

ORANT CHARITIES AFRICA MONTHLY REPORT

HEALTHCARE, WATER, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS PROGRAMS

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HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

Introduction

Kasese healthcare program is at the core amongst the four programs of Orant Charities Africa (OCA). The programme, strives to provide comprehensive primary health care which commensurate with the health needs of the population of approximately 36,381 in its



catchment areas. The program in this respect provides highest quality healthcare and accessible services within its limited resources through curative services at Kasese static Clinic, community mobile outreach clinics (Bowe & Kasese) and many public health programs.

The health center provides in details the following services: Outpatient's clinic (OPD), 24hrs children's observation ward, Maternal healthcare services like obstetrics (Antenatal care, deliveries, provision of family planning methods, cervical cancer screening e.t.c). In addition, the health Centre provides preventive services through public health like (nutrition supplements, growth monitoring and immunizations).

In the month of August 2021, the program both Static and Kasese Outreach attended to **2,427** patients. The laboratory department tested a total of **1,008** suspected cases of Malaria and confirmed **148** positive malaria case representing a **15%** positivity rate. This time of the year the malaria cases are lower, because its not malaria season which is December to June . In July positivity rate was **22%** and it is continuing to go down as seen in the month of August.

Table 1 Below shows monthly patients seen in both KHC and Mobile Outreach Clinics (MOC).

Months (2021)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
OPD Kasese Clinic	1964	1914	2970	2813	2804	3334	3572	2033	21404
Bowe Outreach	724	3172	3741	4602	3902	4491	4860	4064	29556
Kasese Outreach	258	360	379	771	447	590	346	313	3464
Children Ward	30	0	38	69	41	39	50	50	317

Kasese (WK/Nights/Holidays)	29	41	67	71	76	58	33	31	406
Total	3005	5487	7195	8326	7270	8512	8861	6491	55145

Table 1 : Total monthly patients seen at KHC and Mobile Outreach Clinics (2021).

Figure 1 below shows total patient attendance for both KHC and MOC in the year 2021

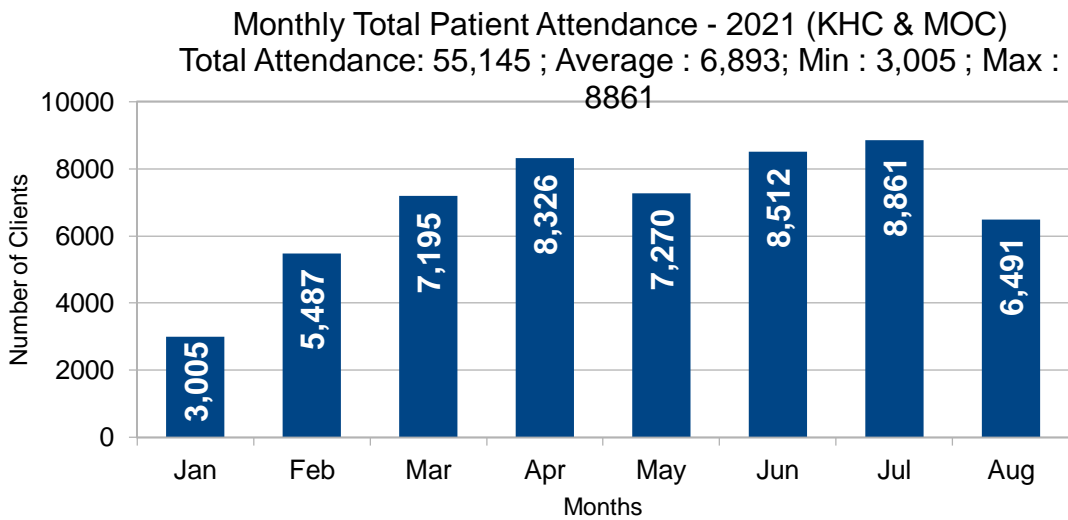


Figure 2 below shows total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and KHC Outreach.

