



**ORANT CHARITIES AFRICA MONTHLY REPORT
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CLINIC REPORT



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Departmental reports

a. Outpatient Department (OPD) & Outreach

It's rainy season in Malawi and Malaria epidemic season as well. The outpatient department is very busy with over 90% of patients having malaria diseases, this month we saw 4,566. This shows that we have seen 1,314 patients higher in comparison to same period last year. Children are more vulnerable than adults due to low immunity and under-five's are the most affected. However, the good news is that Orant Charities Africa (OCA) provide free treatment for the children and pregnant women and so far we have not received deaths reports due to malaria this month. We have also noted that the community is very aware of health services provided by OCA as such they seek medical treatment as early as possible thereby preventing deaths.

In addition, the high number of patients can also be attributed to the good work and attendance at 4 outreach clinics conducted in our catchment area, with the objective of reaching to those who cannot access the static clinic (Kasese health Centre). Outreach clinics have contributed significantly to treating a high number of Malaria cases in villages. We attended to 525 patients in outreach clinics

Two children were diagnosed with congenital conditions. The first one is Jubin of 4 years who was diagnosed with congenital heart disease, he was referred to Kamuzu central hospital and he is scheduled to meet cardiologist on 23th of February 2018, the

clinic assisted the child with referrals. Most of the time such cases are referred to India for surgery but it takes a long time for the government of Malawi through ministry health to process the referral logistics. OCA Clinic will keep a good eye on him and will assist where possible.

The Second, is a one-month old infant with diagnosis of Hisprung disease, he was also referred to KCH for surgery.

b. Maternity

Maternity department has seen about 70 mothers and 56 babies have been born. We referred some women who were in labour who could not deliver at our place and also with special conditions such as retain placenta, PPH to Madisi hospital.

c. 24 Children 24 hours' observation ward

24 hours Children Observation Ward was supposed to be open on 1st February 2018. But due to some circumstances like water shortage which hit the campus few weeks ago could not permit. We also did painting of the ward, and did interview for the nurse to be employed. Recruitment of a clinician will be done within the month of February. Due to these reasons opening day has been postponed to 1st march 2018 to allow more preparation.



Water Situation

At the campus we have now good Water supply after pumping problem was rectified, on the other hand, solar panels installed earlier are working in maternity and outpatient department, though power in sockets need some attention.

Supervision

We also received supervisors from the ministry of health, who came for quarterly supervision of HIV/ AIDS program. This time we did not perform well and we scored less than the minimum standards and we were not awarded a certificate, mainly due to lack of December data on STI, and some few areas of HTC.

Collaborations

One of the non-governmental organization named Girl child empowerment Network is willing to partner with Orant charities Africa, their representative came to our clinic to introduce the organization and alighted specific objective of the organization which is to empower girl children. She requested for one nurse to be trained on youth friendly health services and thereafter become focal person in that area. So, the Lead nurse has nominated Mary Kadzola for that position. Finally, at the end of the meeting, there presentative was informed about the need to have a detailed meeting and consider having an MOU.

On 26/01/2018, The Lead Clinician held meeting with officials of people with disability group from kasese catchment area. They too come to introduce about the group and request OCA partnership as they carry out their objective. The groups main objective is to sensitize their members on important of male circumcision, maternal health, HIV/AIDS awareness messages and the rights of people with disabilities. Since most of the interventions are health related, they are seeking for support from clinic and occasionally such as transport as they carry out their activity at nearby villages.

6. Trainings

Lastly, the clinic staff had a training in malaria rapid diagnostic test. The participants were: patient care attendance, nurses, clinician and lab technician, trainers were from ministry of health- Dowa DHO. The main objective was to equip staff with information and practical lessons on rapid malaria lab tests. Most patient care attendants can now perform the malaria rapid test and can easily assist when needed at lab.



7. Other Issues

Report for clinic user contribution funds will be provided by Gloria when she is in office.

WATER PROGRAM REPORT



Compiled by Gabriel Kapanda

Introduction

Rainy season is approaching its peak in Malawi and OCA water program has activities which are suitable for this season. Rainy season is usually punctuated with diarrhea diseases if proper measures are not taken. In the month of January OCA embarked on awareness campaigns to prevent diarrhea disease outbreaks, conducted water well repairs, conducted trainings to water point committees as well as conducting trainings in construction of low cost pit latrines which can withstand the rainy season.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

The key messages of the awareness campaign were to remind the community not to drink contaminated water by drinking water from protected water sources and also conducting household water treatment through boiling water and chlorination. The community was instructed to wash hands in all critical times such as after using the toilet, before eating, before breastfeeding e.t.c to prevent fecal-oral transmission of disease causing organisms. The main target disease to mitigate and eliminate is Cholera which has affected more than 7 districts in Malawi including Dowa. The awareness campaigns were conducted with Dowa DHO who provided trained personnel, vehicles and public address system to propagate appropriate messages to areas surrounding Kasese Health Centre.



