for their generous support towards sponsoring surgeries for children diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. She highlighted that the initiative brings hope to families who struggle to afford specialised medical treatment for their children.

Ms. Judith kahatano, projects coordinator, Lalji Foundation said that supporting children diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus is part of the Foundation's commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable children and ensuring that financial challenges do not prevent them from accessing essential medical treatment. She explained that, through the collaboration with Baraka Foundation, Lalji Foundation is proud to contribute towards sponsoring surgical procedures at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI), giving affected children an opportunity to receive specialised care and improve their quality of life and emphasised the importance of raising awareness about the prevention of birth defects,

particularly Spina Bifida, through proper maternal health education and the use of folic acid before and during early pregnancy.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that children diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus receive specialised medical treatment and surgical services.
- To support families who cannot afford the high costs of surgical procedures and related medical care.
- To help affected children achieve better health outcomes, physical development and improved daily functioning.
- To facilitate timely surgical intervention and reduce the risk of serious complications associated with these conditions.
- To provide hope and relief to parents and guardians facing emotional and financial challenges while caring for affected children.
- To promote collaboration between charitable organisations and medical institutions in addressing healthcare challenges.
- To encourage community education on maternal health, early diagnosis and the importance of folic acid supplementation before and during early pregnancy to reduce the risk of neural tube defects.
- To ensure that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have opportunities to receive essential specialised healthcare regardless of their families' financial circumstances.

3. EVENT OVERVIEW

Parameter	**Details**
Location:	Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute
Preparation Date:	17th August 2026 – 27th October 2026
Handover Date:	27th October 2026
Target Group:	Children - Spina bifida and Hydrocephalus

Organized by Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute

4. PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

S/N	Partner/ Stakeholders	Role/ Contribution
1.	Lalji Foundation	Project/Donor
2.	Baraka Foundation	Donor
3.	MOI – Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute	Project

5. OUTCOMES & IMPACT

SN	Key Indicators	Number of beneficiaries
1.	Children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus	30
	TOTAL	**30**

6. BUDGET & EXPENDITURE

SN	ITEMS	BUDGETED (TZS)	EXPENDITURE
1.	Surgeries - MOI	10,000,000/=	8,000,000
2.	Additional MOI surgeries		2,000,000
3.	Photographer and Media		100,000
	TOTAL		**10,100,000**

7. CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

- Surgeries and specialised medical care for children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus are expensive, making treatment difficult for families with limited financial resources.
- Some children are diagnosed at an advanced stage due to limited awareness and inadequate early screening services.

- Many parents and guardians cannot afford surgery, medication, hospital expenses and other related medical costs.
- Access to specialised healthcare professionals and advanced medical facilities remains a challenge for some patients.
- Families travelling from distant regions face challenges covering transport, accommodation and other expenses while seeking treatment at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI).
- Children require regular medical follow-ups, rehabilitation and continuous monitoring after surgery, which can be challenging for families.
- Limited public awareness about spina bifida, hydrocephalus and the importance of folic acid during pregnancy contributes to delayed prevention and early intervention.
- Parents and caregivers experience emotional stress and anxiety when caring for children with these conditions.

8. IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT

- The project has enabled children from financially disadvantaged families to access specialised surgical treatment at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) without placing the full financial burden on their parents or guardians.
- The surgeries provide children with an opportunity to improve their health, mobility, physical development and overall quality of life.
- The financial support from Lalji Foundation and Baraka Foundation has relieved parents and guardians of the high costs associated with specialised medical procedures.
- Timely surgical intervention helps reduce the risk of certain complications associated with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, depending on each child's condition.
- The project has given affected children and their families renewed hope, encouragement and confidence for a better future.
- The partnership has supported MOI in providing specialised surgical services to children who might otherwise struggle to access treatment.

- By supporting children with these medical conditions, the project contributes to building a more inclusive society where every child has an opportunity to access healthcare and reach their potential.
- The collaboration between Lalji Foundation, Baraka Foundation and MOI demonstrates the importance of partnerships in addressing healthcare challenges and improving community well-being.

