

Friends Women's Association

JANUARY 2022 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

In the month of January, Friends Women's Association has continued to apply covid restrictions at Ntaseka Clinic for both the staff and the beneficiaries' protection.

The Burundian Alliance for the Family Welfare made a donation to the Ntaseka Clinic. This donation consisted of drugs generally used by pregnant women in case of illness or certain complications.



ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

In the month of January, medical follow-up and home visits were done for our HIV positive people.

Maternity Ward Building

In the month of January, under the support of the Global Giving Foundation, seat toilets, showers and sinks have been installed in our new building. The second staircase was done as well.



Improving Women's Reproductive Health (IWRH)

FWA community health workers and FWA staff have continued to educate men, women on the importance of birth control. Two discussion groups were done, including one for pregnant women and another one for young girls.





Rape Survivors' Support (RSS)

In the month of January, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: one trauma healing workshop for GBV perpetrators, the creation, the supervision and the evaluation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

"I have been an unhappy person since my childhood. I didn't bury my father: He left the house as usual but he hasn't returned. My mother died when I was at school, they were hidden me that she died. I had hatred against my sisters and brothers; I spent a month without eating well or sleeping. It was Catholic monks who helped me to be able to sleep.

It was in 1993 during the war and I took refuge in a camp, the soldiers wanted to rape me but a refugee leader hid me in a prison and He helped me to go to Bujumbura because almost all the girls in this camp were pregnant because of the rapes by the soldiers.



In Bujumbura I was in the Rohero quarter where I did not leave the house. There was a boy who wanted to marry me in the village but I had refused. He tried to see me but in vain. He made a conspiracy with one girl who just asked me to visit her and I found myself with the boy in the house.

He raped me and made me his wife by force; I tried to look for the house where I lived in vain because I didn't know where to go. I tried to flee but where could I go? I was completely lost.

It was hard to accept this horror. I didn't want to be his wife and he looked ways to hurt me; he beat me, he brought other women to my house and they used to have sex in front of my eyes. I got pregnant and I calmed down.

When I gave birth, he didn't give me anything to eat while I was still staying at the hospital. He sent someone with transportation fees to go back home. Arriving home I wanted alcohol only to forget my situation. I was sleeping with alcohol.

I left this man being tired after two years. I wanted to start all over again; I became a woman who loves prayer and I had another boy who loved me very much. We were preparing our wedding but another man ruined everything. He told me: "if you don't marry me I will kill you". I thought it was a joke but he killed my fiancé and he told this to me. He married me by force and I was afraid because it was during the war period. He taught me to take drugs, we spent the night at the cabaret, and He used to beat me and insulting me....

Now, I'm alone with my children but I'm not psychologically stable sometimes I don't wash myself. There are dates when I cannot wash me, comb my hair or see if clothing that I am wearing is suitable. I suffer so much in my heart; I no longer have any hope of living.

But really this training relieved me. I was able to cry and on the third day of the training I was able to wash myself. I ask to continue to help me to heal because it is not easy for me."

The Self-Help Groups have continued to meet once a week. At the end of January 2022, we had a total of 149 SHGs in Kamenge, Bujumbura Mairie province for a total of 3538 women and 30 SHGs for 738 women in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province.

ABOUT NEW SHG				
No	Name of SHG	Month of creation	Member Number	Created by
1	SONGA MBERE B(at Kinama)	January	25	Isabelle
2	AGASEKE (at Kinama)	January	25	Isabelle
3	TURIME TWIMBURE	January	25	Languide
4	ABAGENZI	January	25	Claire
5	ZIGANYA	January	25	Claire
6	DUZIKIVI	January	25	Laetitia
7	TUGIRURUKUNDO	January	25	Claire
SHG Total Number:		149		

SHGs Evaluation

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
2	Total money saved	9	24,662,300
3	Total Credit granted	9	32,347,900
4	Total interest	9	21,244,500
5	People who didn't paid	9	7
6	Total money not refunded	9	605,000

As the table above shows, in the month of January the evaluation shows the following results;

- Savings: 24,662,300 **BIF**
- Credits granted: 32,347,900 **BIF**

- Interest generated : 21,244,500 BIF
- People who have not paid back : 7
- Total money not refunded : 605,000 BIF

Classification of SHG

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
7	2	0	9

After evaluation it was found that 7 SHGs are active and 2 SHGs are less active

ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of January, there was production of the December 2021 public event report through a short video.

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctor consulted with 46 cases, including 12 adults (1 man and 11 women), four children (2 boys and 2 girls), 21 HIV positive people and 9 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 233 patients including 158 adults and 75 children.

January 25-29, 2022 was a mother-child week. Ntaseka clinic was one of the vaccination centers as usual. We had a total of 2364 children and 132 pregnant women. Among the 2364 children, 1260 children were given Vitamin A and Albendazole, 326 were given praziquantel, 778 children were vaccinated against measles and rubella. 132 pregnant women were given Albendazole.



LABORATORY

In the month of January, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 225 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	87	32	55
Quick malaria test	26	18	8
ECBU Urine test	4	3	1
Selles Stool test	17	17	0
Pregnancy	34	11	23
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	25	16	9
Glycémie Diabetes	6	4	2
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	20	0	20
Complete Blood Count	3	2	1
Hepatitis B	1	0	1
Hepatitis C	2	0	2
Viral Load	0	0	0
Total Tests: 225			

FAMILY PLANNING

544 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 330 old cases and 214 new ones. 387 received the contraceptive injection, 87 were given contraceptive pills, 63 received male condoms, and 7 received implants.

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In January, 48 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 20 who came for PNC 1, 15 for PNC 2, 9 for PNC 3 and 4 for PNC 4.

9 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of January, 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 January, 91 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of the five people detected HIV positive, three were women with 5% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	91
Total Number of Women Tested:	70
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	77%
Average Age:	27
Median Age:	25
Total HIV+ :	5
Total HIV- :	86
Number of Women HIV+ :	3
Total % Seropositivity:	5%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	4%