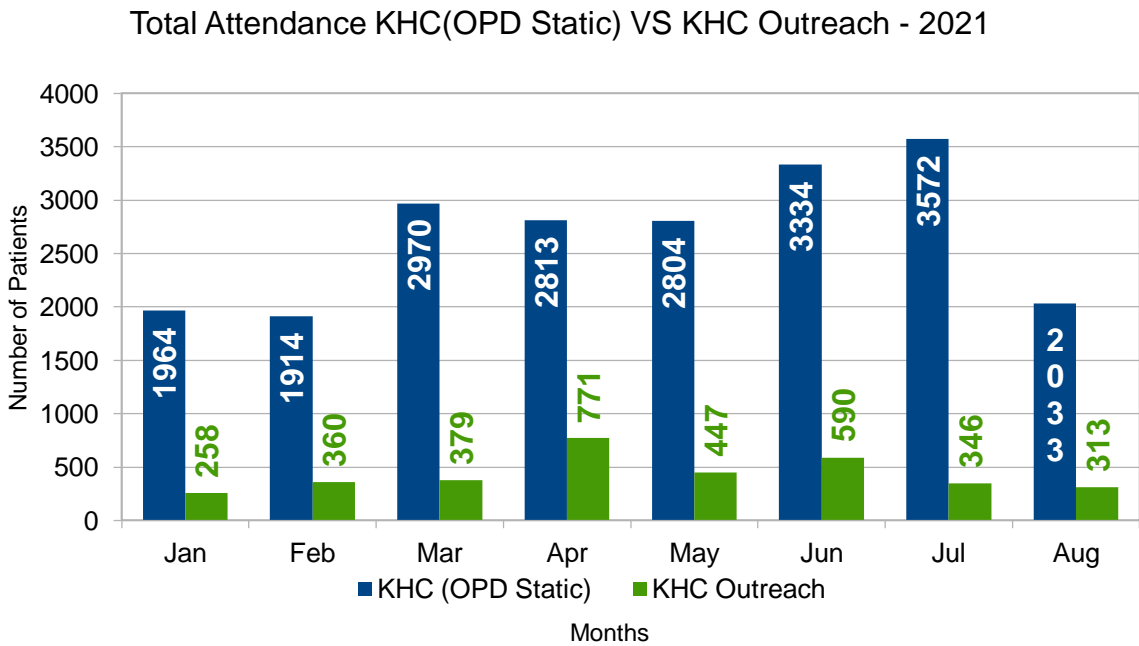


Figure 3 below shows total number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static and Outreach) and Bowe Outreach.

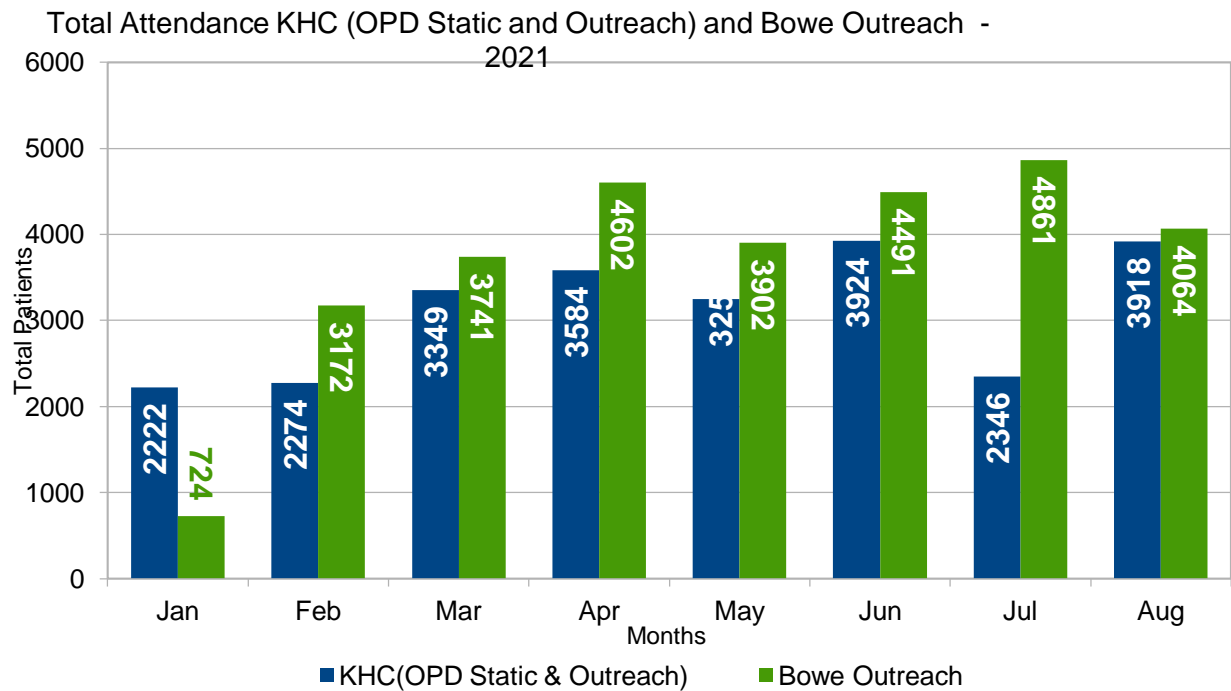
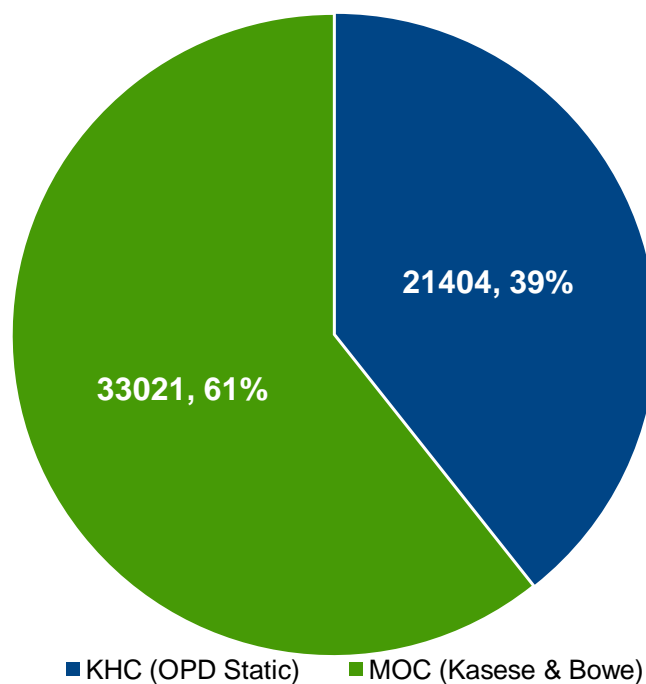


