

Friends Women's Association

SEPTEMBER 2021 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

In the month of September 2021, Friends Women’s Association has continued to apply Covid-19 restrictions at Ntaseka Clinic for both the staff and the beneficiaries’ protection.

On September 18, 2021, there was a meeting for both FWA executive committee and FWA founders’





Under the support of Segal Family Foundation, there was capacity building for two people from FWA on how to post monthly reports on FWA website.



ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

In the month of September 2021, medical follow-up and home visits were done for our HIV positive people. One meeting was done on September



Maternity Ward Building

In the month of September, Quakers from both the United States and Canada had donated for the maternity ward completion.

Improving Women’s Reproductive Health (IWRH)

FWA community health workers and FWA staff have continued to educate men, women and young people on the importance of family planning.

Rape Survivors’ Support (RSS)

In the month of September, the Rape Survivors Support program had three activities: a trauma healing workshop on September 14-16; three modules (6, 7, and 8) of the Street Business School (Business Planning, Growing Your Customer Base and Money Management), the creation and the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and income generating activities.

“I am an orphan, I have only one brother who had refused me to marry my husband but I was so in love that nothing could stop me. He married me poor but after a while he got rich, what triggered the hatred against me; I have twice given birth to children who died. He and his family told me that I am a witch that I did not even have pity on my own children. He built a big house but he refused that I live in it; he rented a two-bedroom house; his room and my room. He told me that there will be no more sex between him and me. One day he burned his clothes despite their value because I washed them. He was such a kind of man who comes home; you say welcome and he beats you. He called me all bad words, he beat me to see that I can leave him but the aunts told me to persevere. I think

also that the separation is to be looser. I had a pregnancy. Indeed, despite her decision not to have sex with me; there were times that he came into my room. On the day of my birth he did not want to go with me to the hospital. I gave birth to a boy; when he heard that he is a boy, he came to see me with a lot of things for the baby and I was came back home in his car. After a month, he took everything that we had in the house, he beat me a lot. He told me to leave him to marry another woman because when I am on this village according to him no girl can accept him. The local leaders came to intervene but he told them that he did not want me again.

I came to Bujumbura with my child. I try to survive by myself with a small business. My husband returned home poor 3 years after marrying four women but the past week he kicked me out I left my children. He uses to lock my child the whole day in the house without eating anything. This hurts me in my heart even more than anything.”



A Group photo after a three-day trauma healing workshop





Photo For Street Business School

The Self-Help Groups have continued to meet once a week. At the end of September 2021, we had a total of 145 SHGs in Kamenge, Bujumbura Mairie province for a total of 3438 women and 25 SHGs for 613 women in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province.

,mm,Our income generating activities continue. The handmade baskets project by young girls has continued at our FWA office. Two SHGs in Nyabiraba have harvested potatoes. The first harvest was done on September 17, 2021. The second one was done on September 28, 2021. We had planted 210 kg of potatoes. We have harvested 2200kg or 2.2 Tons.

The first harvest on September 17, 2021





The second harvest on September 28, 2021







ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of September 2021, follow up of the GBV accompanists who attended the last three-day retreat was done. Their written reports were collected.

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctor consulted with 59 cases, including 19 adults (10 men and 9 women), 12 children (10 boys and 9 girls), 28 HIV positive people and 9 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 207 patients including 169 adults and 38 children.

LABORATORY

In September 2021, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 206 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	49	16	33
Quick malaria test	34	7	27
ECBU Urine test	8	6	2
Selles Stool test	19	18	1
Pregnancy	34	13	21
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	29	21	8
Glycémie Diabetes	14	9	5
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	7	0	7
Complete Blood Count	8	5	3
Hepatitis B	3	0	3
Hepatitis C	1	0	1
Viral Load	0	0	0
Total Tests: 206			

FAMILY PLANNING

363 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 221 old cases and 119 new ones. 262 received the contraceptive injection, 55 were given contraceptive pills, 31 received male condoms, two received collar, and 13 received implants.

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In September 2021, 23 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 7 who came for PNC 1, 10 for PNC 2 and 4 for PNC 3 and 2 for PNC 4.

9 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of September 2021, we had 330 patients under retro drugs followed at NTASEKA clinic, including 267 women and 63 men.

PHARMACY

Regarding medications, FWA was able to purchase the minimum needed medicine.

PSYCHOSOCIAL TEAM

In the month of September 2021, 49 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Of these 49, there were 36 women and 13 men, and all the three people detected HIV positive were women with 8% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	49
Total Number of Women Tested:	36
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	73%
Average Age:	31
Median Age:	32
Total HIV+ :	3
Total HIV- :	46
Number of Women HIV+ :	3
Total % Seropositivity:	6%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	8%