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Donations from local companies bring comfort and meet vital needs in Uganda

A shipping container filled with soft organic flannel baby blankets and new clothing is being unpacked in Uganda now, having made the voyage half way around the world from Seattle. The donated items will bring comfort to moms and babies in rural maternity clinics and meet the needs of refugees in displacement camps.

The infant receiving blankets, along with additional bolts of fabric, were donated by Swaddle Designs, a Seattle company that makes high quality baby blankets coveted by moms and celebrities alike.

"Newborns need to be protected," said Susan Talbot with World Concern. "These blankets will make them feel secure and loved."

The blankets and fabric will be distributed by World Concern through its partner organization, Pilgrim Africa, and will soon be wrapped around newborns in remote bush areas during outreach visits.

The shipment also contained 10,000 articles of new clothing from Tukwila-based ExOfficio, worth a quarter million dollars, which will be given to Ugandan refugees with the greatest need—many of whom have nothing. Included among those receiving clothing are former child soldiers who face years of emotional healing and are struggling to rebuild their lives after being forced into war.

World Concern strives to support, not disturb, local economies. Those assisted by these donations are identified as people who would not otherwise be able to purchase goods in the open marketplace.

World Concern is grateful to companies like Swaddle Designs and ExOfficio for their generous gifts that will have far reaching effects and meet such practical needs of suffering people.

For more information on donating to World Concern, please visit www.worldconcern.org.

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