Figure 4 below shows cumulative number of patients seen at KHC (OPD Static) and MOC (Kasese & Bowe)

KHC OPD Static VS MOC (Kasese & Bowe) - 2021

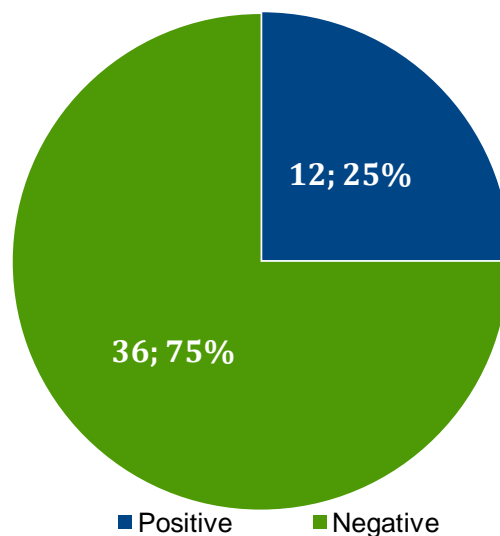


2. COVID 19 Situation Updates.

Malawi daily dashboard reports shows cumulative of **60,965** cases of COVID 19 cases including **2,229** deaths. The third wave accounts for more cases and deaths case fatality rate of 3.6%. Kasese Health Center has not been spared of the pandemic, the total cases diagnosed so far is **39** with **3** deaths for the year 2021.

Figure 5 below shows COVID Test done at KHC in the month of August 2021

KHC Static COVID 19 Tests - August 2021
Total tests: 48;



2.1 Cumulative COVID 19 Data – KHC Static.

Table 2 below shows Cumulative COVID 19 Data.

	Staff(OCA/HSA)	Others	Total
Cumulative Tests	28	171	199
Cumulative Positives	10	29	39
Cumulative Deaths	0	3	3
Cumulative Recoveries	10	26	36
August Tests	1	47	48
August Positives	0	12	12

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

Table 3 below shows Vaccine Doses Administered in the month of August 2021.

Dose	Male	Female	Total
1 st Dose	56	65	121
2 nd Dose	62	45	107
Total	118	110	228

2.3 COVID 19 Vaccine (Johnson and Johnson) – KHC Static.

Table 4 below shows Vaccine Doses Administered in the month of August (KHC Static).

	Male	Female	Total
Dose	361	454	815

Figure 5 below shows total number of vaccines administered in the month of August 2021 - Astra-Zeneca.