9. MEDIA COVERAGE

SN	Platform	Details	Type
1.	Television	IBN TV	Events news features
2.	Social media & Blogs	▪ Instagram ▪ Facebook ▪ YouTube	Photos, live and updated News paper

10. CONCLUSION

The surgical support provided by Lalji Foundation and Baraka Foundation to 30 children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) reflects the foundations' shared commitment to improving the well-being of vulnerable children and strengthening access to specialised healthcare in Tanzania. This initiative has brought hope to families who could not afford the high costs of medical treatment and has given the children an opportunity for better health and an improved quality of life. Beyond the financial contribution, the project demonstrates the importance of compassion, partnership and collective responsibility in addressing healthcare challenges within society.

Lalji Foundation and Baraka Foundation need to continue this collaboration with MOI to help more Children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus improve their overall quality of life.

11. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

PATIENTS TREATED UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF LALJI FOUNDATION AND BARAKA FOUNDATION AT MUHIMBILI ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE (MOI)

S/No.	Name	Sex
1	Felicity Albert Ngonyani	F
2	Maulid Daud Boniface	M
3	Naifat Juma Shabani	F
4	Princes Elia Manyala	F
5	Magreth Abas Joseph	M
6	Doreen Chesco	F
7	Farhan Yusuph Bakari	M
8	Mariam Daud Nyansinge	F
9	Emmanuel Denis Elias	M
10	Shinje Muluda Mihayo	F
11	Ivan casto prosper	M
12	Shukurani M Ahamada	M
13	Audashian Lusajo Kunyumba	
14	Suhayna S. Ngozi	F
15	Trecious Nice Maheng	F
16	Kalvin Robert Lyimo	M
17	Shedrack J Said	M
18	Gabriel Samson Emanuel	M
19	Greyson Godfrey Ayana's	M
20	Nelson Godfrey Damas	M
21	Lisar j Nambhopa	F
22	Henry s Fabiano	M
23	Benson I rugambwa	M
24	Onana nkuva	M
25	Brania K Kipareni	F
26	Sumaiyah S alli	F
27	Swalehe O nwajuma	M
28	Darwesh M Issa	M
29	Mursal a Mbogo	M
30	Henry r Matthias	M

United Republic of Tanzania

Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute

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	LALJI FOUNDATION
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	Service charge of medical bills for NSSF and Self pay patients- MOI
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	:Total Billed Amount : 8,000,000.00 (TZS)
	Eight Million Tanzanian Shilling And Zero Cent(s) Only
	23-Oct-2020
	josephine henry shija
	:MOI HQ
	: josephine henry shija
	23-Sep-2020

SCAN & PAY by M-PESA or TIGO-PESA APPs

Jinsi ya Kulipa:

1. Kupitia Benki : Fika tawi lolote au wakala wa benki ya NMB, CRDB, NBC, TPB, BOT, AZANIA. Namba ya kumbukumbu: **995730867039**
2. Kupitia Mitandao ya Simu
   - Ingia kwenye menyu ya mitandao yaako
   - Chagua 4 (Lipa Bili)
   - Chagua 5 (Malipo ya Serikali) Ingiza **995730867039** kama namba ya kumbukumbu

How To Pay:

1. Via Bank: Visit any branch or bank agent of NMB, CRDB, NBC, TPB, BOT, AZANIA. Reference Number:**995730867039.**
2. Via Mobile Network Operators (MNO):
   - Enter to the respective USSD Menu of MNO
   - Select 4 (Make Payments)
   - Select 5 (Government Payments) Enter **995730867039** as reference number

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Exchequer Receipt

Receipt No	: 926267487359388
Customer Control Number	: 995730867039
Received from	: LALJI FOUNDATION
Amount	: 8,000,000.00
Amount in words	: 8 Million 00 only

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:Total Paid Amount **: 8,000,000.00 (TZS)**

Bill Reference	: GWX103492771943
SP Payment Ref	: 926267487359388
Payment Date	: Sep 24, 2026
Printed by	: GePG App
Printed Date	: 25-09-2026
Signature	: .....

12. PHOTOS HIGHLIGHTS





Ms. Sofia Nasson, community development officer at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI)





Ms. Judith kahatano, projects coordinator, Lalji Foundation



Patrick Zabron Majala, Medical Officer representative at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI),