

# Friends Women's Association

## OCTOBER 2023 Report

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## **COVID-19 AND NTASEKA CLINIC**

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

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

FWA national coordinator attended the Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP)/Accompaniment international gathering in Geneva on October 8 to 12, 2023.

Then she was one of the two keynote speakers at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quaker Service Norway at the Friends Meeting in Oslo, Norway on October 14, 2023.

On October 19-22, 2023, Quaker Peace Network Burundi hosted the Quaker Peace Network Africa gathering at Nonara Beach Resort hotel in Bujumbura, Burundi. Different Quaker peace organizations were represented. They were from eight countries, including Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Norway.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)**

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

One small field was bought for the Food Insecurity program sustainability. Some of the FWA HIV positive beneficiaries, FWA staff, the FWA founders and executive committee members visited the field. It is located at Muyange hill, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura province. After the field visit, the main recommendation from the beneficiaries, staff, FWA founders and executive committee is to buy another field to have a bigger one because of the importance of the program.

### **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 October, 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 October 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		

## 2. HROC workshop ( October 30-Novemembr 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

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

### Story

*“My name is Nicelate, I got married in 2004 and I have 8 children now. When I gave birth to my third child I started to experience the worst in my marriage; my husband married another woman.*

*My husband and I had worked hard to build a business but all was gone because of this woman. I have been imprisoned many times unjustly because I couldn't keep quiet, I was trying to defend myself; I use to speak loudly to claim my rights.*

*My husband's family tells me that I have nowhere to go and it's true because I am an orphan. When he comes home from his second wife, he comes for violence. He doesn't give us anything to eat; I must take care of my children alone; food, clothes, school fees , even if it comes to building our house it's me who has to repair the house.*

*Today my 3 children are no longer in the house, I don't know where they are at this moment. Maybe they have fled the quarrels which are always in our house. This saddens me too much.*

*This training helped me understand what I am experiencing and that if a child grows up in a trauma environment they will grow up traumatized. Now, I will try to protect my children”.*

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

In the month of October, 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 a two-day meeting for this project coordination.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there was a public event to raise awareness against gender-based violence (GBV). This event was organized by the FWA GBV survivors' accompanists. It took

place in Giheta commune, Gitega province. The public event was honoured by two special quests from Quaker Service Norway (QSN)

## **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 249 patients including 183 adults and 66 children.

### **LABORATORY**

In the month of October, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 339 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	72	16	56
Quick malaria test	26	7	19
ECBU Urine test	28	28	0
Selles Stool test	30	26	4
Pregnancy	38	18	20
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	33	13	20
Glycémie Diabetes	15	4	11
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	20	1	19
Complete Blood Count	45	16	29
Hepatitis B	6	0	6
Hepatitis C	6	2	4.
Viral Load	20	1	19
<b>Total Tests: 339</b>			

### **FAMILY PLANNING**

600 people received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 311 old cases and 289 new ones. 446 received the contraceptive injection, 67 were given contraceptive pills, 35 received male condoms at Ntaseka clinic while 30 received condoms in the community (These were distributed by Ntaseka clinic community health workers), 3 received UID and 19 received implants

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

In October., 63 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 18 who came for PNC 1, 21 for PNC 2, 9 for PNC 3 and 15 for PNC 4.

89 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

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

At the end of October, 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 October, 100 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. Out of them, three women were detected HIV positive with 3% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	100
Total Number of Women Tested:	81
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	81%
Average Age:	27
Median Age:	25.5
Total HIV+ :	3
Total HIV- :	97
Number of Women HIV+ :	3
Total % Seropositivity:	3%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	4%

## **PHOTOS**

### **I. The FWA national coordinator in Geneva and in Oslo**



*A group photo after attending the UCP/Accompaniment gathering in Geneva*



***Photo 1:*** From left to the right: Elizabeth, Mel, Parfaite, Georgia

***Photo 2:*** From left to the right: Maryanne, Parfaite and Randy

***Photo 3:*** Small group during the Geneva gathering

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*In Oslo on October 14&15, 2023 at the Norway Friends Meeting*

## **II. QPN Africa Gathering**



**The New QPN Africa leadership including Parfaite Ntahuba as the incoming clerk**



**International panel**



AFSC represented at the gathering by the AFSC Burundi New Country Representative



QSN represented at the gathering



AGLI of the FPT represented at the gathering



GIZ represented at the gathering



MCC visiting during the QPN Africa gathering



Presentation of Peace Initiatives Panel per country

### III.

### CHIVPP



One small field was bought for the Food Insecurity program sustainability. The first picture includes some of the Ntaseka clinic beneficiaries and staff. The second one includes both FWA ecutive committee and the FWA founders. They were visiting the field.

### IV.RSS



A group photo after a three-day HROC workshop

## V. AGBV



*A group photo after the AFSC project coordinating meeting on October 27, 2023*



From left to right: Arnstein Finset (QSN board chair), FWA legal representative and Leo (QSN Board member)







*Threatening his wife*



*Life has now changed with the help of GBV survivors accompanists*



**Happy birthday to Leo on October 18, 2023**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Arnstein Finset (the QSN board chair) and Leonardus Jacobus Johannes (Member of the QSN board) visited the FWA office in Kamenge.





## **VI. A Group of Women Coming at Ntaseka Clinic for Ultrasound Test on October 20, 2023**



For more Photos please click here:

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