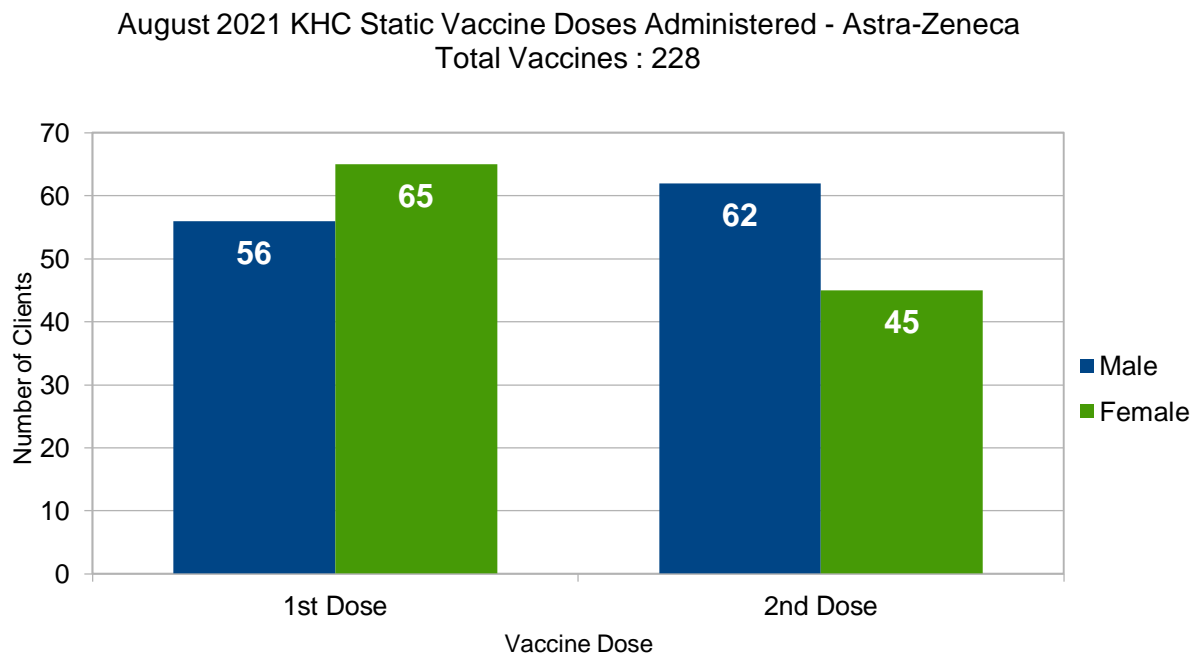
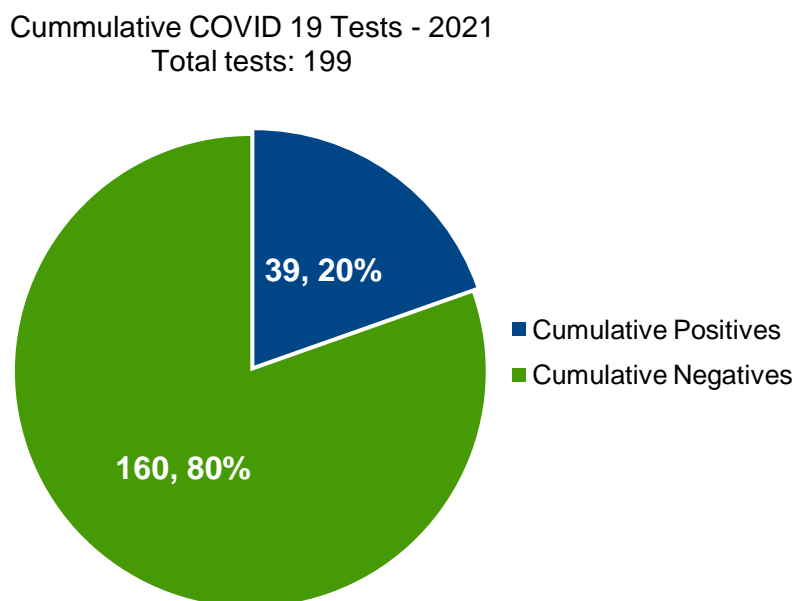


Figure 6 below shows cumulative COVID 19 tests done in the year 2021.



3. Reproductive and Family Planning Health.

3.1 Maternal and New-born Healthcare

The maternity department continues to provide excellent Maternal and Neonatal health care. All women access high-quality care during pregnancy, delivery and postnatal and likewise to young infants. All received quality medicine, vaccines and are attended by skilled healthcare workers (nurses and clinicians). Patients who need referrals to hospital are timely taken care of. We are proud to report that the health center has provide excellent care as evidently seen by good maternal and new-born outcomes. No maternal mortality in the past 6 years.

Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, maternity services were never interrupted. In the month of August 2021 there was **41** attendees, and **36** infants was born. **5** mothers were referred to Madisi hospital for further management which includes a Caesarean Section(C/S).

Table 5 below shows Maternity Data for the year 2021.

Months (2021)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Total New Babies	27	26	34	33	33	30	33	36
Weight <2500 grams	2	1	2	0	4	1	2	1
Prematurity	2	0	5	1	4	1	2	0
Asphyxia	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1
Sepsis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Still Birth Fresh	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Still Birth Macerated	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Neonatal Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5: Total number of newborns and their outcome

Maternity Attendance - August 2021
Total Attendance: 41

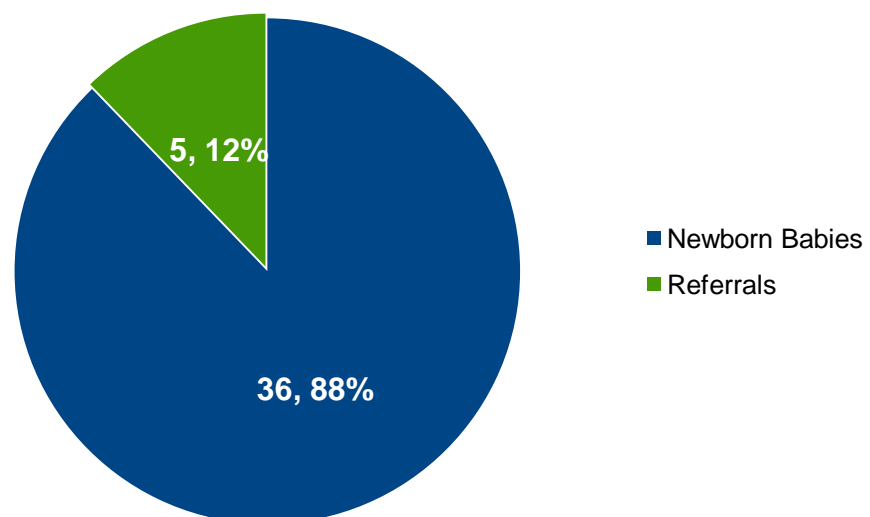
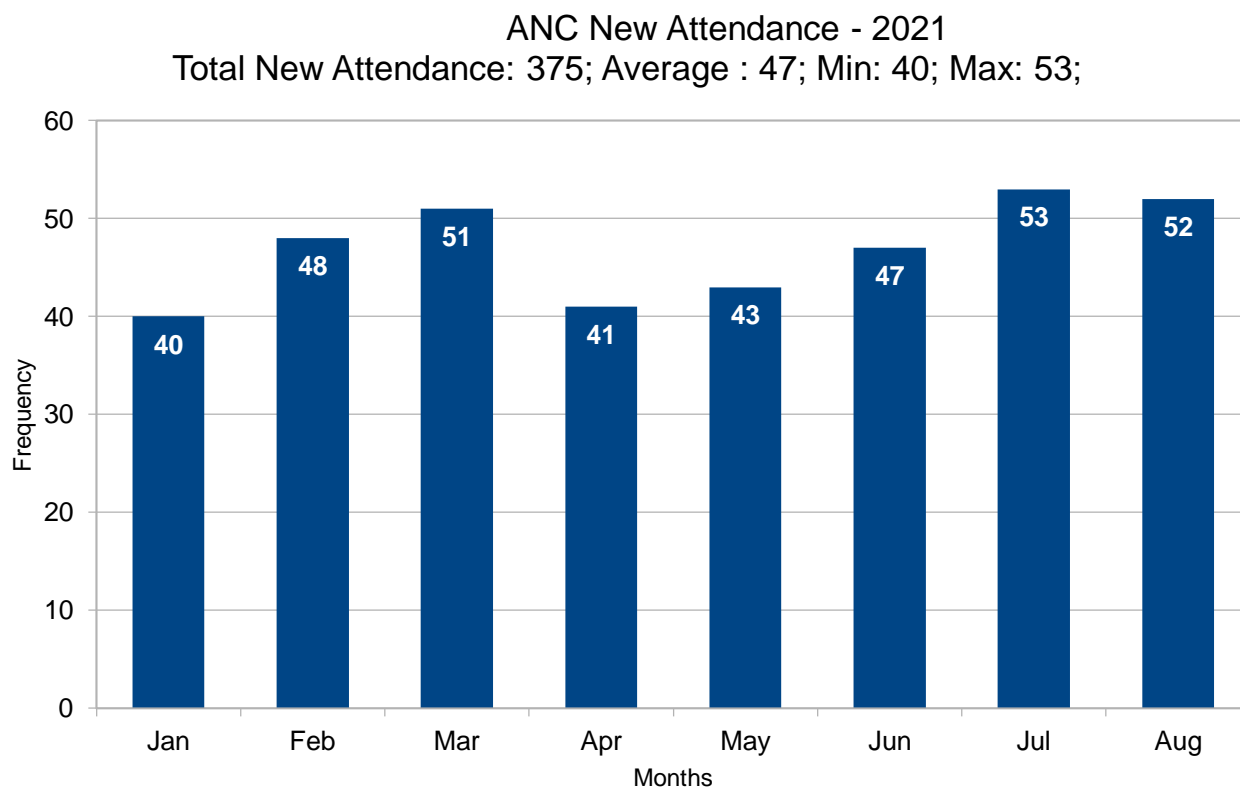


Figure 7: number of Newborn Babies and Referrals(August,2021).

