

Friends Women's Association

SEPTEMBER 2022 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

In the month of September 2022, Friends Women’s Association has continued to apply covid restrictions restrictions at Ntaseka Clinic for both the staff and the beneficiaries’ protection.

A NEW CAMERA

FWA has finally purchased a very good camera under the support of Segal Family Foundation. It will be useful for both good photos and short video. We will no longer hire someone else to take the pictures when we have a particular event.



Some pictures taken with the new camera:

1. Ntaseka clinic lab technician with Alexandra



2. Some of the FWA staff with Alexandra



On September 26, 2022, Alexandra Buxbaum, a specialist photographer from Chicago, US visited the Friends Women’s Association. The purpose was to take good pictures to support our efforts. Then, we took advantage for her to teach our person in charge of communications (Augustin) how to make good photos when you are inside or outside a building.





Tugire Urukundo young girls Self-help group danced for our special guest on September 26, 2022



The young girls self-help group in charge of clothing styles



Tuzoba Ico twigize self-help group producing handmade baskets

On September 29, 2022 delegates from the ministry of National solidarity, social affairs, human rights and gender visited farms where the FWA will support BATWA Self-help groups to grow potatoes together. They are living at Bubaji hill, Nyabiraba commune in Bujumbura province.



ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

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

Maternity Ward Building

Although we still need medical equipment, we have started to have new born babies at Ntaseka clinic.



A new born at Ntaseka clinic

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 birth control.

Rape Survivors' Support (RSS)

In the month of August, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and evaluation and one trauma healing workshop. At the end of August 2022, we had a total of 154 SHGs in Kamenge, Bujumbura Mairie province for a total of 3638 women and 35 SHGs for 863 women in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province.

1. SHGs

ABOUT NEW SHG				
No	Name of SHG	Month of creation	Member Number	Created by
1.	SANURA	September	25	Isabelle
SHG Total Number:		154		

SHGs Evaluation

As the table shows, in the month September 4 SHGs were evaluated and the result are as follows;

No	Description	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	4	14,764,600
2	Total Credit granted	4	15,337,900
3	Total interest	4	12,760,500
4	People who didn't paid	4	19
5	Total money not refunded	4	1,527,500

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
3	0	1	4

2. HROC Workshop (September 26-28)



In 1993 my family and I took refuge in Rwanda. In 1994 we returned to Burundi, we found our house destroyed and we built a small straw house. We suffered marginalization because we were very poor. They called us “pygmies”. I was 16 years old and I was very touched by this discrimination in my community and I decided to go to the rebellion soldiers.

After war, I was among the demobilized soldiers. I got married to a man and we had 4 children together and then he died.

After his death his family made me suffer the worst; my husband's family took away my 4 children and threw me out because we lived in the family plot. I started drinking a lot of beer to calm myself down.

Now, from morning until night I live in the cabaret; I mean I have become an alcoholic. In this cabaret men use to rape me when they find me drunk. I tried to give up to alcohol but it's stronger than me. Thanks for inviting me to this workshop to have a chance to share my sad story.

ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of September 2022, under the support of Quaker Service Norway (QSN), two groups of GBV survivors who initiated income generating activities were identified to support

their small projects. Both of them will raise pigs. The half-way 2022 reports were produced and sent to QSN.

In the same month of September, FWA has continued to implement the project sponsored by the United Nations Peace Building Fund "Connecting the Global to the Local: Strengthening Women's Leadership for the Localization of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on "Women, Peace and Security". we carried out field visits in all the seven provinces (Bubanza, Cibitoke, Bujumbura, Bujumbura Mairie, Gitega, Makamba and Rumonge) to monitor and evaluate the work done by the Psycho-Social Assistants (PSA) within their various communities. The main objectives were:

- 1. Deepen the notion of trauma healing
- 2. Understand how the workshops have benefited both the PSA and the community
- 3. Understand the challenges encountered by the PSA and the recommendations
- 4. Networking with local government officials and the Family and community development counselors



Group photo at Chez Andre, Bujumbura Mairie



A group photo at CRC RUMONGE

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 178 cases, including 73 adults (45 men and 28 women), 18 children (10 boys and 8 girls), 17 HIV positive people and 70 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 271 patients including 200 adults and 71 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of September, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 292 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	45	12	33
Quick malaria test	39	5	34
ECBU Urine test	15	13	2
Selles nStool test	25	24	1
Pregnancy	54	17	37
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	41	12	29
Glycémie Diabetes	15	4	11
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	6	0	6
Complete Blood Count	21	7	14
Hepatitis B	6	0	6
Hepatitis C	4	0	4
Viral Load	21	1	20
Total Tests: 292			

FAMILY PLANNING

616 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 236 old cases and 380 new ones. 360 received the contraceptive injection, 76 were given contraceptive pills, 50 women received sayana press, 110 received male condoms, 2 received UID and 18 received implants.

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In September, 67 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 20 who came for PNC 1, 21 for PNC 2, 11 for PNC 3 and 15 for PNC 4.

70 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of September, 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, 96 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, two women were detected HIV positive with 2% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	96
Total Number of Women Tested:	78
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	81%
Average Age:	27
Median Age:	24
Total HIV+ :	2
Total HIV- :	94
Number of Women HIV+ :	2
Total % Seropositivity:	2%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	3%

For more photos this is the link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1C0yNRY5w6rZnmPiEbO9EpEwubkUrM6gh>