Figure 1: Some of the people who gathered during awareness campaigns

BOREHOLE REPAIRS

Borehole repairs are an integral part of the OCA program. We have repaired 6 boreholes as depicted in the table below

Summary of repairs (**table 1**)

Name of village/Borehole	Repairs/Replacements done	Remarks
Chikamphula 1 Vg	Cylinder, Fulcrum pin, Hunger pin, 6 double end sockets, 4 pipes, 4 bush bearings, 1 pump head, 1	Successfully done

	handle and 12 rod centralizers	
Nkhwichi Bwinja Vg	3 pump rods, 1 fulcrum pin, 1 hunger pin, 4 Double end sockets, 4 pipes, 10 centralizers and 4 bush bearings	Successfully done
Mkwinya 2	4 pipes, 1 fulcrum pin, 1 hunger pin, 4 double end sockets, 10 rod centralizers & 4 Bush bearings	Successfully done
Chilinkholi School	Full set-inner parts	Successfully done
Buza school	Full set-inner parts	Successfully done
Josen Vg	Cylinder, 4 pipes, 2 pump rods, 12 centralizers, 4 double end sockets, Fulcrum pin, 1 rope	Successfully done



Figure 2: Community Member participating in borehole repairs



Figure 3: A woman testing a borehole which has been fixed

TRAININGS ON OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF BOREHOLES

OCA has trained water committee members of the following villages; Kankhande, Buza and Mkhwichi. Each committee comprises of 10 people. The trainings were both theory and practical in line with the community based management systems Malawi guidelines.



Figure 4: Women participating in training



Figure 5: OCA water field Assistant instructing women how to put rod centralizers on rods

TRAININGS ON LOW COST PIT-LATRINE CONSTRUCTIONS

Trainings on corbelled pit-latrines are in progress in Msosa and Katundu villages. 2 latrines will be constructed in each village (Msosa & Katundu) which will act as a demonstration to the community. The goal is to improve sanitation and hygiene in the community.



Figure 6: Trainees preparing where to dig a pit latrine

REGISTRATION WITH WESNET

OCA has applied for registration with WESNET a coalition of civil service organizations/NGOs whose main aim is to promote collaboration of organizations working in water, sanitation and hygiene. When OCA becomes a member it will foster partnerships and increase visibility of OCA work in Malawi.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM REPORT



Compiled by Peter Kapenda (Program Manager)

INTRODUCTION

The report outlines activities carried out in the month of January, 2018 in the Agriculture department (Program). The major activities carried out in the month were done on the farm and trainings of farmers.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Trainings

Number of trainings - 3

Total number of participants - 94

The main objective during the training was to alert farmers on pest attacking crops around Kasese catchment area and its control mechanism. The topics covered were on beetles and Fall Armyworms which are destroying legumes (Soya beans, beans and Groundnuts) and Maize respectively

The control mechanism was both the use of pesticides and the use of local available materials. Some of the recommended pesticides by the Government i.e. Ministry of Agriculture include; Cpermethrin ,Saban, Decis, Dasbun & chlorpyrifo

The biological control method especially in Fall Army worms was also demonstrated to lead farmers. The other topics covered during the training have been outlined below.

- Calculation of fertilizer application rate
- Weeding
- Pesticides application

N.B. Monitoring of lead farmer demonstration around Kasese catchment area is on-going

OCA FARM

The main activities carried out on OCA farm are listed below;

- Planting vertiver grass along the water way
- Completion of ridge making on OCA farm
- Fertilizer (NPK) application to maize, soya and Groundnuts on the OCA farm
- Commencement of urea application to maize
- Commencement of banking in Groundnuts
- Herbicide applied to demonstration plot

- Application of pesticides; Cypermethrin and saban to maize as control mechanism for fall Armyworms and Decis to Soya and Groundnut to control beetles



Figure 7: Application of Pesticides

MEETINGS

The meeting was held with the Ministry of Agriculture officials strategizing ways of disseminating information to farmers around Kasese catchment area on Fall Army worms and their control.

CHALLENGES

The dry spell which has hit most part of Malawi has also affected Kasese catchment area resulting in crop wilting. The dry spell has also resulted into soil compaction hence putting on hold Urea application in maize



Figure 8: Maize after Dry Spell

Other Activities

Monitoring fall army worms and beetle attack around Madisi EPA with Ministry of Agriculture officials.

PICTORIAL FOCUS



Application of pesticides in Maize crops to control Fall Army Worms.



Part of OCA Lead Farmers being trained on Fall Army worm Identification

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

In January, all students reported to school for second term. We have one student who has transferred from a day school to a boarding school.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

We now have a total of 30 students in the rotary program. 15 students in day schools and 15 students in boarding schools.

We have a total of 17 secondary students, 3 college students and 2 primary students under OCA sponsorship. However, among the secondary students, 6 are graduating this year and one college student (Amos) is also finishing this year.

We visited the schools to get first term results, they were still not out. But now the results are ready, we have plans to visit the schools again in the month of February and collect the school reports. We only have results for Omega, Christopher and students from Nkhamenya.

School fees for primary students (Omega & Christopher) have been paid but for secondary school students have not been paid since we are still in the process of shifting our students. Whether OCA students will under rotary program and vice versa.

We visited Omega, she is greatly improving. Her condition seems better than before. It was a good idea sending her to a Boarding school.



Figure 9: Omega (in a blue skirt) with her friend

MEETINGS

- Meetings with day school students in progress
- Meetings with school authorities on our students' progress

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

- Pay school fees for all sponsored secondary students
- Collect student's first term school reports
- Regular Meetings with day school students

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