Figure 8 below shows ANC New attendances 2021.



3.2 Cervical Cancer Control Clinic Report

Cancer of the cervix remains a public health problem in Malawi and amongst the top leading cause of cancer deaths (MOH, *National cervical cancer strategy 2016-2020*). In addressing this problem, the Kasese Health Center conducts routine visual screening of cervix using 3 – 5 % acetic acid (VIA) to women of childbearing age between 25 to 49 years, and as for the Month of August 2021, 22 clients were screened and 2 were cancer suspects and they received thermal therapy (use of high temperature 113F to damage and kill early cancer cells). Among the 22 screened women, 8 are HIV positive. From the cohort, in August we had 1 death. According to the monthly data below, it has been noted there is low uptake of women accessing the screening services and therefore there is need for community sensitisation.

Table 6 below shows 2021 Monthly Cervical Cancer Screening.

Month (2021)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Total	23	14	5	15	5	24	0	22
Positive	2	1	1	1	1	3	0	2

Table 6: Monthly Cervical Cancer Screening 2021 Table.

4. Eye Clinic.

Malawi has an estimated blindness prevalence of 1.2%. The major of blindness are: Cataract, Trachoma, Glaucoma, Refractive Error and Childhood blindness (WHO, 2012). Kasese Health Center conducts routine eye Clinic monthly to assist the Government efforts to address the challenges related to the eye. The outsourced Eye Specialist from St Andrews hospital managed to attend to **25** patients and, **4** were booked for eye surgery which includes Conjunctival Growths and Cataract.

Table 7 below shows total number of clients treated for eye infections and those booked for surgery.

Month (2021)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Eye Infections (Treated)	18	25	19	24	27	22	15	25
Eye Surgery (Booked)	2	2	1	2	1	5	0	4

5. Malaria Report.

A large proportion of Malawi's population suffers from Malaria and its among the Under 5 killer disease. Its diagnosed through clinical signs and symptoms and laboratory tests which is conducted both Rapid test (MRDT's) and Microscopy blood smear slides. As observed from table 8 below, The Malaria disease trend continues to decrease as its summer season since the breeding ground for Mosquitos is not favorable. Total of **1008** Malaria tests were done in the month of August 2021 and positives were **148** representing **15%** positivity rate. Children under five years, total test done was **655** and **81** were positives representing **12%**. For those five years and over, total test was **353** and **67** were positives representing **19%**.

Table 8 below shows total Malaria Cases (MRDT's Positive), LA Issued and Dispensed

Months (2021)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Suspected Malaria Cases	1,595	1,647	2,593	3,053	2,269	2,256	2,107	1,008
Suspected Cases Tested	1,587	1,647	2,593	3,053	2,269	2,256	2,096	1,008
Confirmed Malaria Cases	911	1,070	1,823	2,025	1,511	1,005	459	148
New Malaria Cases Registered	911	1,070	1,823	2,025	1,511	1,005	470	148
LA Dispensed	919	1,070	1,823	2,025	1,511	1,005	470	170
LA Issued	2,610	1,740	2,810	3,630	2,100	1,620	1,170	390

Figure 9 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) Malaria tests (August, 2021).

Total Malaria Test - August 2021
Total Tests: 1008;

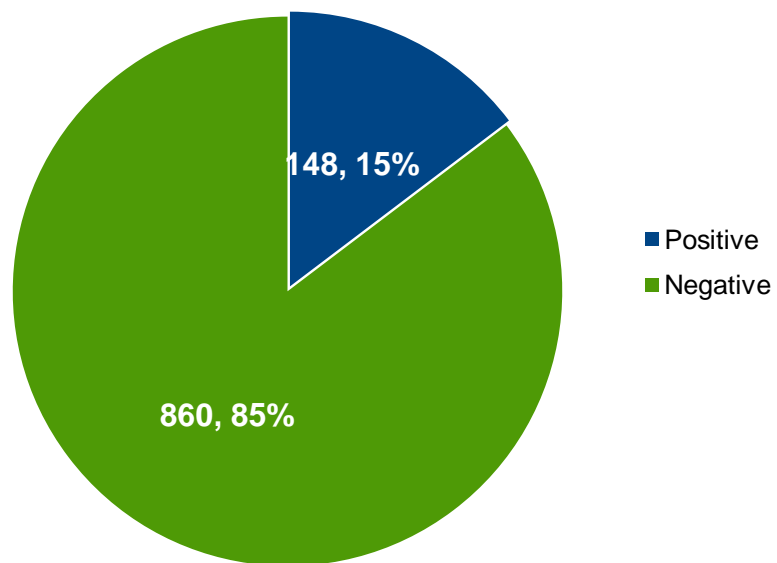


Figure 10 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) 5 Years and Over Malaria tests (August, 2021).

