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Healthcare Program

Executive Summary

Kasese Health Center is in Traditional Authority Chakhaza, Dowa District along M1 road (Kasungu – Lilongwe) in Malawi, Africa. The Health Center is operated by Orant Charities Africa in coordination with the Ministry of Health (MOH). Orant Charities Africa healthcare program assists patients through Kasese Health Center (static clinic) and Mobile Outreach Clinics (MOC) which reaches parts of Kasungu District. The Healthcare program provides curative and preventive health care services to impoverish rural communities. Kasese Health Center operate a busy Outpatients Department (OPD), **10** bed capacity **24** hours children observation ward, and a **7** bed capacity maternity ward, twice a week Antenatal Program, weekly Cervical Cancer Screening and monthly Eye Clinic, Under-Five Clinics (immunization and child growth monitoring) e.t.c. MOC takes the services to hard to reach areas thereby making healthcare accessible. Tropical infectious diseases are common health problems which includes: malaria, respiratory disease like pneumonia and bronchitis. However, non-communicable diseases are at the rise for example diabetes and hypertension.

For the month of November 2022, Kasese Health Center (KHC) saw **1547** clients at (OPD). Children Ward admitted were **Zero**. Only **28** patients were seen during weekends and night. Total patients seen in the month of November is **1575**. MOC in Kasese catchment area saw **453**. Kasungu (Bowe) Outreach clinic saw **2718** clients. MOC total patients seen is **3171**. Total patients seen in the month of November 2022 is **4746** (KHC: **1576 (33%)** & MOC **3171 (67%)**).

The Laboratory department tested **452** for Malaria, out of which **48** were positive, representing **11%** positivity rate.

The Maternity department admitted **24** mothers and referred **11**. A total of **24** babies were born and 1 had complication (**1 Weight < 2.5kg**).

The Public Health department with the help of Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) administered **1138** doses of Pfizer and **109** doses of J & J. Cumulatively, **4349** vaccines administered (Astra-Zeneca: **895**, Pfizer: **2930** & J&J: **524**).

The HTS department tested **198** clients out of which **4** were positive, representing **3%**. Total patients seen at the eye clinic by an outsourced clinician is **100** and **6** were booked for surgery. **149** women were screened for Cervical Cancer and 1 was VIA positive.

Monthly Patients Attendance

Table 1 Below shows monthly patients seen in both KHC and MOC.

Months (2022)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
OPD Static Clinic	2138	2484	3178	1892	1921	1675	1295	605	1653	1480	1547	19868
Bowe Outreach	2174	4242	4661	4091	2773	2444	2617	3822	3312	2937	2718	35791
Kasese Outreach	618	589	686	550	495	492	711	618	635	558	453	6405
Children Ward	16	85	79	70	35	35	25	0	0	0	0	345
Nights/Holidays	30	44	46	49	41	21	30	37	28	26	28	380
Total	4976	7444	8650	6652	5265	4667	4678	5082	5628	5001	4746	62789

Table 1 : Total monthly patients seen at KHC and MOC (2022).

Figure 1 below shows total patient attendance for both KHC and MOC in 2022

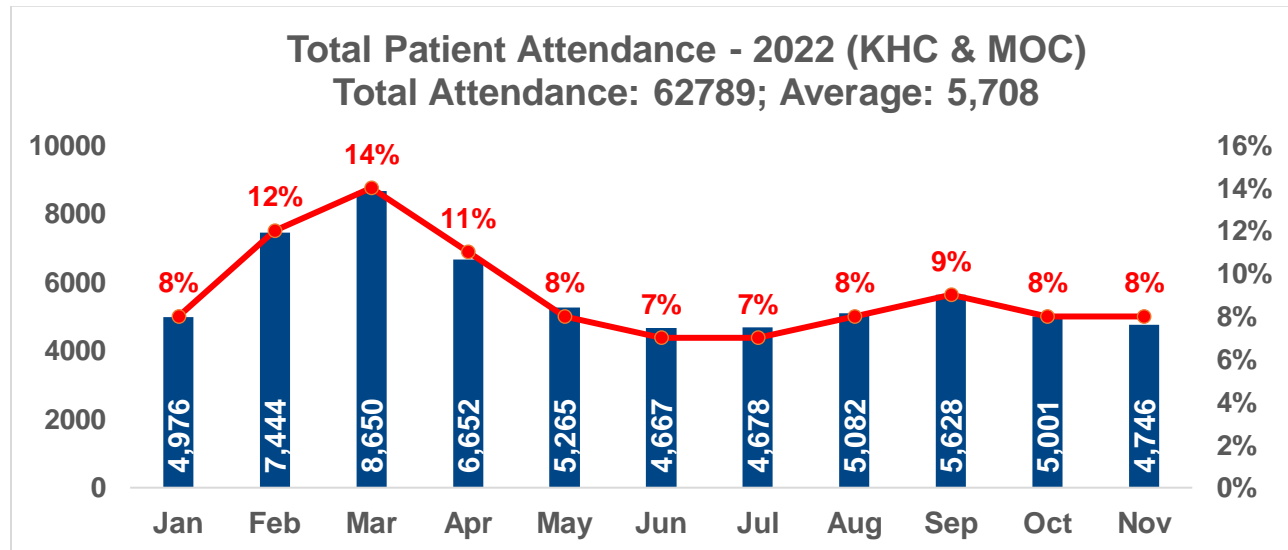


Figure 1 : Total monthly patient attendance – KHC & MOC (2022).

Figure 2 below shows total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static and Kasese Outreach) and Bowe Outreach.

Total Attendance KHC (OPD Static and Kasese Outreach) and Bowe Outreach - 2022

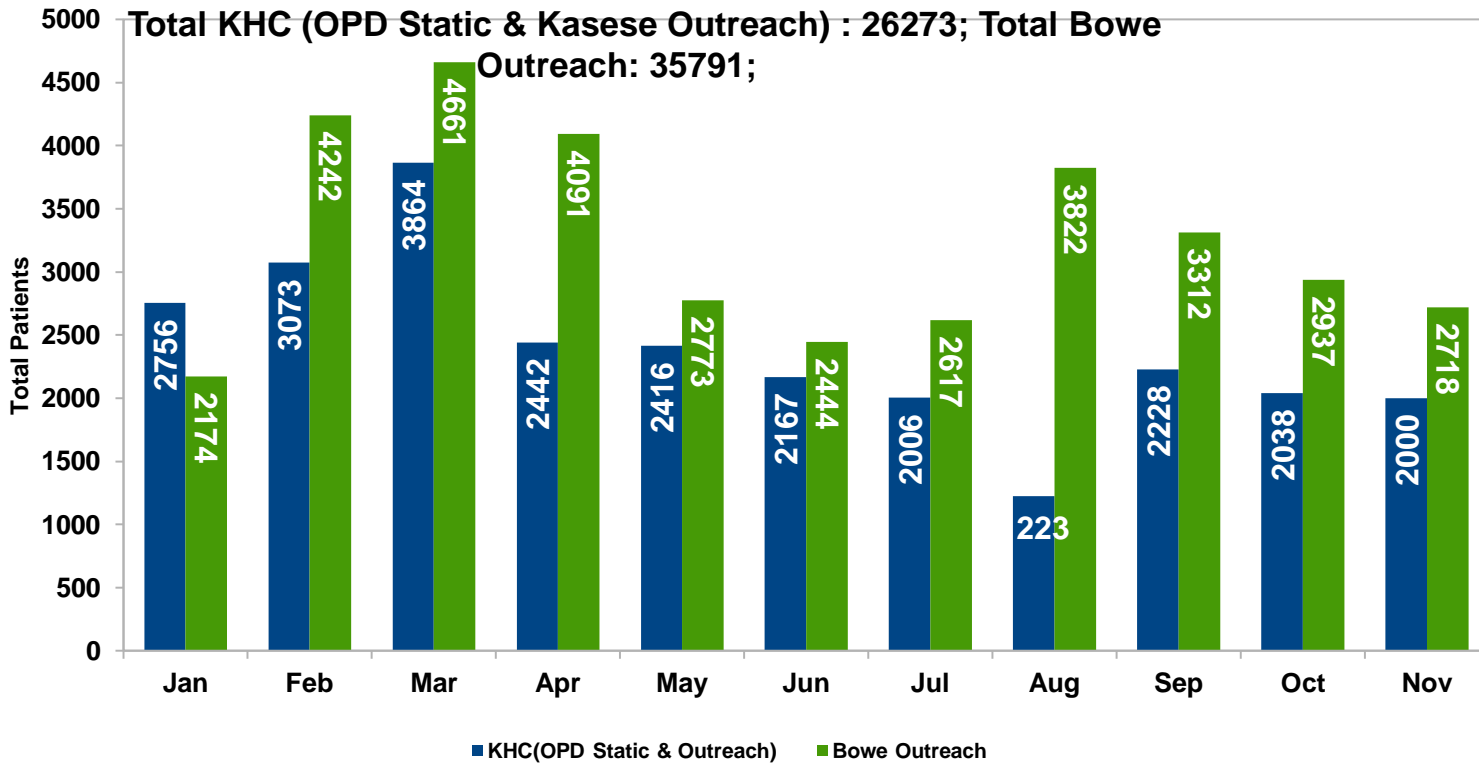


Figure 2: Total patients seen at KHC (OPD Static & Kasese Outreach) and Bowe Outreach – 2022.

Figure 3 below shows total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and Kasese Outreach.

