

# Friends Women's Association

## JUNE 2023 Report

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## COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

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

In the month of June, the FWA national coordinator attended the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) International Programs' Executive Committee (IPEC) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania state.



**From left to right:** Parfaite Ntahuba, Kerry Kennedy (the International Associate of the AFSC General Secretary), Marianne Elias (The AFSC Director of Program Administration) and a group photo



Parfaite Ntahuba with Dick Erstad, the IPEC outgoing clerk

## ACTIVITIES

### Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

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



Under the support of the of the African Great lakes region, vulnerable children are supervised by volunteers through afternoon classes to strengthen their capacities. In the month of May, there was a meeting between FWA health mediator with the parents of the students to discuss about the grades of the students' grades from the two first quarters of the school year.



On June 21, 2023 under the support of AGLI of the FPT there was a meeting with the Ntaseka clinic HIV positive beneficiaries and were given nutritional support. Through the meeting, they shared the income generating activities they want to run together. Some of them are the Growing Rice Project, the Sewing Project and the Mill project. FWA staff has appreciated this great proposition for the sustainability of the Food Insecurity Project.

### **Maternity Ward Building**

Although Ntaseka maternity ward still needs some medical equipment; both the delivery and the hospitalization services are currently functional.



Office tables for the maternity ward were purchased under the support of the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams (FPT)

**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 June, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and two trauma healing workshops at Randa in Bubanza province. At the end of June 2023, we had a total of 159 SHGs in Kamenge, Bujumbura Mairie province for a total of 3763 women and 43 SHGs for 1063 women in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province.

**1. SHGS**

TOTAL SHGs				
No	Name of SHG	Month of creation	Member Number	Created by
<b>SHG Total Number:</b>		<b>159+43=202</b>		

## Evaluation

As the table shows, in the month **June 5 SHGs** made a sharing and the result are as follows;

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	5	17,697,650
2	Total Credit granted	5	13,187.600
3	Total interest	5	5,662,900
4	People who didn't paid	5	38
5	Total money not refunded	5	3,501,700

## Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
1	2	2	5



## 2. SBS

Street Business School is on a mission to end generational poverty by empowering women as entrepreneurs. We equip women living in poverty with the knowledge they need to build sustainable businesses and we empower them to believe in themselves and seize opportunity.

In the month of June, two workshops were done in the execution of the SBS program. The first workshop was based on introduction of the SBS to the participants, the recruitment and the survey with regard to their economic situation.

The second day was devoted to the first Module: “Getting out of your comfort zone” which prompts participants to try something that is new and may be uncomfortable and scary.



### 3. HROC Workshop ( June,26- 27 and June , 29-30)

In the month of **June**, two training workshops were held in Randa Friends church in Bubanza province in the execution of the RSS project.

#### Stories

*“I never tasted love in my marriage. We worked together to get money. I used to spent the day working in our restaurant, when I came home tired, he threw at me traumatic words. He used to tell me that he will kill me one day. Sometimes he showed me the photos of his girlfriend. It was the way to show me that I am useless.*

*He sold the plots of land we had by changing my identity. He removed the photo and put the photo of another woman who signed using my identity.*

*He kicked me out of his house and my family gave me a plot of land where I built a house. I welcomed him into my house, but he wanted me to register him in the papers of my plot and I*

*refused. That's how he left me. He took everything we had in the house and all the equipment we used in the restaurant. He left me with 7 children that I must feed.*

*I want to tell you that my heart bleeds, I'm afraid to stay alone because of the pain. I used to be surrounded by people because the time of loneliness, I live the worst. This training is like a refuge I want to stay here even if it's impossible”.*

*“I got married at 14 because my parents were separated. The family separated us with my mother to see how we can survive. I went to live to my aunt's house where I was not treated well and I decided to get married. As we were very small it was impossible to stay in this marriage; I left this man.*

*The second marriage was the worst because it is difficult for me to have a child; I have already had abortion four times and when I birth, the children die after few days.*

*This is the reason for being mistreated by my husband He always tells me that I came to fill his wash room, that I am a cursed woman...*

*During pregnancy, I am always sick, He doesn't care and when I am hospitalized He does not come to see me.*

*One day I picked up a sum of 25,000BIF in the street and I told him what happened. I told him to accompany me to buy a loincloth because He normally doesn't buy me clothes. After buying the loincloth He accused me that it was another man who gave me this money and he beat me until I regretted it.*

*I have the pain of losing my children with the domestic violence that I live I have no appetite; as you see I am very thin and my husband told me that I am too thin that I do not deserve called his wife”.*



## **ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)**

In the month of June 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. Field visits were organized in Makamba province to identify the Income Generating activities (IGA) Initiated by women which the project will support.



IGA TWEHO KUKI of Nyanza Lac Commune. Their project is the transformation of palm oil and soaps



IGA TWITEZIMBERE of kayogoro. Their project is the pal oil transformation





IGA MUKENYEZI TERIMBERE in Vugizo Commune. Their project is to expanding their sewing project

## **MEDICAL TEAM**

### ***CONSULTATIONS***

Our medical doctors consulted with 131 cases, including 49 adults (16 men and 33 women), 14 children (7 boys and 7 girls), 24 HIV positive people and 44 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 216 patients including 147 adults and 69 children.

### ***LABORATORY***

In the month of June, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 228 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	58	22	36
Quick malaria test	37	21	16
ECBU Urine test	13	11	2
Selles Stool test	12	11	1
Pregnancy	42	14	28
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	26	13	13
Glycémie Diabetes	6	3	3
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	17	0	17
Complete Blood Count	27	16	11
Hepatitis B	0	0	0
Hepatitis C	0	0	0
Viral Load	0	0	0
<b>Total Tests: 228</b>			

### ***FAMILY PLANNING***

603 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 303 old cases and 300 new ones. 519 received the contraceptive injection, 8 were given contraceptive pills, 63 received male condoms, 4 received UID and 9 received implants.

### ***PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)***

In June, 63 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 17 who came for PNC 1, 19 for PNC 2, 20 for PNC 3 and 7 for PNC 4.

44 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

### ***ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE***

At the end of May, 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 June, 22 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, one woman was detected HIV positive with 5% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	22
Total Number of Women Tested:	21
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	95%
Average Age:	29
Median Age:	30
Total HIV+ :	1
Total HIV- :	22
Number of Women HIV+ :	1
Total % Seropositivity:	5%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	5%

For more photos click here :

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