

Friends Women's Association

SEPTEMBER 2024 Report

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SPEAKING TOURS

In the month of September, the Friends Women's Association National Coordinator went in Canada for speaking tours about the work the organization is doing in Burundi.





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. 12 vulnerable students were supported with school material and a discussion group was done on September 13, 2024.







Maternity Ward Building

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

Improving Women's Reproductive Health (IWRH)

FWA staff and FWA community health workers have continued to educate both men and women on the importance of family planning.

RAPE SURVIVORS' SUPPORT (RSS)

I. SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

As the table shows, in the month September 2 SHGs made a sharing and the result are as follows;

| No | About sharing | Number of SHG | Total |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | Total money saved | 2 | 3,420,000 |
| 2 | Total Credit granted | 2 | 1,960,000 |
| 3 | Total interest | 2 | 1,250,000 |
| 4 | People who didn't paid | 2 | 0 |
| 5 | Total money not refunded | 2 | 0 |

Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

| Active | Less Active | Sick | Total |
|--------|-------------|------|-------|
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

II. TRAUMA HEALING WORKSHOP (SEPTEMBER 16-18)

In the month of September, a trauma healing workshop held in Maramvya in the province of Bujumbura.



Story

“I am a woman who is a victim of psychological violence and no one knows it. My husband is a quite person but I am suffering. We got married illegally and no one told me that he had 2 other women that he married before me.

One day, I was cultivating in the field and two women looked at me and said: his husband always chooses hardworking women, look how she cultivates!

When I heard that I was shocked, I became weak and I went home. I did my research about it and I found that this story is true.

After 2 years I started to worry because we had not yet had a child. My husband does not answer me when I ask about this subject. I went to the hospital alone. If I suggested him to go to a gynecologist, he didn't answer me. I suffered in my heart, but when I am with others, I try to hide my pain. I said that I am well that this situation does not do anything to me. I took myself as a strong woman, but I suffered in my heart. My husband sometimes can't be able to have sex. We can go months without having sex, I beg him to go get treatment; he stays calm. Sometimes I saw him taking medication to resolve this problem for a while and until now it has been four years that we haven't had sex. I can't tell this problem to anyone because our culture doesn't allow it but I am suffering so much.

People pointed fingers at me saying that I am sterile. They invented words and traumatic things to justify the cause of my sterility. I am a leader and I pretended that it didn't affect me. I taught other women about sexual life in a couple while I was suffering.

In this training, I realized that I'm denying the reality. During this training it was difficult to pretend, I felt all the sorrow and I screamed loudly as you had seen I cannot control myself like before. I said things that I never talked and I accepted my vulnerability.

Thank you for giving us the time to unlock our pain, I feel a little lighter.”



III. THE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Under the support of the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC), have continued the construction work of the Women's Economic Empowerment Center (WEEC). As explained in the month of July 2024, the aim of this project is to avail training rooms and a temporary safe shelter for gender-based violence survivors at the FWA headquarters. This project will cost \$200,000



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 137 psychologists' assistants have been receiving gender-based violence survivors for both listening and counselling.

In the same month of September, under the support of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), FWA supported the GARUKIRABATWA group with a modern machine for the manufacture of fired bricks. This machine was installed in a hangar built on land purchased by AFSC through FWA. The group GARUKIRABATWA is in Musigati Commune, Bubanza province. Its members are women from the Batwa ethnic group.









MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 147 cases, including 39 adults (13 men and 2 women), 11 children (4 boys and 7 girls), 39 HIV positive people and 58 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 226 patients including 161 adults and 65 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of September, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 342 tests.

| Test | Test completed | Positive | Negative |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| G.E. Malaria test | 64 | 18 | 46 |
| Quick malaria test | 39 | 15 | 24 |
| ECBU Urine test | 26 | 24 | 2 |
| Selles Stool test | 17 | 17 | 0 |
| Pregnancy | 33 | 5 | 28 |
| Sero-widal Typhoid fever | 55 | 17 | 38 |
| Glycémie Diabetes | 11 | 3 | 8 |
| RPR VDRL (Syphilis) | 18 | 1 | 17 |
| Complete Blood Count | 54 | 27 | 27 |
| Hepatitis B | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Hepatitis C | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Viral Load | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| Total Tests: 342 | | | |

FAMILY PLANNING

574 People received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 424 old cases and 150 new ones. 510 received the contraceptive injection, 6 were given contraceptive pills, 36 received male condoms at Ntaseka clinic, 2 received UID and 20 received implants

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In September, 46 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 17 who came for PNC 1, 12 for PNC 2, 11 for PNC 3 and 6 for PNC 4.

58 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, 58 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. The one person who was detected HIV positive was a woman with 2% of seropositivity.

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| Total Number of People Tested: | 58 |
| Total Number of Women Tested: | 48 |
| % of People Tested Who Are Women: | 83% |
| Average Age: | 30 |
| Median Age: | 28 |
| Total HIV+ : | 1 |
| Total HIV- : | 57 |
| Number of Women HIV+ : | 1 |
| Total % Seropositivity: | 2% |
| % of Women Tested Who Are HIV+: | 2% |

More pictures here

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/7/folders/12kRY8DY3zskBuET9Y4k3DmGOUhHqFGYv> and

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-zoWIP-wQUdzok0S7D0bOE0gU9KGACjz?usp=sharing>