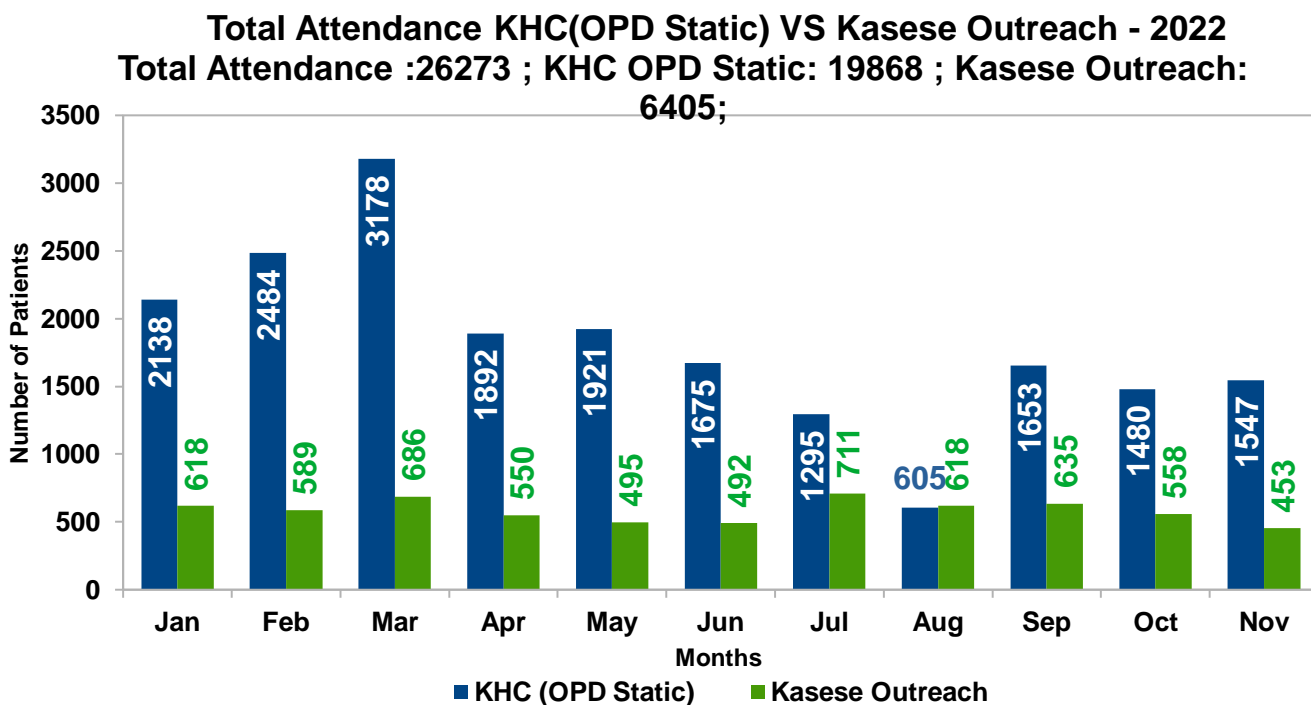


Figure 3: Total Attendance KHC (OPD Static) and Kasese Outreach – 2022.

Figure 3: shows the total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and MOC (Bowe & Kasese Outreaches). Despite the decline in patient’s attendance in both clinic, mobile outreach clinic continues to see more patients in comparison with static clinic, partly is due to its accessibility to community.

Figure 4 below shows the total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and MOC(Bowe & Kasese Outreaches).

KHC OPD Static VS MOC (Kasese & Bowe) - 2022

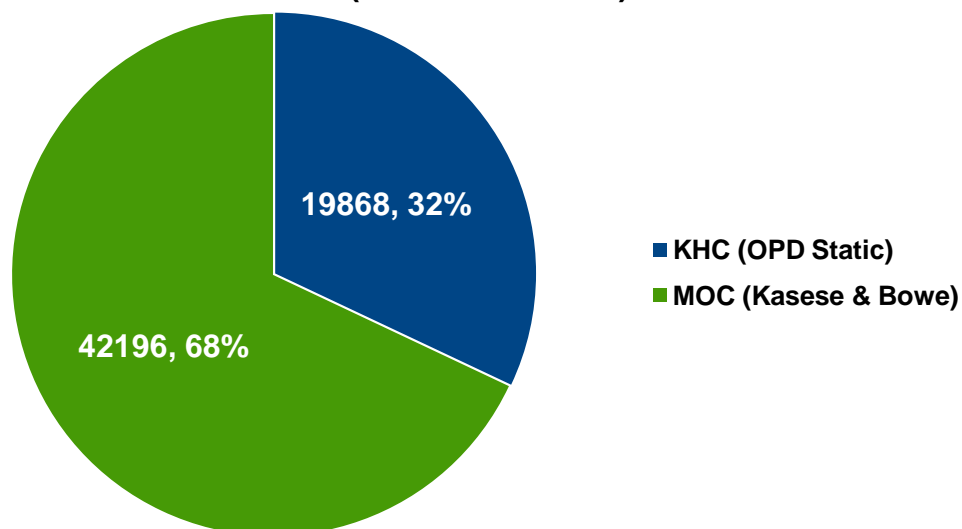


Figure 4: Cumulative patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and MOC (Kasese & Bowe).

3. COVID -19 Situation Updates.

The COVID-19 situation in the country remains low and in November 2022, no test was conducted. The Health Center continues to provide vaccines at the facility and in our communities and also the clinic continues to observe the preventive measures (face masks, social distancing and hand washing/sanitizing).

3.1 Cumulative COVID-19 Data – KHC Static.

Table 2 below shows Cumulative COVID 19 Data.

	Staff(OCA/HSA)	Others	Total
Cumulative Tests	4	36	40
Cumulative Positives	0	12	12
Cumulative Deaths	0	0	0
November Tests	0	0	0
November Positives	0	0	0

Table 2: COVID 19 Cumulative Data.

3.2 COVID 19 Vaccine (Pfizer) – KHC Static.

Table 3 below shows Vaccine Doses Administered in 2022

Dose	Male	Female	Total
1st Dose	194	240	434
2nd Dose	270	194	464
Booster	83	157	240
Brought Forward	855	937	1792
Cumulative	1402	1528	2930

Table 3: Pfizer Administered at KHC Static (2022)

3.3 COVID 19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson – J&J) – KHC Static

Table 4 below shows Vaccine Doses Administered in 2022

Vaccine Type	Male	Female	Total
Johnson & Johnson (J & J)	10	12	22
Booster	15	22	37
Brought Forward	170	186	356
Cumulative	195	220	415

Table 4: J & J Administered at KHC Static (2022)

3.4 COVID 19 Vaccine (Astra-Zeneca) – KHC Static.

Table 5 below shows Vaccine Doses Administered in 2022

Dose	Male	Female	Total
1st Dose	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0
Brought Forward	364	531	895
Cumulative	364	531	895

Table 5: J & J Administered at KHC Static (2022)

3.4 COVID 19 Vaccine Status – KHC Static.

Table 6 below shows Vaccine Status in the month of November 2022

Vaccine Type	Beginning Balance	End Balance
J & J	90	75
Pfizer	360	0

Table 6: Astra-Zeneca Status at KHC Static (November 2022)

Figure 5 below show cumulative vaccines administered at KHC in the year 2022.

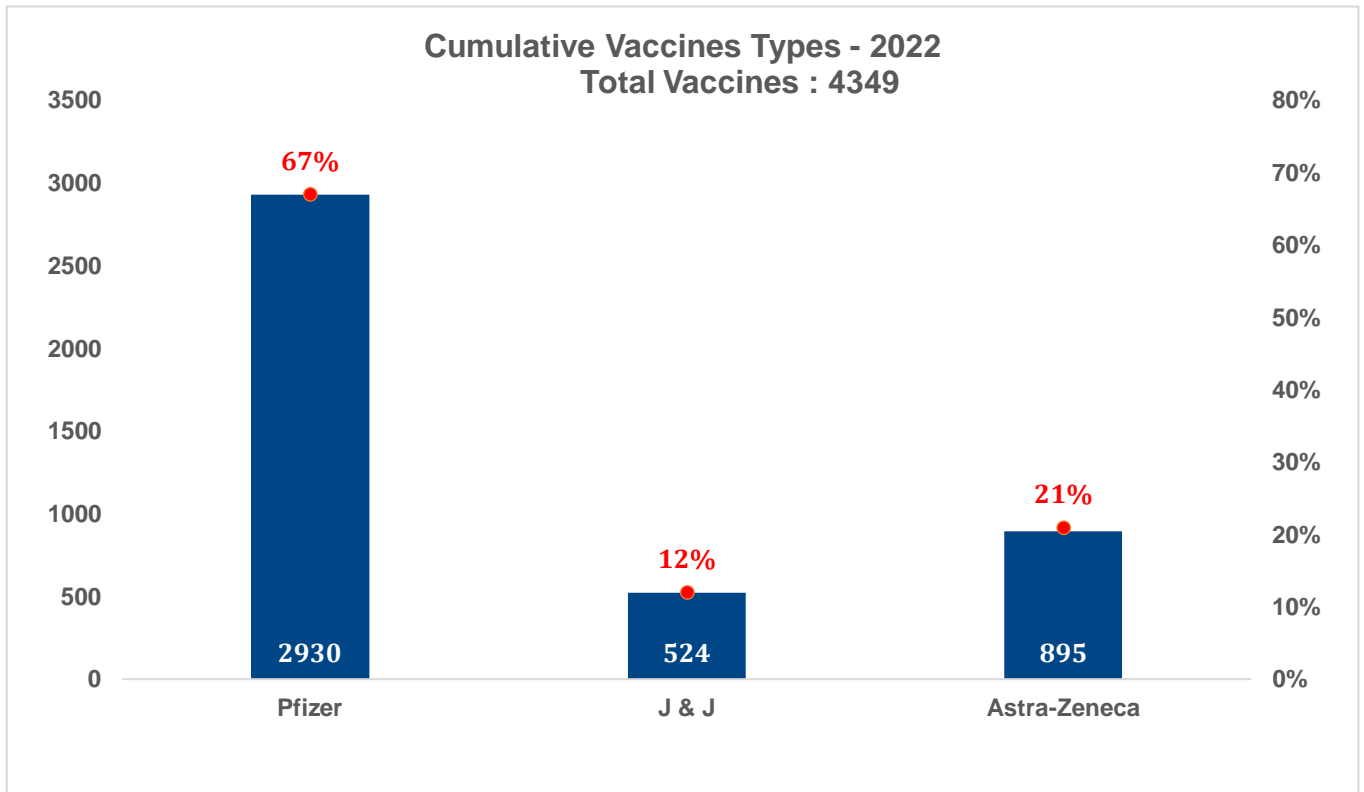


Figure 5: Cumulative Vaccine Doses Administered at KHC (2022)

Figure 6 below shows cumulative COVID 19 tests done in the year 2022.

