

Friends Women's Association

SEPTEMBER 2023 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

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

As of September 13, 2023, FWA supported 12 vulnerable children with school materials. Each of them received notebooks, a pair of uniform, a briefcase, a pair of shoes, a mathematical box and two pens. Then, on 09/19/2023, FWA gave notebooks to 50 vulnerable children (10 notebooks and a pen per child). Note that 80% of these children have parents who are people living with HIV/AIDS.



Maternity Ward Building

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



FWA Medical team carried out an awareness campaign in the Kamenge Zone, Songa district at the Kamenge Market. The population responded massively to the meeting and more than 1000 people of childbearing age, many women in particular and few men (15 years -49 years) participated in the awareness session held at the Kamenge market

We raised awareness in Mass where there was the sketch performed by the community health workers, the awareness session led by the Midwife with support from the Health District and the questions and answers with prizes for those who gave the good answers



The awareness session was honored by the presence of the Delegate of the Bujumbura North Health District, the delegate of the Songa District Chief, the Secretary of the Kamenge Marche Commissioner, the delegate of the Kamenge Police Station Chief, the head of 10 houses nearby Kamenge Market, Community Health Workers of Ntaseka Clinic, Doctor, Midwives, Nurses and other care providers and support staff of NTASEKA Clinic

- 480 men benefited from male condoms (4800 male condoms)
- 300 gels were given to the women and girls present
- 20 people asked different questions and received answers
- 10 people who answered the questions correctly received different prizes such as soaps, plates, cups, small basin and Loincloth



Rape Survivors' Support (RSS)

In the month of September, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and one trauma healing workshop at Ruvumvu in Bubanza province. At the end of August 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
SHG Total Number:		159+43=202		

Evaluation

As the table shows, in the month **September 1 SHG** made a sharing and the result are as follows;

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	1	7,836,500
2	Total Credit granted	1	6,540,000
3	Total interest	1	4,012,500
4	People who didn't paid	1	3
5	Total money not refunded	1	356,900

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
0	1	0	1

2. SBS

In the month of September we discussed about “Recordkeeping and Bookkeeping”. Participants were able to understand about; what is bookkeeping, what are 3 different kinds of business records, what reasons to keep business records and what are examples of when money comes and goes into a business.

3. HROC workshop (August 28-29)

In the month of September, one trauma healing workshop for victims of GBV was held in Bubanza province at Ruvumvu Friends Church.

Story

“When I was newly married my husband used to bring women into our house. He told me to prepare them something to eat and I did it because of the fear of being beaten. I was told that the wife must bear all the evil that her husband does and I chose to endure and to be quiet but I was dying inside me.

Imagine, I worked alone the whole day, and in the evening I had to prepare something to feed my husband and his girlfriend. Besides that, we slept on the same bed. I endured that too.

One day he brought a very beautiful woman and told me to prepare another room for them. I did it but it destroyed me in my heart.

He married new wives four times in our house. Once, I was at the end of my strength and I appealed to justice so that at least he builds another house for his second woman. He built the house, but He increased the punishments for me and I suffered very much.

I remember that for the fourth wife I accompanied him when he was dating. I told to myself that by doing this I could have peace in my house but in vain.

When my husband died I didn't feel anything, but I felt the burden gone because I had endured too much.

Due to this training, I heard that I am a victim because I see many signs of trauma in my life. It was an opportunity to go back and grieve; I made some decisions for my well-being.”



ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of September, 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. There was also filed visits to evaluate how both psychologists are working together to bring positive impact in their different communities



FWA National coordinator in the office of the psychologist in Bubanza and then the psychologists assistants in Musigati commune, Bubanza province



With the Psychologist's assistants in Mugina, in Mabayi and in Bukinanyana in Cibitoke province



With the Psychologist's assistants in Kabezi and in Mutambu in Bujumbura province



With the Psychologist's assistants in Gitega , in Bugendana and in Mutaho communes in Gitega province

On September 5-7, under the support of Quakers Service Norway, FWA organized a three-day retreat for GBV survivors' accompanists at MIPAREC centre MUGATUTU in Gitega province. They were invited with their spouses to learn about the Maison Fidele approach which is very important for GBV prevention.



Energizer during the training



Special time for married couples





Joy and group photo at the end of the training retreat

In the same month of September, under the support of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, three workshops for GBV violence were organized in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province. The purpose was capacity building for 51 recent elected mediators.



MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 156 cases, including 75 adults (23 men and 32 women), 9 children (5 boys and 4 girls), 27 HIV positive people and 45 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 222 patients including 180 adults and 48 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of September, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 357 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	64	21	43
Quick malaria test	9	3	6
ECBU Urine test	29	23	6
Selles Stool test	20	18	2
Pregnancy	32	9	23
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	59	23	36
Glycémie Diabetes	18	6	12
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	42	4	38
Complete Blood Count	29	11	18
Hepatitis B	24	0	24
Hepatitis C	6	0	6
Viral Load	25	1	24
Total Tests: 357			

FAMILY PLANNING

926 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 269 old cases and 657 new ones. 541 received the contraceptive injection, 70 were given contraceptive pills, 24 received male condoms at Ntaseka clinic while 231 received condoms in the community (These were distributed by Ntaseka clinic community health workers), 4 women received female condoms and 28 received female gel, 3 received UID, 23 received implants, 2 for collar

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In September, 64 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 22 who came for PNC 1, 19 for PNC 2, 10 for PNC 3 and 13 for PNC 4.

45 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, 86 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:	86
Total Number of Women Tested:	69
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	80%
Average Age:	28
Median Age:	28
Total HIV+ :	2
Total HIV- :	84
Number of Women HIV+ :	2
Total % Seropositivity:	2%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	3%

For more photos click here:

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