

Friends Women's Association

MARCH 2023 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

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

ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

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

With the support of the African Great Lakes Region Consortium, one discussion group was organized for 32 HIV positive people.

Under the support of the African Great Lakes Initiative, 450 kg of maize floor were purchased. 100 Ntaseka clinic HIV positive beneficiaries were given 4,5kg of maize floor.

Maternity Ward Building

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

Under the support of the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC), some medical equipment were purchased.

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.

With the support of the African Great Lakes Region Consortium, there was outreach educational session on sexual transmitted Infections at Kamenge Central Market.

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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 March 11 SHGs were evaluated and the result are as follows;

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	11	10,845,000
2	Total Credit granted	11	8,630,000
3	Total interest	11	3,623,900
4	People who didn't paid	11	9
5	Total money not refunded	11	1,243,000

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
6	3	2	11

2. HROC Workshop (March 20- 21)

"I was traumatized because I couldn't have children in life. I married a man and I always had abortions.

When I had an abortion my husband was not even waiting for me to be healed He used to rape me sexually and the cycle of being pregnant and having abortion began as usual; in 10 years I lived with my husband I had 10 abortions.

He said traumatic words to me because I was not able to give him children. He married another woman. The woman had a child and when He came home he beat me, telling me that I'm worthless.

I was without help even the community pointed the finger at me. I was an unhappy woman who hates herself and who desired death.

At the tenth abortion I decided myself to leave my husband's house because I wanted to die of grief. I have the pain in my heart of not having children. I am old now and I have no one to help me".

We thank you for this rich moment which allows us to say what we have endured in our lives. I will try to do what you told us in this road of healing that we begin.

Recommendation

- A follow up of participant is needed
- An evaluation to measure the impact of HROC on participant is needed
- Participants suggested that their husbands can participate in the training workshop on GBV and positive masculinity

Lessons Learned:

- Many of the participants are victims of domestic violence; they live with their husbands who are actors of their violence which complicates their healing process.
- Economic assistance is urgently needed for participants to exit GBV
- Seen that even the victims tolerates GBV in this community, it is important to raise awareness on this subject.

3. 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.

4. Street Business School

On March 3, 2023, there was graduation of the fourth promotion of Street Business School. 40 women were graduated.

ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of March 2023, in the context of the project "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", seven psychologists and 132 psychologists' assistants have been receiving gender-based violence survivors for both listening and counselling.

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 226 cases, including 115 adults (40 men and 75 women), 29 children (14 boys and 15 girls), 38 HIV positive people and 44 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 353 patients including 233 adults and 120 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of March, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 394 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	110	42	68
Quick malaria test	57	10	47
ECBU Urine test	28	28	0
Selles Stool test	16	16	0
Pregnancy	43	10	33
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	22	4	18
Glycémie Diabetes	18	8	10
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	21	0	21
Complete Blood Count	49	12	37
Hepatitis B	3	1	2
Hepatitis C	2	0	2
Viral Load	15	0	15
Total Tests: 394			

FAMILY PLANNING

704 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 350 old cases and 354 new ones. 386 received the contraceptive injection, 137 were given contraceptive pills, 158 received male condoms, 3 received UID and 20 received implants.

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In March, 51 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 26 who came for PNC 1, 5 for PNC 2, 13 for PNC 3 and 7 for PNC 4.

29 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of March, 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 March, 100 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, one woman was detected HIV positive with 1% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	100
Total Number of Women Tested:	86
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	86%
Average Age:	27
Median Age:	26
Total HIV+ :	1
Total HIV- :	99
Number of Women HIV+ :	1
Total % Seropositivity:	1%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	1%

PHOTOS

1. CARING FOR HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE



Discussion group for HIV Positive people









Nutritional Support for HIV Positive People

2. NTASEKA CLINIC MATERNITY WARD



Twins born at Ntaseka clinic



Ntaseka Clinic Maternity ward new equipment

3. IMPROVING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (IWRH)









5. RAPE SURVIVORS' SUPPORT

a. Self-Help Groups





b. HROC Workshop





c. Income Generating Activities



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

d. Street Business School



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