Cummulative COVID 19 Tests - 2022
Cumulative Tests: 40

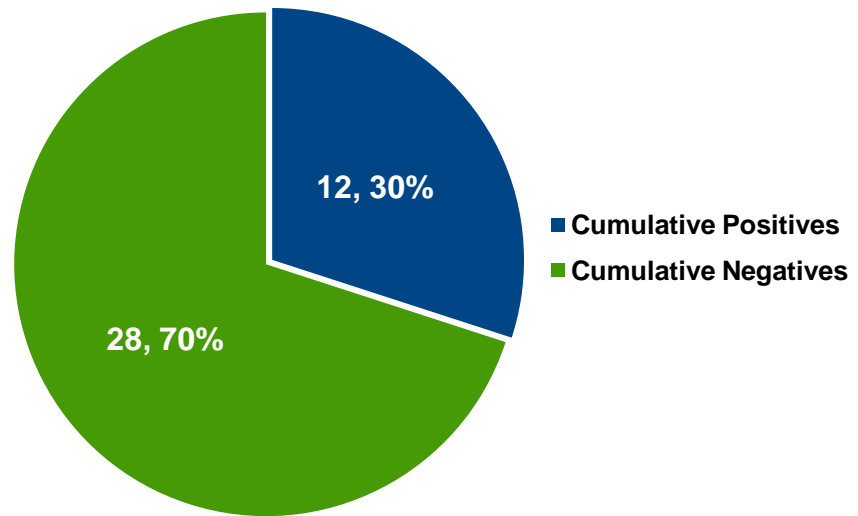


Figure 7: cumulative COVID 19 Tests (2022).

Reproductive and Family Planning Health

4.1 Maternal and New-born Health Care

Months (2022)	Ja n	Fe b	Ma r	Ap r	Ma y	Ju n	Ju l	Au g	Se p	Oc t	No v	Tota l
Admissio ns	21	26	29	29	24	27	38	32	41	21	24	312
Referrals	2	5	2	14	13	9	10	5	9	9	11	89
New Babies	22	26	29	29	24	27	38	32	41	21	24	313
Alive Babies	22	26	27	29	24	27	38	32	40	21	24	310

Table 6: Maternity Data - 2022

Table 7 below shows Maternity Data of new babies with complications for the year 2022.

Months (2022)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Weight <2500g	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	11
Prematurity	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8
Asphyxia	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	10
Sepsis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Still Birth Fresh	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Still Birth Macerated	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Neonatal Death	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	2	10	0	1	1	5	5	3	2	1	34

Table 7: Newborns with complications – 2022

Figure 8 below shows total Cumulative Maternity Complications for the year 2022.

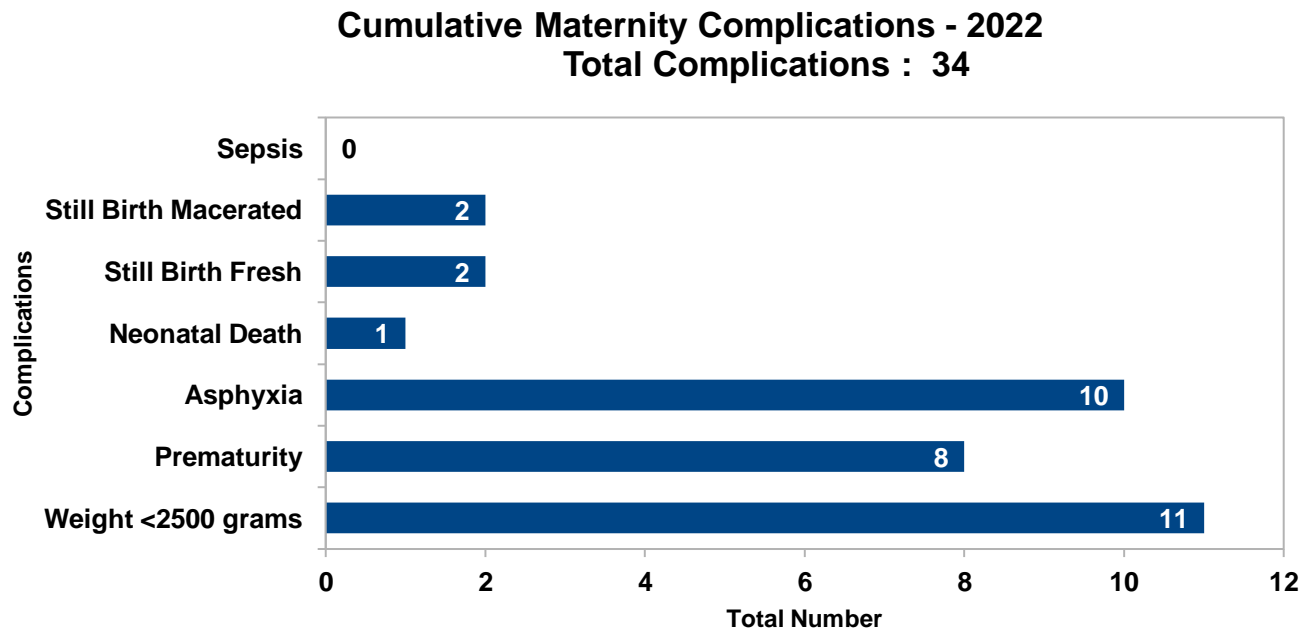


Figure 8: Cumulative Maternity Complications – 2022

Figure 9 below shows total monthly Maternity attendance.

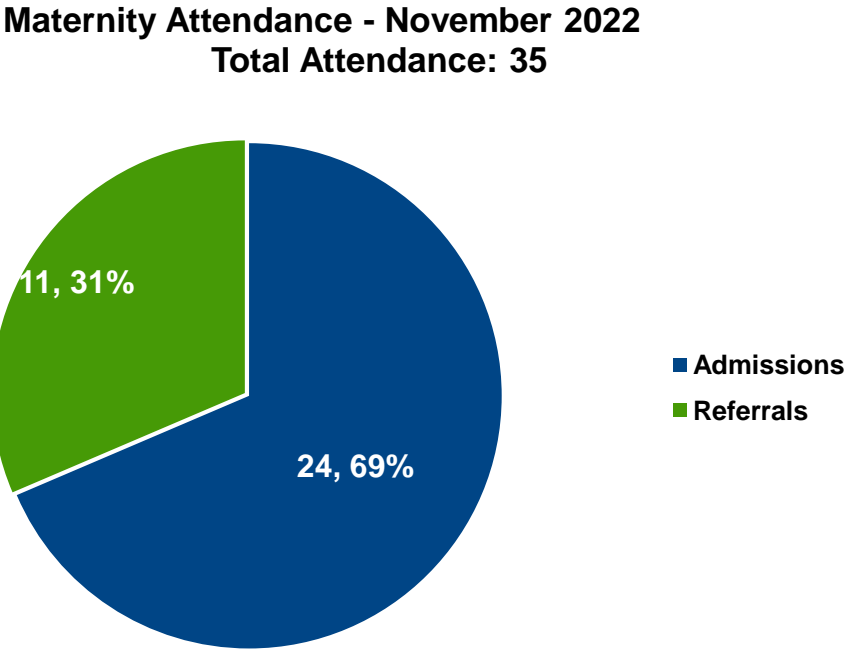


Figure 9: number of Admissions and Referrals (November 2022)

Table 8 below shows the reason for the referrals

Referral Reason	Number of Clients
Fumigation Process	3
Big Fundus in Prim	1
Breech Presentation in Prim	1
Ruptured Uterus	1
Severe Oedema	1
CPD	2
Grand Multiparity	1
Known Asthmatic	1

Table 8: Referral Reasons - November 2022

Figure 10 below shows ANC New attendances.