5 Years and Over Malaria Tests - KHC (Static & Kasese Outreach - August 2021)
Total Tests: 353

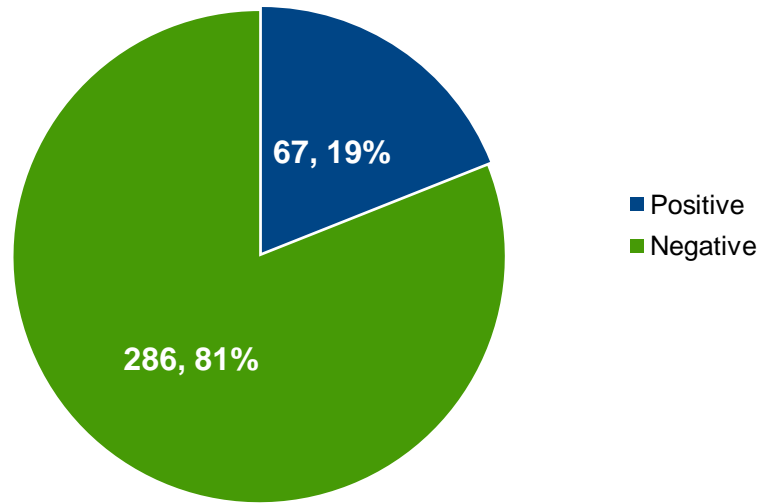


Figure 10: Static and Kasese Outreach, 5 Years and Over Malaria tests (August, 2021).

Figure 11 shows total KHC (Static and Kasese Outreach) Under 5 Malaria tests (August, 2021).

Under 5 Years Malaria Tests - KHC (Static & Kasese Outreach - August 2021)
Total Tests: 655

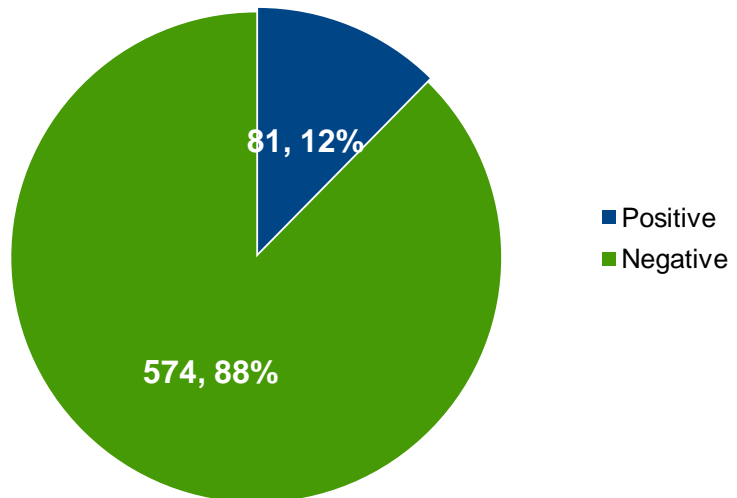


Figure 11 : Static and Kasese Outreach, Under 5 Years Malaria tests (August, 2021).

With reference to the figures, 10 and 11 above, more Malaria tests were conducted in Under 5 (65%) than 5 Years and Over (35%) because Under 5 children are prone to Malaria since their immunity is not fully developed. However, despite Under 5 Years

having more tests, 5 Years and Over has a higher positivity rate (**19%**) compared to Under 5 (**12%**).

6. HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC).

The health centre continues to conduct HIV Counselling and Testing services to general public and Antenatal mothers as Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT). The HIV prevalence rate is at **1.2%** against national prevalence rate of **8.2%**. As for the month of August 2021, **176** clients were tested only **3** tested positive for HIV, representing **1.7%** Positivity rate.

Figure 13 below shows HTC Monthly Data (Jan to Aug 2021).

