

What are some of the common conditions of the babies?

1. Premature infants weighing less than 1 kilogram
2. Malnourished
3. Abused
4. Orphaned with no relations to care for them
5. Abandoned, but healthy
6. Babies whose families are unable to care for their needs

Where do the babies come from?

Our babies come to us from a number of different referral sources such as hospitals, police, child protection units, good Samaritans or other homes and organisations.

They have been found in pit latrines (toilets), garbage dumps, under trees, bushes or banana plantations, buckets of water and on doorsteps.

Even if a baby did not come to us from government officials, we are legally able to provide immediate care for them while we pursue the necessary reports and the custody documents are processed.

How is the home set up?

Each of the homes is located within close proximity of established infrastructure such as water and electricity. We endeavour to ensure that each compound is lush and green so that there is ample space for playing in the sun.

The home in downtown Kampala acts as more of a reception centre and neonatal unit for those babies with more complex challenges, while the one at Suubi village cares for the older and healthier babies, preparing them for transition into a children's village or with existing family.

Each facility is set-up for the holistic care of the babies. A nanny is assigned to the babies and will remain their primary caregiver for the duration of their time at Baby Watoto. This helps them learn to bond and reduces attachment issues later in life.

Each nanny cares for two to four babies, depending on the age and type of care required. When they move to the Watoto villages as toddlers, their group will remain together (in one or two adjoining houses) and the nanny will accompany them to ease the transition into their permanent families.

Our nannies and volunteers work in two shifts (day and night). We also employ staff to clean, process laundry and cook fresh baby food.

If you'd like to get involved with Baby Watoto either through [sponsorship](#), [donations](#) or by [visiting/volunteering](#) at one of our homes, please click on the links provided.

To help us raise awareness and support for these precious babies right where you are, download our Baby Watoto toolkit [here](#).