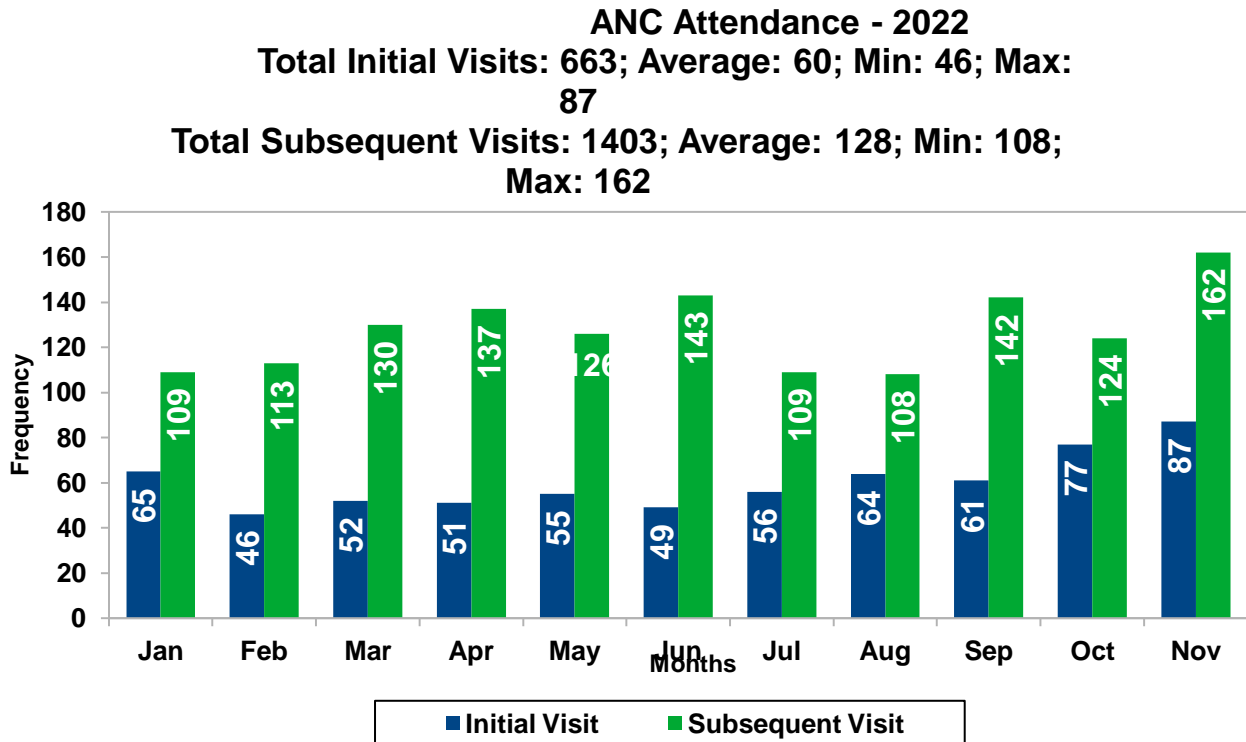


Figure 10: ANC New Attendances (2022).

Cervical Cancer Control Clinic Report

Table 9 below shows 2022 Monthly Cervical Cancer Screening.

Month (2022)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Total	15	22	22	15	5	10	13	15	16	170	149
VIA Positive	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1

Table 9: Monthly Cervical Cancer Screening 2022 Table.

The monthly Cervical Cancer screening remains to be low, there is a need for more community sensitization.

5. Eye Clinic

The outsource eye specialist continue to provide service in Kasese Health Center and operation is done at Kasungu District Hospital.

Table 10 below shows total number of clients treated for eye infections and those booked for surgery.

Month (2022)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Eye Infections (Treated)	12	22	18	31	31	41	44	78	73	88	94
Eye Surgery (Booked)	0	6	11	8	6	7	11	10	11	8	6
Total Seen	12	28	29	39	37	48	55	88	84	96	100

Table 10: Monthly Eye Clinic Table - 2022.

Figure 11 below shows Monthly Eye Clinic in the year 2022.

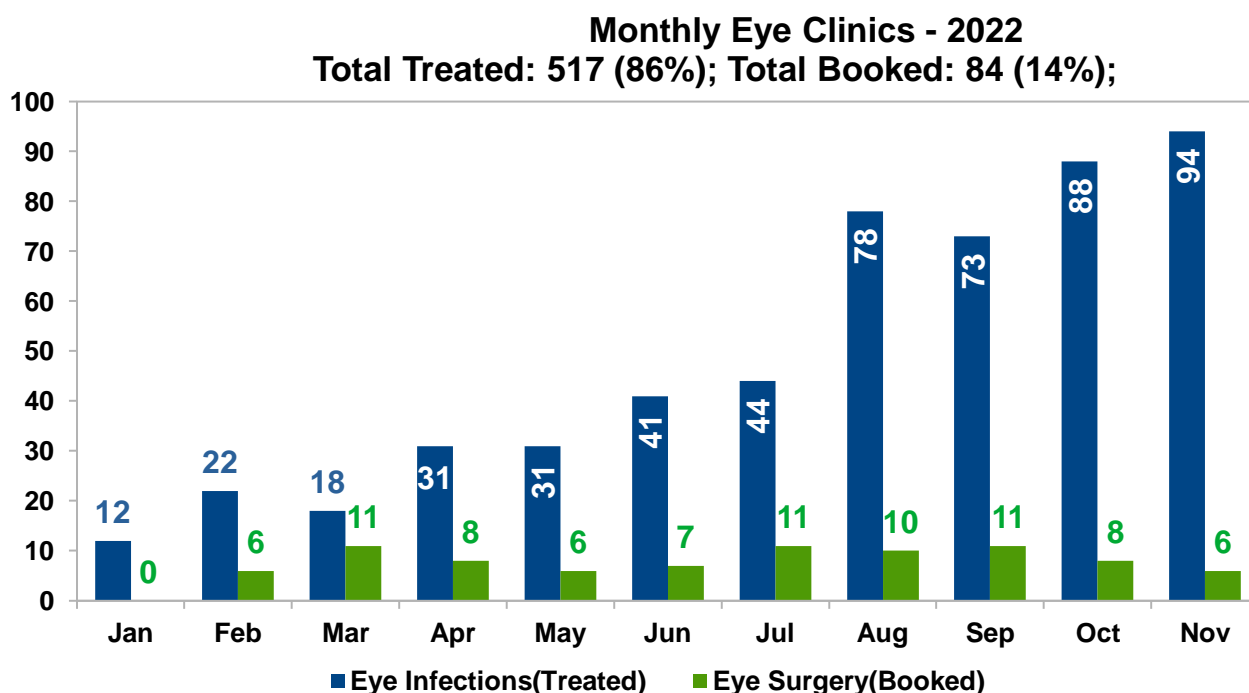


Figure 11 : Monthly Eye Clinic – 2022.

Malaria Report

Table 11 below shows Malaria tests for November 2022

	Total Tested	Positives	Negatives	Positivity Rate
Under 5	204	21	183	10%
5 Years and Over	248	27	221	11%
Total	452	48	404	11%

Table 11: Total Malaria Tests (November 2022).

Table 12 below shows total Malaria Cases (MRDT's Positive), LA Issued and Dispensed(Kasese Outreach Included)

2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Suspected Malaria Cases	1535	1722	1707	988	1023	754	684	625	585	502	452
Suspected Cases Tested MRDT	1528	1714	1698	988	1023	745	681	625	584	502	452
Confirmed Malaria Cases	250	322	162	168	237	129	47	31	34	49	48
New Malaria Cases Registered	257	330	171	168	237	138	50	30	35	47	47
LA Dispensed	257	330	171	168	237	138	50	30	35	47	47
LA Issued	690	300	600	270	2470	645	0	30	120	660	0

Table 12: Total Malaria Cases, LA Issued and Dispensed Table.

Figure 12 shows Suspected Malaria Cases Tested against Confirmed Malaria Cases in the year 2022

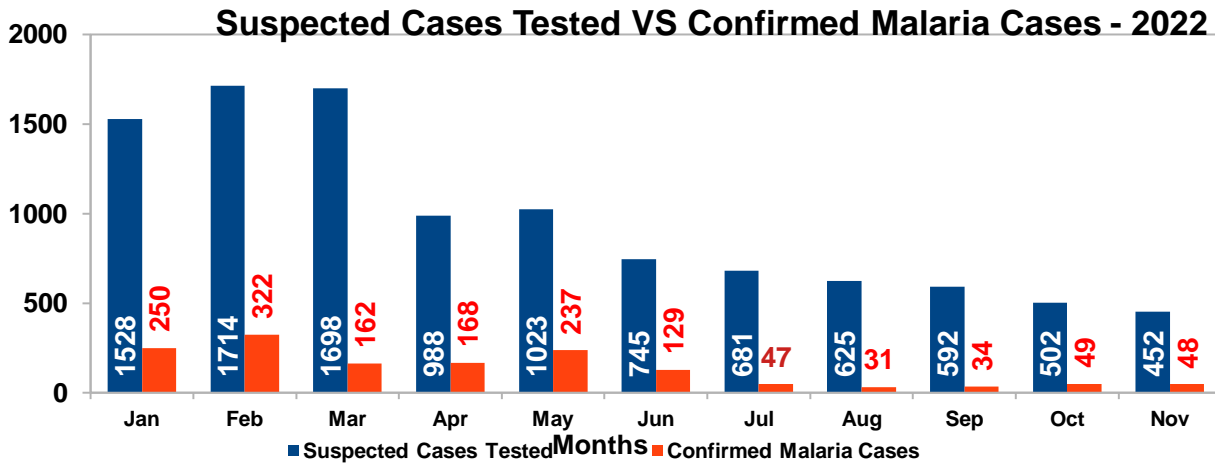


Figure 12: Malaria Suspected Cases Against Confirmed Cases - 2022

The Health Center continues to observe a drastic decline in malaria cases this year following timely interventions which include distribution of insect treated nets and its usage education in the community.

