

Friends Women's Association

JANUARY 2025 Report

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ACTIVITIES

Caring for HIV Positive People (CHIVPP)

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

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)

1. SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGS)

ABOUT NEW SHG				
No	Name of SHG	Month of creation	Member Number	Created by
SHG Total Number:		63		

Evaluation

As the table shows, in the month January 5 SHGs were evaluated and the result are as follows;

No	About sharing	Number of SHG	Total
1	Total money saved	5	9,685,500
2	Total Credit granted	5	11,000,000
3	Total interest	5	6,300,000
4	People who didn't paid	5	1

5	Total money not refunded	5	103,000
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Classification of SHG

After evaluation it was found that;

Active	Less Active	Sick	Total
5	0	0	5

SHG Testimony

“My name is Jeanine NZEYIMANA; I joined the savings group in 2015 when I was invited by the social worker at FWA, who was assisting people living with HIV/AIDS, including myself.

At the time, I had no vision for my future. I lived in my older sister house and wasn't working. As a sex worker, all the money I made was spent on beer.

However, a lot has changed since I joined saving group:

- *I now run a beer cabaret business with 13 lockers, worth 400,000 FBU (135\$).*
- *I bought a bike for 600,000 FBU (203\$), which generates 2,000 FBU per day.*
- *I purchased a plot of land in Bukeye for 4,000,000 FBU (1354\$).*
- *I'm able to rent a house where I live with my child.*
- *Through street business school program, I learned the importance of having a bank account, which has helped me save a significant amount for myself.*

Because it was difficult to save money each day, I decided to join three savings groups. I set a goal to save 10,000 FBU (3\$) per group every week. At the end of each year, I collect everything I've saved from these three groups and deposit it into my bank account.

I've become an influencer in my community. People around me, noticing my progress, started asking me about my secret, and I shared it with them: “it's the FWA's SHG program”. Today, I've brought four groups to FWA on my own, I mean over 80 people.

I'm truly grateful to the SHG guides who support us in this work. In the SHG, we've built discipline and a competitive spirit. For example, in my first group, several women were able to purchase their own plots, and those who haven't reached that point yet are motivated to get there because it has become a purpose for the group.”

2. HROC Workshop (January 24-26)

In the month of January a workshop on trauma healing were organized at Friends church of Maramvya for Victims of GBV

Story

“My husband was a civil servant in Burundi and he left his job to work in Kinshasa, DRC, but while he was there, he married another woman. Unfortunately, his job lasted only eight months due to unforeseen circumstances and he had to return to Burundi. It was a difficult time, especially since He could not return to work for the government.

I started to notice a change in him. He stopped taking care of me; when we slept, he would not touch me. Instead, he would focus on his phone to talk to his other wife, and I could not sleep. My heart was in pain.

Due to unemployment, he became depressed and we all suffer the consequences. He can even force us to leave the house for no reason, and sometimes we find ourselves without food or a place to sleep.

One day, he tried to hit me, so I ran away. In anger, He burned my clothes and I had no choice but to call the police. When they arrived, he was still burning my belongings. The police arrested him. What hurt me the most was his family’s reaction: they were counting the hours he would spend in prison and telling me that if he spent even one day there, I would have to face them. By the grace of God, my husband was released, but the pain stayed with me. I felt useless because his family supported him despite his misdeeds.

We live in fear and are exhausted. During this workshop, I realized that the physical pain I suffer, including stomach problems and fainting spells, comes from the emotional stress caused by my husband’s behavior. This experience helped me understand my own mental health and I learned how to build resilience and protect myself from further trauma.

Photos



THE WOMEN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The FWA has continued the construction work of the Women's Socio Economic Empowerment Center (WSEEC). 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. We have so far mobilized \$32,500 including \$10,000 from The African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams, \$10,000 from the CFSC and \$12,500 from the Segal Family Foundation (SFF).

In January 2025, we concreted the ground floor slab of our building



ACTION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (AGBV)

In the month of January, there was signature of the 2025 agreement between the FWA and the Quaker Service Norway. At the same time there was the preparation to support small projects initiated by Gender-based violence survivors. This comes from 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". It has been implemented by the FWA in collaboration with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) since 2022.

MEDICAL TEAM

CONSULTATIONS

Our medical doctors consulted with 157 cases, including 48 adults (18 men and 30 women), 18 children (4 boys and 14 girls), 34 HIV positive people and 57 pregnant women for ultrasound. The nurse received 319 patients including 203 adults and 116 children.

LABORATORY

In the month of January, apart from HIV voluntary testing, there were a total of 489 tests.

Test	Test completed	Positive	Negative
G.E. Malaria test	0	0	0
Quick malaria test	172	47	125
ECBU Urine test	23	18	5
Selles Stool test	0	0	0
Pregnancy	38	5	33
Sero-widal Typhoid fever	72	12	60
Glycémie Diabetes	18	6	12
RPR VDRL (Syphilis)	7	2	5
Complete Blood Count	146	46	100
Hepatitis B	5	1	4
Hepatitis C	4	0	4
Viral Load	4	0	4
Total Tests: 489			

FAMILY PLANNING

512 People received contraceptives from FWA's nurse, including 357 old cases and 155 new ones. 404 received the contraceptive injection, 55 received pills, 32 received male condoms at Ntaseka clinic, 3 received UID and 18 received implants

PRENATAL CONSULTATION (PNC)

In January, 45 women came for prenatal consultation (PNC), including 8 who came for PNC 1, 12 for PNC 2, 11 for PNC 3 and 14 for PNC 4.

57 pregnant women came for the ultrasound test.

ANTI-RETROVIRAL SITE

At the end of January, 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 January, 50 people were tested for HIV and received pre and post HIV test counselling. All the 2 people detected HIV positive were women with 4% of seropositivity.

Total Number of People Tested:	50
Total Number of Women Tested:	6
% of People Tested Who Are Women:	72%
Average Age:	31
Median Age:	28,5
Total HIV+ :	2
Total HIV- :	48
Number of Women HIV+ :	2
Total % Seropositivity:	4%
% of Women Tested Who Are HIV+:	6%

Photos:

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