

Friends Women's Association

FEBRUARY 2023 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

In the month of February 2023, Friends Women's Association has continued to apply covid restrictions at Ntaseka Clinic for both the staff and the beneficiaries' protection.

FWA STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING



On February 18, 2023, a meeting of the FWA Staff took place at Ntaseka Clinic in order to share the November 2022 Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) workshop content. Facilitators were Augustin Harushimana, Marie Claire Kamugisha and Grace Horanimana.

The topics covered are:

- What is UCP
- The principles of UCP
- The strategies of UCP



Testimonies

My name is Claire. We use these principles as the SHGs' leaders. Through this meeting, we have learned clearly what to do and help people with non-violence but what we find is that the leaders of the SHGs need to learn about both these principles and strategies of UCP. Actually, they need to be nonpartisan when there is conflict among SHGs' members and the primacy of local actors as SHGs' members need to find solutions to their own problems.

My name is Consolate. This restitution has helped me to find out that I need the principle of nonviolence when listening and talking to HIV positive people.

The crossing River exercise















One of the medical staff said: *“we have just understood that we must be impartial in our professional life; we must welcome patients well by putting into practice the principles and strategies of UCP and this restitution helps us to understand that we must begin where we are to change things in the community. As the FWA staff, we need to practice these principles in our daily lives.”*

ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

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

With the support of the African Great Lakes Region Consortium, FWA recruited volunteers to deliver capacity building classes to vulnerable children whose first trimester results were not good. They are among the children who benefited from school materials in September 2022.

Maternity Ward Building

Although Ntaseka maternity ward still needs some medical equipment; the hospitalization service is currently functional.

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.

On February 4, 2023, there was a training workshop on how to prepare a cafeteria menu.

a. Training overall objective

Contribute to the improvement of the well-being of the young girl

b. Specific objectives

- Increase the culinary level of the girl;
- Increase social relations among these members;
- Improve the girl socio-economic conditions;
- Improve extended group work strategies.







Rape Survivors' Support (RSS)

In the month of February, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and the Growing Potatoes Project field visit. At the end of February 2023, we had a total of 159 SHGs in Kamenge, Bujumbura Mairie province for a total of 3763 women and 35 SHGs for 863 women in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province.

1. SHG

ABOUT NEW SHG				
No	Name of SHG	Month of creation	Member Number	Created by
1	DUTERATUJIMBERE	February	25	Languide
2	INEZA YACU		25	Claire
3	MATABARO C		25	Languide
4	OMBA		25	Claire
5	GIRUMWETE		25	Languide
SHG Total Number:		159		

Evaluation of the SHGs

As the table shows, in the month February 2023 12 SHGs were evaluated. and the results were as follows;

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	12	12,674,000
2	Total Credit granted	12	9,420,000
3	Total interest	12	5,673,900
4	People who didn't paid	12	18
5	Total money not refunded	12	2,243,000

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
7	2	3	12

2. HROC Workshop (February ,21- 23)

Introduction

In this year the RSS project has expanded its activities in Bubanza, the region of Imbo. The rice harvest period in that locality pushes husbands to look for other wives while abandoning their first ones. This phenomenon where men supposedly become "rich" is observed in Bubanza (in the Western part of Burundi), while women spend their days clearing the fields. This situation pushes women to leave their homes to return to their parental homes.

Story

I spent a year in my marriage without children; that was the reason that my ex-husband mistreated me. He used to come with other girls and had sex in front of me; He forced me to

watch them doing sex. When they finished He forced me to wipe their sex and I did it many time; It didn't affect me because I thought every woman had the worst and I didn't tell to anyone.

It came a time when I was very tired, I left that man and got married to someone worse than the first. Apart of polygamy and physical violence which is simple in our community my husband is a robber: if I buy a cloth for myself or a plate, He sells it, I can't keep anything in my house.

I am a woman who tries to look for the money but He always robs me. Now I have rented a house but I haven't moved yet. I will soon leave him. Thank you for this workshop where I got a chance to talk about myself. Actually, I had a secret: I had planned to kill my husband at night with a little hoe. I can't bear to see him walking around with all the things He's got me endured. Now, I have changed my mind because of this trauma healing workshop.

Photos





Income Generating Activities

Income generating activities have continued. There was field visit for the Growing Potatoes Project initiated by two SHGs in Nyabiraba whose members are from the Batwa ethnic group. Then the potatoes were harvested.



The Potatoes harvest at Mwumba hill, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province















It's the harvest time: 524kg were harvested by the Batwa SHG at Mwumba hill while 582kg were harvested at Bubaji hill. 250kg of potatoes were planted at both the two hills

ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of February 2023, FWA signed with the AFSC a two-year memorandum of understanding for the extension of the project sponsored by the United Nations Peace Building Fund. The title of the project is "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". FWA is an implementing partner of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Again, this project will cover seven provinces of Burundi, including Bubanza, Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura, Cibitoke, Gitega, Makamba and Rumonge.

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 146 cases, including 75 adults (27 men and 48 women), 25 children (17 boys and 8 girls), 17 HIV positive people and 29 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 283 patients including 187 adults and 96 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of February, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 329 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	84	33	51
Quick malaria test	47	11	36
ECBU Urine test	18	15	3
Selles Stool test	17	16	1
Pregnancy	36	9	27
Sero-widal Typhoïd fever	49	28	21
Glycémie Diabetes	11	5	6
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	21	0	21
Complete Blood Count	44	19	25
Hepatitis B	1	0	1
Hepatitis C	1	0	1
Viral Load	-	-	-
Total Tests: 329			

FAMILY PLANNING

430 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 289 old cases and 141 new ones. 289 received the contraceptive injection, 108 were given contraceptive pills, 12 received male condoms, 3 received UID and 18 received implants.

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In February, 42 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 20 who came for PNC 1, 9 for PNC 2, 10 for PNC 3 and 3 for PNC 4.

29 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of February, 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 February, 44 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, one woman was detected HIV positive with 2% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	44
Total Number of Women Tested:	38
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	86%
Average Age:	29
Median Age:	30
Total HIV+ :	1
Total HIV- :	43
Number of Women HIV+ :	1
Total % Seropositivity:	2%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	3%

For more pictures:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1E9xELyqQaurtsS4Salef9kRTdZ-bTfl3?usp=sharing>