

Friends Women's Association

NOVEMBER 2023 Report

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COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC

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

The Sewing Project has started: 11 HIV positive beneficiaries are now being trained on sewing. The facilitator is also among Ntaseka clinic HIV positive beneficiaries.



Our HIV positive people were also given nutritional support to face the food insecurity problems





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.

Rape Survivors’ Support (RSS)

In the month of November, the Rape Survivors Support program had different activities: the supervision of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and one trauma healing workshop at Ruvumu in Bubanza province. At the end of November 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		

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

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	1	5,677,900
2	Total Credit granted	1	8,799,800
3	Total interest	1	3,672,700
4	People who didn't paid	1	0
5	Total money not refunded	1	0

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
0	1	0	1

2. HROC Workshop (November 27-29, 2023)

Story

“My name is Emeline. I lost my mother when I was very young and my father married another woman, which was not easy for me because this woman mistreated me and I decided to get married illegally at the age of 15 with the idea of escaping my stepmother's abuse.

Being married too little, I didn't know how to support my husband. I committed many errors; it was always quarrels in our house.

My husband knew how to make me suffer; he used to tell me that I am ugly and I believed that until I hated myself. When he wanted to beat me, I ran into the street. He used to chase me with a stick in his hand; what a shame! What a public humiliation! If I dressed something that he didn't buy, he used to burn it. I have a tooth that turned black because he beat me everywhere and hit me against the wall or everything around him.

That traumatized me until I paid a ticket to throw myself into the Rusizi river in order to end my life but I didn't have the courage to throw myself in. I came back lamenting and crying.

One day I decided to run away to my uncle. When I spent a week there, he acted like fool; he came to my uncle's house, he took off his clothes and shouted that he will not leave the place without me. My family decided to let me go because of shame.

I continued to live in this situation and I had the idea to go to work in Arabian countries. By the grace of God, he didn't know that I was preparing a trip. That day was like deliverance.

When I returned, he was already married with someone else and it was a victory for me because I am free now.

This training was beneficial for me, I found myself in everything you told us, sometimes I can't sleep, I have endless sadness,... when we were able to talk about our situation I felt a little rest in my heart , and I thank you for this initiative."

ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of November, 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 were also field visits to introduce psychologists to the local authorities





On November 27th, 2023, the FWA was represented at the official launch of the 16 days campaign of activism against GBV in Kirundo province.



MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 206 cases, including 80 adults (37 men and 43 women), 15 children (7 boys and 8 girls), 22 HIV positive people and 89 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 475 patients including 319 adults and 156 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of November, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 582 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	158	9	149
Quick malaria test	91	18	73
ECBU Urine test	26	22	4
Selles Stool test	22	17	5

Pregnancy	28	6	22
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	97	44	53
Glycémie Diabetes	14	3	11
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	18	0	18
Complete Blood Count	118	8	110
Hepatitis B	5	0	5
Hepatitis C	5	1	4.
Viral Load	0	0	0
Total Tests: 582			

FAMILY PLANNING

570 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 335 old cases and 235 new ones. 458 received the contraceptive injection, 64 were given contraceptive pills, 31 received male condoms at Ntaseka clinic, 3 received UID and 14 received implants

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In November, 50 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 13 who came for PNC 1, 9 for PNC 2, 16 for PNC 3 and 12 for PNC 4.

89 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of November, 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 November, 75 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, four women out of five were detected HIV positive with 6% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	75
Total Number of Women Tested:	67
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	89%
Average Age:	27

Median Age:	25
Total HIV+ :	5
Total HIV- :	70
Number of Women HIV+ :	4
Total % Seropositivity:	7%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	6%