

# The Oda Foundation Birthing Center Project

**Project Background** - Mahabai Rural Municipality lacks a safe space for pregnant women to give birth, for families to seek out family planning counseling, and for pre- and post-natal care to be provided. Mahabai's elected officials approached the Oda Foundation, requesting it to use its preexisting medical campus and staff to construct and operate a birthing center for the Mahabai community.

## Public Partnership

### National Level

Ministry of Health has contributed one-third of the estimated construction costs

### Local Level

Rural Municipality has appointed two midwives and one doctor to join Oda's healthcare team

## Project Highlights

### Access

Neonatal and birthing services will no longer be an arduous 2+ hour hike and 1 hour drive away.

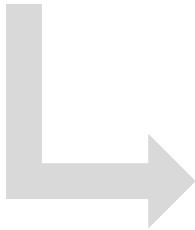
### Sustainable Building

The birthing center will serve as the first rammed earth building in Kalikot, allowing stakeholders exposure to a new building technique that is earthquake resistant, naturally heated and cooled, all while utilizing locally available inputs.



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- 50% of the rammed earth walls are vertical
- Recently returned migrant laborers from India have found work in our wall construction phase
- Expected challenges moving forward include: closing funding gap, reliable woodwork for windows, securing solar power from government partners



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## Future Timeline