Figure 13 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) Malaria tests (November 2022)

Total Malaria Test - November 2022
Total Tests: 452

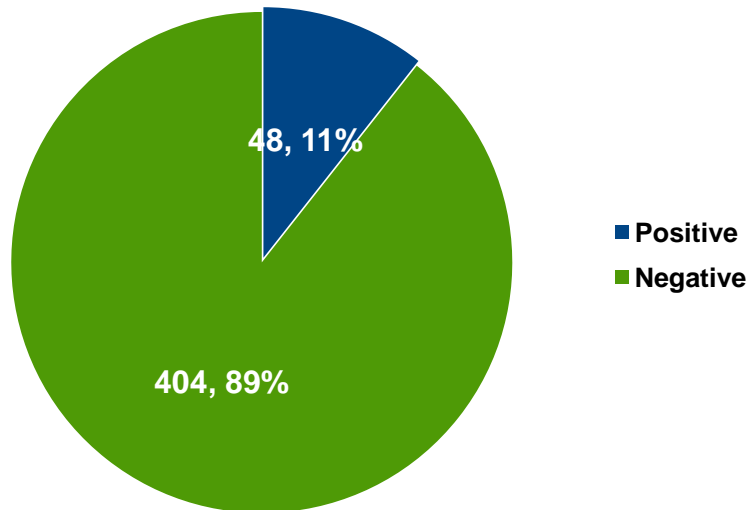


Figure 13: Total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) Malaria tests (November, 2022).

Figure 14 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) Under 5 Years Malaria tests

**Under 5 Malaria Tests - KHC (Static & Kasese Outreach -
November 2022)**

Total Tests: 204

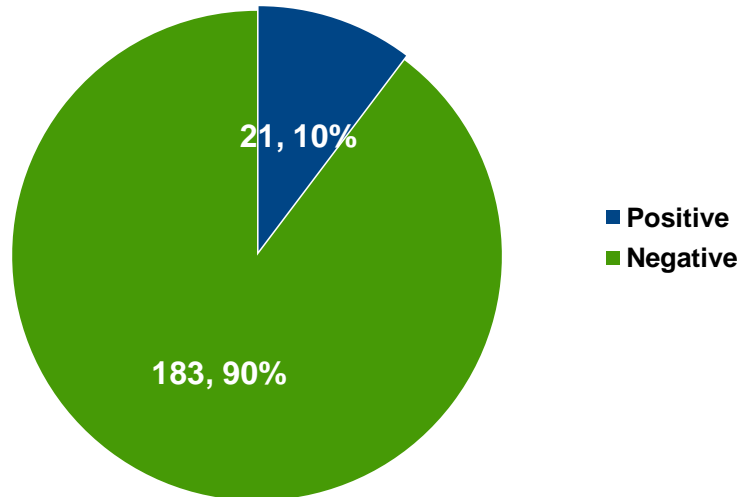


Figure 14: Static and Kasese Outreach, Under 5 Years Malaria tests (November, 2022).

Figure 15 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) 5 Years and Over Malaria tests

**5+ Years Malaria Tests - KHC (Static & Kasese Outreach -
November 2022)**

Total Tests: 248

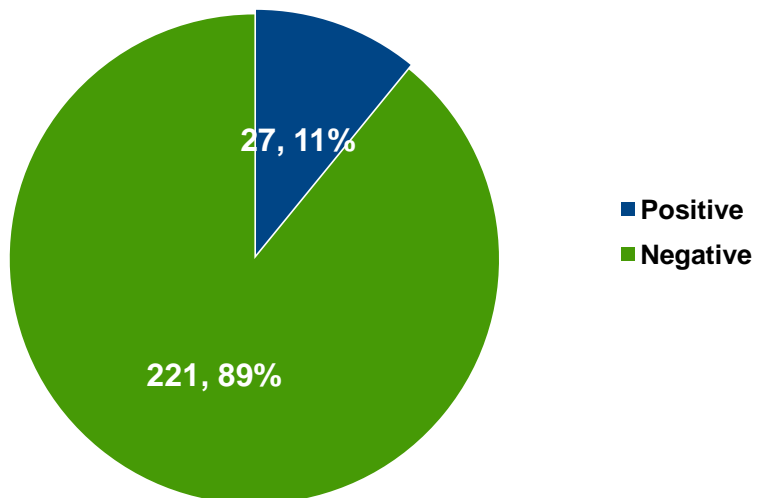


Figure 15 : Static and Kasese Outreach, 5+ Malaria tests (November, 2022).

7. HIV Testing Services (HTS)

Figure 16 below shows HTC Monthly Data (2022).

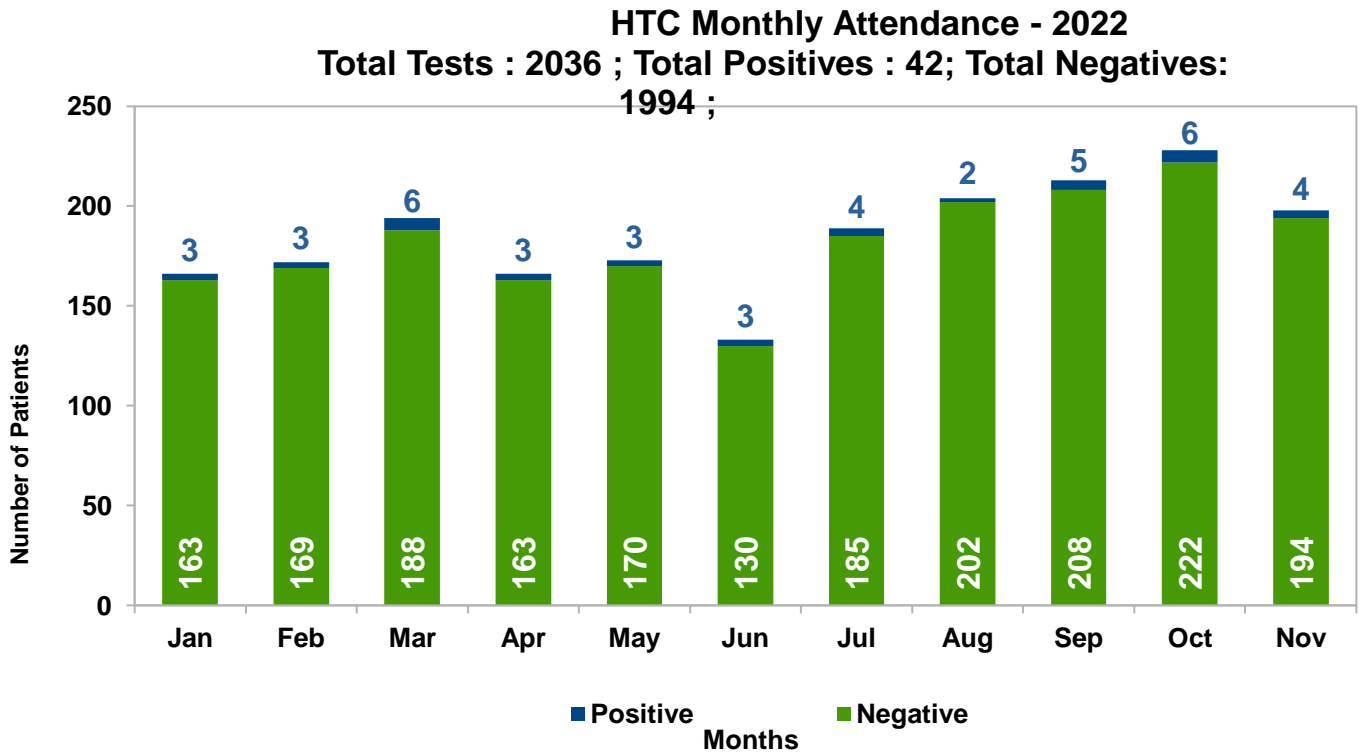


Figure 16: HTC Monthly Data 2022

Kasese catchment area positivity rate remains to be low, this could indicate that, people adhere to HIV/AIDS preventive measures.

8. Laboratory Services.

Table 13 Below shows qualitative Laboratory tests conducted in the year 2022 (KHC Static and Kasese Outreach).

	H. Pyloris		Salmonella		Hep B		HCG		COVID 19	
	Total	Pos	Total	Pos	Total	Pos	Total	Pos	Total	Pos
Jan	69	26	6	2	2	2	30	8	30	12
Feb	88	24	16	0	1	0	41	17	3	0
Mar	79	21	17	0	2	0	43	15	2	0
Apr	80	25	7	0	4	1	19	0	1	0
May	85	25	5	0	1	0	41	17	1	0
Jun	82	34	1	0	4	0	42	18	2	0
Jul	92	25	8	0	2	1	43	16	0	0
Aug	84	17	17	3	6	0	39	13	0	0
Sep	65	13	8	2	1	0	44	19	0	0
Oct	83	5	21	1	0	0	50	13	1	0
Nov	45	5	10	0	4	2	38	19	0	0
Total	872	220	126	8	27	6	430	155	40	12

Table 13: Qualitative Lab Tests Data Table for KHC Static - 2022.

Figure 17 below shows qualitative lab tests 2022

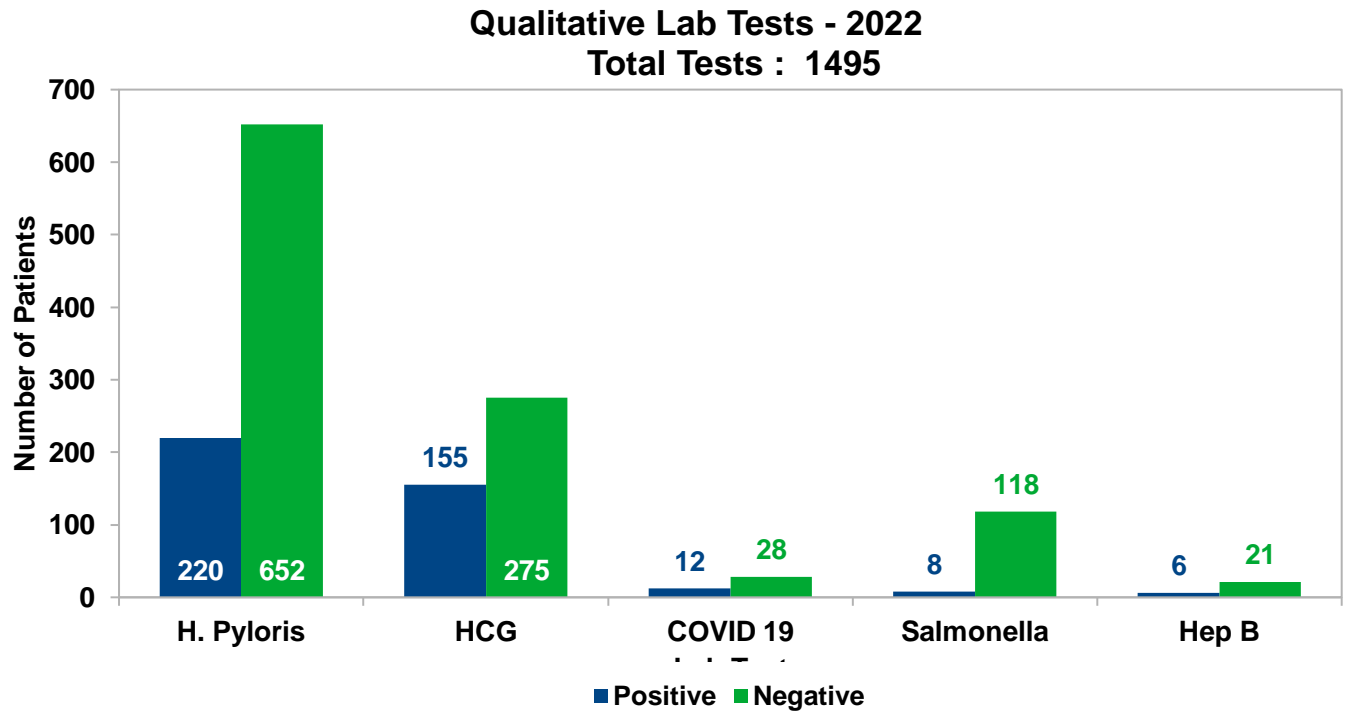


Figure 17: Qualitative Lab Tests – 2022.

Table 14 Below shows quantitative Laboratory tests conducted in the year 2022 (KHC Static and Kasese Outreach).

	Glucose	HB	Urinalysis	FBC
Jan	47	93	4	102
Feb	30	84	2	98
Mar	36	82	4	109
Apr	33	81	1	84
May	30	48	11	113
Jun	107	74	8	130
Jul	82	76	21	130
Aug	95	86	23	100
Sep	49	72	18	101
Oct	56	93	24	125
Nov	20	101	16	125
Total	585	890	132	1217

Figure 18 shows quantitative lab tests for the year 2022

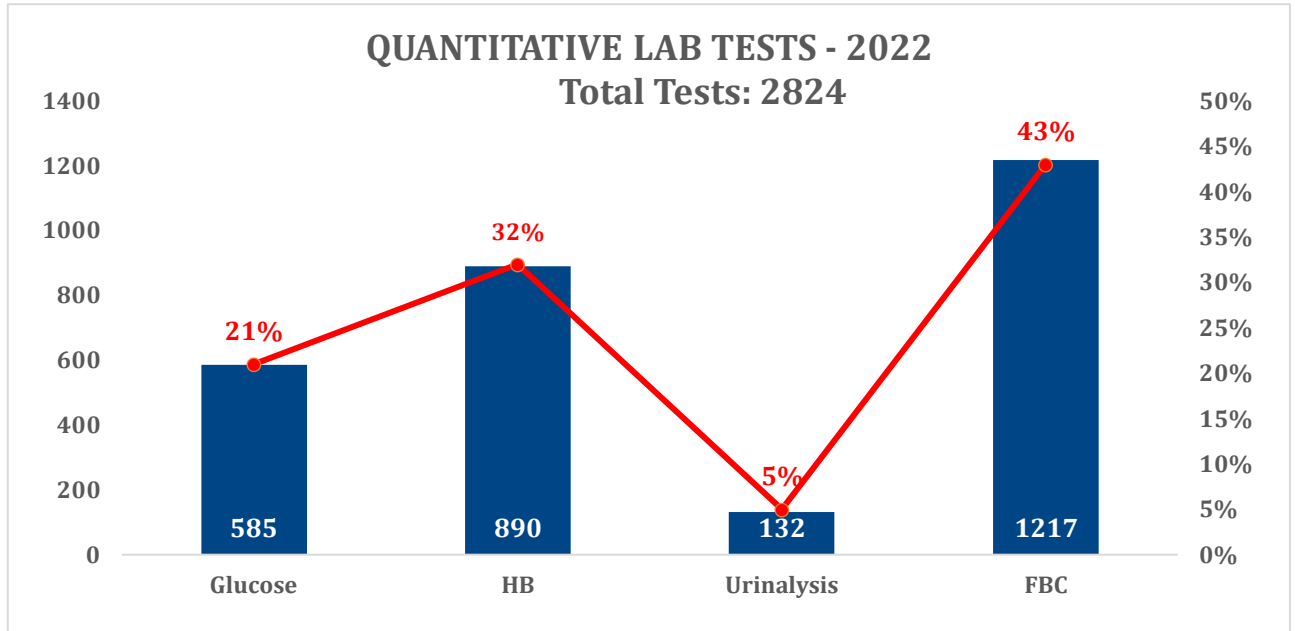


Figure 18: Quantitative Lab Tests – 2022.

9. Disease Group Trends.

Figure 19 below shows diseases occurrences for November 2022

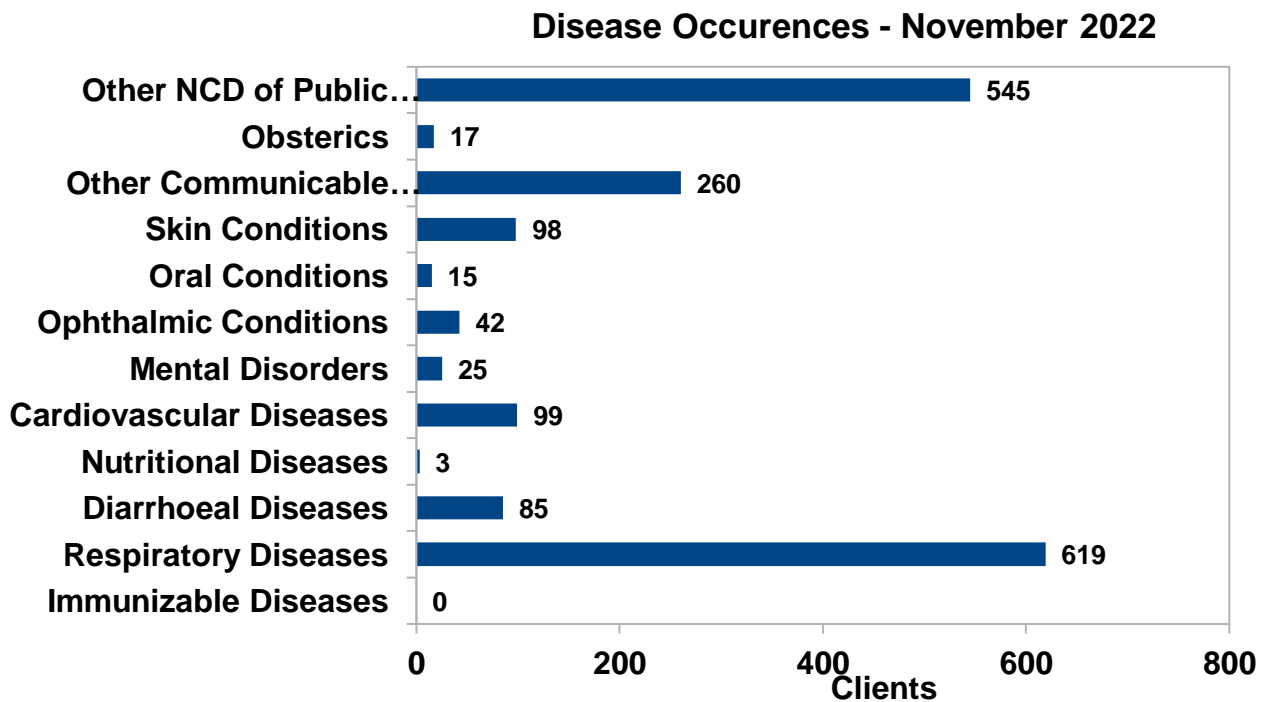


Figure 19: Disease Occurrences (November, 2022).

B. Healthcare Finance and Administration

Table 15 shows clinic finance table for 2022.

2022	Amount Collected	Amount Spent
January	MK 2,008,000	MK 388,170
February	MK 2,509,100	MK 506,506
March	MK 2,821,910	MK 503,235
April	MK 2,141,250	MK 467,235
May	MK 2,600,250	MK 554,705
June	MK 2,415,300	MK 613,115
July	MK 2,681,250	MK 419,800
August	MK 3,282,000	MK 383,850
September	MK 2,675,100	MK 523,850
October	MK 2,461,550	MK 491,025
November	MK 2,420,000	MK 737,760

Table 15: Clinic Finances – 2022.

Figure 20 below shows Expenses and Amount Collected (2022).

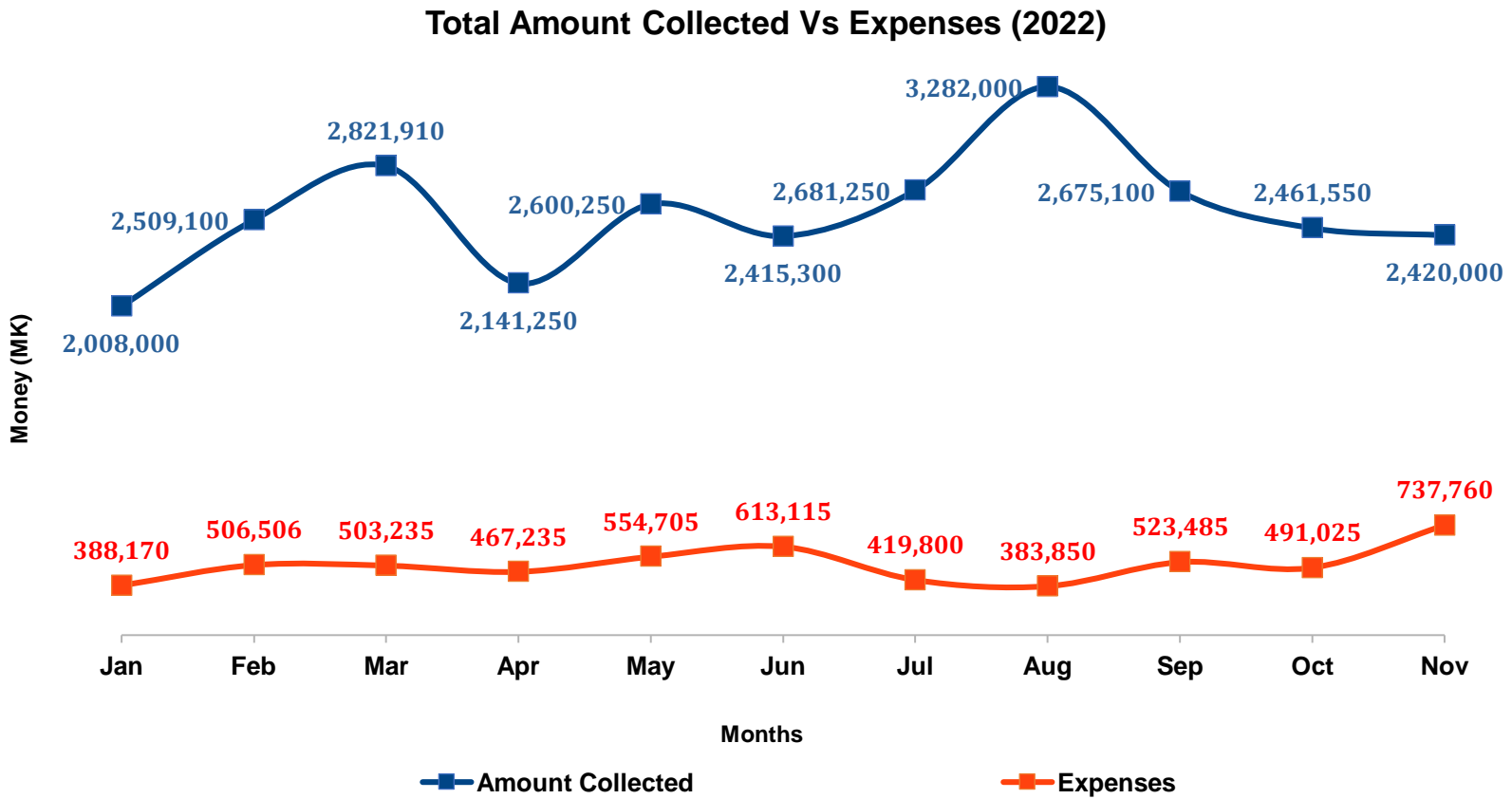


Figure 20: Expenses and Amount Collected (2022).

Water and Sanitation Program

Introduction



OCA WASH program aims at improving access to WASH services in the Kasese catchment and surrounding areas. In line with this overall aim, the WASH program conducted a number of activities ranging from community capacity building to improving sanitation and water supply. This report provides a summary of WASH interventions conducted in November 2022. The following key interventions were achieved in November;

- Supported 37 water point repairs (Service/preventive: 28; Repairs: 8; Rehabilitated: 1)
- Trained 3 Water Point Committees (WPC) from Kam'phika Mateke and Kasinja villages
- Completed construction latrines at Kapini school
- Joint Monitoring visit with OCA Country Director
- Attended DCT in Dowa

DETAILED NARRATION OF MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

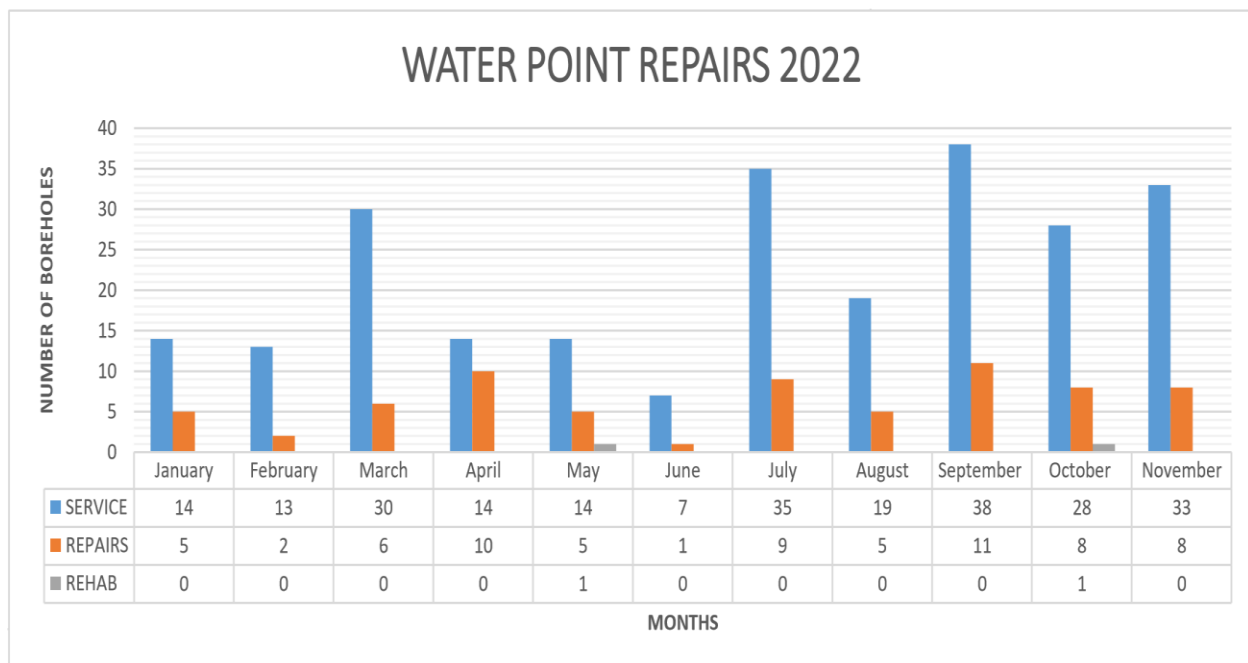
The WASH program carried out the following significant activities in November 2022.

Water point repairs and rehabilitations



Left- Pump repair session at Kasinja village during the month, Right – Kasinja borehole now fully functional following a repair session

To ensure sustainable access to safe water within the Kasese catchment, water point repair is among the key intervention for the OCA WASH program. In November, the WASH program repaired a total of **41** water points (Service/preventive: **33**; Repairs: **8**). Cumulatively, in 2022 the WASH program has supported the maintenance of **276** water points (Service: **212**; repairs: **62**; rehabilitations: **2**). The graph below shows the trend of major/reactive repairs and preventive/service repairs by the WASH program in 2022 so far;



A graph showing the number of repairs conducted between January to November 2022

WASH program Joint Monitoring with the Country Director (CD)



Left – Newly constructed latrines at Nambola school during the CD's visit, right – New borehole drilled with support from OCA in Kam'phika village during the CD's visits

In November the WASH program conducted a joint monitoring field visit with the OCA Country Director (CD). The aim of the visit was to familiarize the CD with recent activities conducted by the WASH program in 2022. Furthermore, the field visit also aimed at inspecting the quality of the work conducted by the WASH program as well as cementing the bond between community and OCA senior management which is important in rural community development. During the monitoring visit, the CD visited 2 newly constructed boreholes in Zindo 2 and Kam'phika. Similarly, the CD also visited newly constructed latrines at Nambola primary school. Following the visit, the CD was satisfied with work the WASH program was doing in the community. The CD further encouraged WASH program staff to continue doing good job in community development as well as bring more new interventions to ensure the growth of the program.

Water Point Committees (WPCs) training

To ensure that water points are sustainable, the WASH program trains water point committees in the management of water points. At each water point 10 volunteers are

trained in minor repairs, water point sanitation, community mobilization, water point fund raising and management.



A classroom session during water point committee training for Kasinja and Mateke borehole during the month

In November, the WASH program trained **3** WPC from **Mateke, Kam’phika** and **Kasinja** villages. The 2 water points in Mateke and Kam’phika were drilled in October while the water point in Kasinja village was drilled in September in 2022. During the month two sessions were conducted in which Mateke and Kasinja committees were combined and Kam’phika was trained separately. So far in 2022, the WASH program has trained a total of **20** WPCs i.e. **11** WPCs for 2022 boreholes and **9** for 2021 boreholes.

Construction of latrines at Kapini Primary School

In September the WASH program started the construction of latrines at Kapini primary school. Kapini is the second school to benefit from the school latrine initiative in 2022. Currently, two latrine blocks have constructed for both boys and girls at Kapini school. The two latrine blocks are yet to be handed over to the school management pending installation of doors. Each block of latrine has 4 latrine cubicles with lockable wooden doors. These latrines are expected to benefit a total of **352** learners (Boys: **171**; Girls: **181**).



One of the newly constructed latrines blocks at Kapini school

WASH District Coordination Team (DCT) Meeting

In November, the WASH program was invited to WASH DCT at the Dowa district council. The main agenda of the meeting was to review annual new reporting forms for WASH NGOs which were prepared by Water and Environmental Sanitation Network (WESNET). WESNET is the national umbrella organization of NGOs, CBOs, Private Sector and individuals in the Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) sector in Malawi, aimed at ensuring coordination among these stakeholders and with the government. The new reporting forms are expected to promote data sharing and transparency among WASH partners and government in project/program implementation. OCA is a registered member of WESNET.



Stakeholders during a DCT Meeting organized by WESNET in Dowa

Conclusion

The month of November was a challenging month in terms of borehole drilling since the WASH program did not manage to drill boreholes as planned due to breakdowns of our drilling contractor's machines. The month December is likely to be busy month as the WASH program will drill 3 boreholes to compensate for the boreholes which were not drilled in November. Despite this, December promises to be super exciting month due to impending mission visit by Orant Charities US team.

Agriculture and Business

Agriculture

Introduction

Farming is one of the important activities which are building the economy of Malawi. Smallholder farmers depend on farming to improve their economic status and feed their families. OCA supports smallholder farmers by equipping them with knowledge of farming as a business. The activities are done in both irrigation and rainfed farming through the provision of farm inputs as micro-loans and agriculture expertise. Some of the activities conducted during the reporting month have been explained below;

OCA Farm

The month of November has been a month for preparing the land to be ready for the planting rains. Mwaiwathu farm club members have been able to prepare their portions of land for the cultivation of Maize, Soya, and groundnuts for commercial production. These farmers were monitored to check on how they implement the lessons which they were taught in the last year's growing season. The farming process started with the same 10 families which OCA worked with in last year's growing season where each farmer has been given 2 acres for the cultivation of cereals and legumes.



Ridge making done ready for planting

Planting crops

This year's rains have commenced earlier compared to last year. Farmers have been able to plant their crops in early December while last year the condition was different. Mwaiwathu members were able to plant their crops within the days of the 3rd to 9th of December, 2022 while last year planting started in January. OCA land has been planted with crops such as Maize, Soya, and Groundnuts on a total land of 31 acres. Planting on demonstration has also been done where four companies have shown interest namely, Bayer, Seed-co, Globe seed, and Famers world. Crops being cultivated under demonstration include Maize, Soya, and sweet potatoes.



Maize plants with good crop germination

Harvesting and Marketing in Irrigation clubs

There has been harvesting of Tomato crops at Kambalani irrigation club which was faced with the challenge of good markets. The market search was done during the month when it was discovered that there are a lot of tomatoes at the market which resulted in a drop in the price of the tomatoes. Despite the drop in prices, the number of interested customers purchasing the commodities was very low which resulted in the rotting of tomato produce since it is a perishable crop. This resulted in farmers making very low profits compared to the projections which they had during the production period. In this case, club members were advised to grow more crops that have long shelf life than those perishable crops.



Good quality tomatoes with poor markets

Hailstorm affected crops

Mvunguti irrigation club is producing Maize and tomatoes. Maize is at the stage of vegetative growth and tomatoes are at the stage of flowering. As the rain this year has come early, it started with a hailstorm that destroyed tomatoes which are at the flowering stage. Hailstorm destroys flowers, leaves, and stems and sometimes can destroy the whole plant if it is too heavy. This problem will come with several problems during harvesting which include low yield and poor quality. This will contribute to the poor profits that farmers will make compared to their expectations.

Meetings

The District Agricultural Extension Coordination Committee (DAECC) meeting was attended where the Transform project through LUANAR was presenting their new project to be introduced in the Dowa district. The project is about promoting pig farming where farmers will be doing pig pass-on program. The project will cover the districts of Dowa, Kasungu, and Mzimba. The main aim of the project is to improve income and nutrition security and smallholder farmers.



DAECC Meeting in progress

Business and Financial Empowerment Microloans

Introduction

FEM program continues to support women entrepreneurs around Kasese trading centre through provision of interest free microloans which are repaid in four equal instalments and periodic entrepreneurship courses aimed at equipping women with essential business skills to enable women to successfully manage their businesses. These microloans and entrepreneurship courses are meant to empower women so that they become financially self-reliant and be able to support their households. In the month of November, FEM had accomplished the following activities as narrated below;

Detailed Narration of Activities

Feedback sessions



Feedback sessions with Tikondane and Tiyanjane FEM groups were organised with the purpose of reviewing the June to December, 2022 loan period. Some of the issues under review were; progress on loan repayment, general challenges encountered during the period and to assess if the women entrepreneurs were able to achieve their short-

term goals.

By November 30th, all the women entrepreneurs had settled their outstanding loan balances. With the business skills that the women entrepreneurs have acquired, they are able to diversify and switch to a business that is trendy at the time. Successes such as purchases of livestock, being able to feed families and cultivate food crops which ensure food security for members in 2023 were documented for the period. there were also a few challenges recorded most of which were arising from price fluctuations for both food and non-commodities due to the worldwide economic inflation. Although there were such challenges, most of the businesses were able to thrive and are still operational.

Monitoring visits

Routine business check-ups were done to individual businesses and group meetings. The aim of the visits was to motivate women entrepreneurs as well as keep them on course of good business practices that may help in growing their businesses. Visits to newly incorporated Takondwa FEM group were also done to help the women finalise their business plans before disbursing loans.



Picture 1 Takondwa FeM members: Idah Banda(L) and Jeniffer Malomo (R)

Loan repayments

In the June to December, 2022 loan period, FEM program had disbursed loans amounting to MWK 6, 160,000 to Tikondane and Tiyanjane respectively. In the reporting month, all the members from both cohorts had managed to fully settle their loans. All payments were made through OCA's Airtel mobile wallet.

Weekly Village Savings and Loans (VS&L) meetings

VS&L meetings continued to take place for both Tikondane and Tiyanjane FEM groups. These meetings help the women to be able to save some proceeds realised from the business on weekly basis as it may not be as easy to keep money in their houses for a long time. Furthermore, it is an opportunity to bring together all the members of each group so that they may share business experiences and keep each other updated. During the month, Tikondane and Tiyanjane members prioritised these meetings as a way of rekindling their knitting skills and teach those that were still lagging behind. The

members seemed to have had quality time spent together. The women entrepreneurs managed to Knit scuffs, baby hats, boots and table mats just to mention a few.



Education Support Program



Student Sponsorship

Currently, the OCA education program is supporting the education of 118 students. 110 students in secondary school, 2 students in primary school and 6 students in university. OCA education program has 3 types of sponsorship in 2022; OCA, Geo-shack and Ulemu sponsorship. Geo-shack is sponsoring only secondary school students whereas OCA despite sponsoring secondary students, it is also sponsoring some students in primary and University. Ulemu only supports students in University / College.

➤ The Table below depicts a summary of current OCA sponsored students

Level	OCA	Geoshack	Ulemu
Primary	2	0	0
Secondary	80	30	0
University	1	0	5
Total	83	30	5

The following were the activities conducted by the education program in the month of November, 2022.

School Visits

OCA education program visited sponsored students in their respective schools. Likuni girls, Lilongwe girls, Dzenza, Dowa, Madisi, Ngara, Tchawale and Natola Secondary schools were visited. The aim of the visits was to monitor students' academic performance, encourage them to work extra hard and to provide them with material support. The support which was given to the students includes; writing materials (Hardcovers, pens, pencils), school bags and school Uniforms. The school materials are given to the students in order to keep them in school and also that they are able to do better in class because their basic needs are met. The school does not provide these materials to the students and their parents cannot afford to provide for them because they are poor.



OCA education personnel encouraging students at Madisi (left) and Likuni Sec school (right)



Students from Ngara (left) and Tchawale (right) CDSS with their school materials given by OCA



Smiles of Natola CDSS & Dzenza sec school students

Documentation of student's profiles

In the same reporting period, the education program documented profiles of new students selected into the program. These students were selected in the previous month (October) and their profiles were documented and sent to the donors. This documentation of students' profile is important because it helps the donors to know their students better since it includes their personal and family background information. 35 profiles were documented; 30 students under Geo-shack and 5 students under OCA sponsorship.



New Geoshack students from Dowa Sec. school

Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) Exams

OCA had 50 students (All girls) from different secondary schools who wrote the 2022 MSCE examinations. Amongst these students 38 passed and 12 failed representing a 76 % pass rate. From the 12 students who failed, 3 students were from Day schools and 9 students from boarding schools. From the 38 students who passed, only one is from a day school and 26 students are qualifying for University.

		Boarding students	Day students	Total
# of students who wrote MSCE	50	46	4	50
Passed	38	37	1	38
Failed	12	9	3	12

2022 MSCE results

In Malawi, Out of **136, 247** candidates who sat for this examination, in at least six subjects including English, **84, 009** candidates have qualified for the award of the Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). This represents a **61.66%** pass rate. Out of the **62,441** female candidates who sat for the examination in at least six subjects including English, **34, 837** candidates have qualified for the award of MSCE, representing a **55.79%** pass rate.

OCA is pleased to report that some of its female students are among the **55.79 %** pass rate for the 2022 MSCE exams results in Malawi.