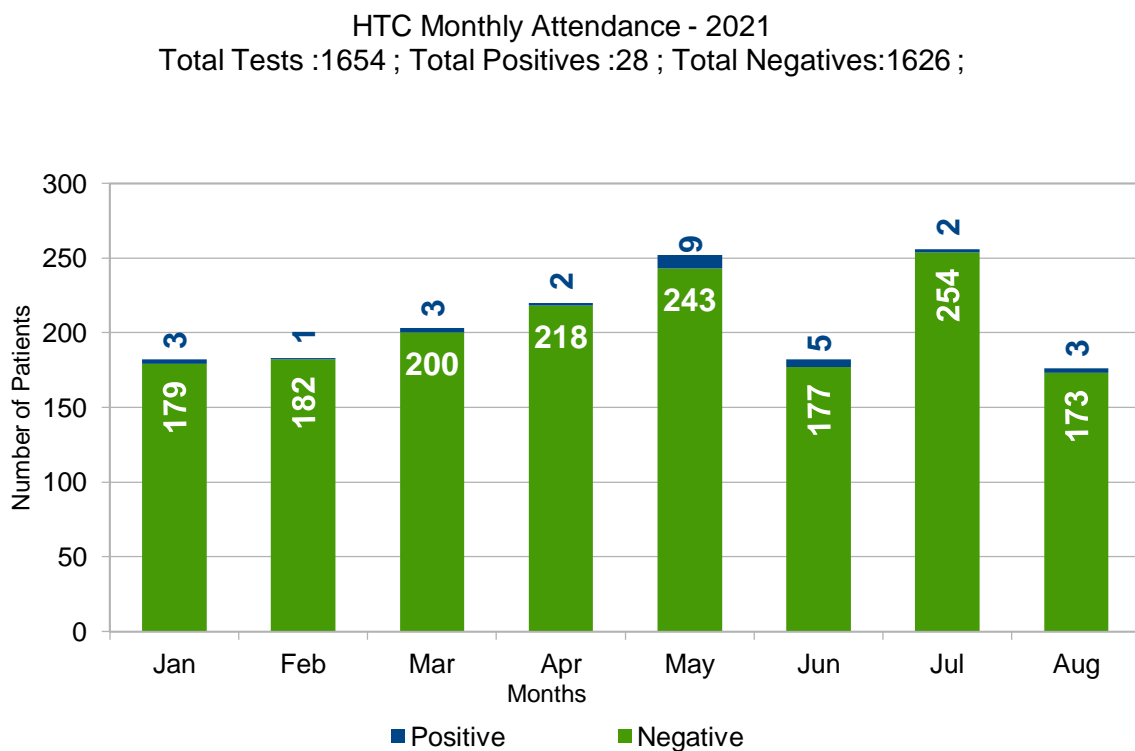


Figure 13: HTC Monthly Data 2021.

7. Laboratory Services.

The Health Center Laboratory Department continues to conduct and provide a reliable tests befitting primary health care level, the most common tests done are rapid test strips, malaria tests (MRDT's), HIV tests and COVID 19 Rapid Antigen Test , basic microscopy test like TB test and Full Blood Count.

Table 9 Below shows other Laboratory tests conducted in the year 2021 (KHC Static and Kasese Outreach).

Tests	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug	
	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos	Tot	Pos
H. Pyloris	26	6	38	7	75	14	58	12	63	13	49	9	76	15	37	7
Salmonella	16	2	8	1	12	2	19	2	8	1	8	0	11	3	6	0
Hep B	2	0	4	1	4	1	5	1	3	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
VDRL	1	0	-	-	3	0	2	1	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
HCG	36	17	57	21	57	0	67	23	67	23	49	18	43	18	31	18
TB MP	4	0	6	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	3	1	2	0	1	0
Glucose	46	-	97	-	68	-	77	-	81	-	46	-	52	-	18	-
HB	47	-	109	-	116	-	167	-	128	-	90	-	79	-	68	-
Urinalysis	21	-	21	-	10	-	23	-	17	-	12	-	12	-	11	-
FBC	89	-	71	-	22	-	22	-	31	-	52	-	78	-	65	-
COVID 19	43	18	25	5	25	5	19	0	19	0	6	0	57	17	48	12

Table 9: Lab Tests Data Table for KHC Static and Kasese Outreach.

B. Healthcare Finance and administration

The healthcare major funding is from donors (Orant Charities USA), which the health center receives every month. In addition, the health center locally resource funds from patients which is referred as user fee. User fee, is the money patients pay at the clinic

entry point (Cashier desk) . Children pay **MK 200** and adults are charged **MK 1000** only within catchment area, otherwise **MK 3000**. The fee is within the means and resources of our average community member. However, those who cannot afford to pay are not bar from accessing the services, while others are exempted in accordance to the user fee policy, for example those with chronic illness like Epilepsy, Asthma, Hypertension.

NB : Financial report for August 2021 is not yet ready as an accountant is on Maternity leave and she is yet to compile

Figure 14 below shows Expenses and Amount Collected (Jan to Aug 2021).

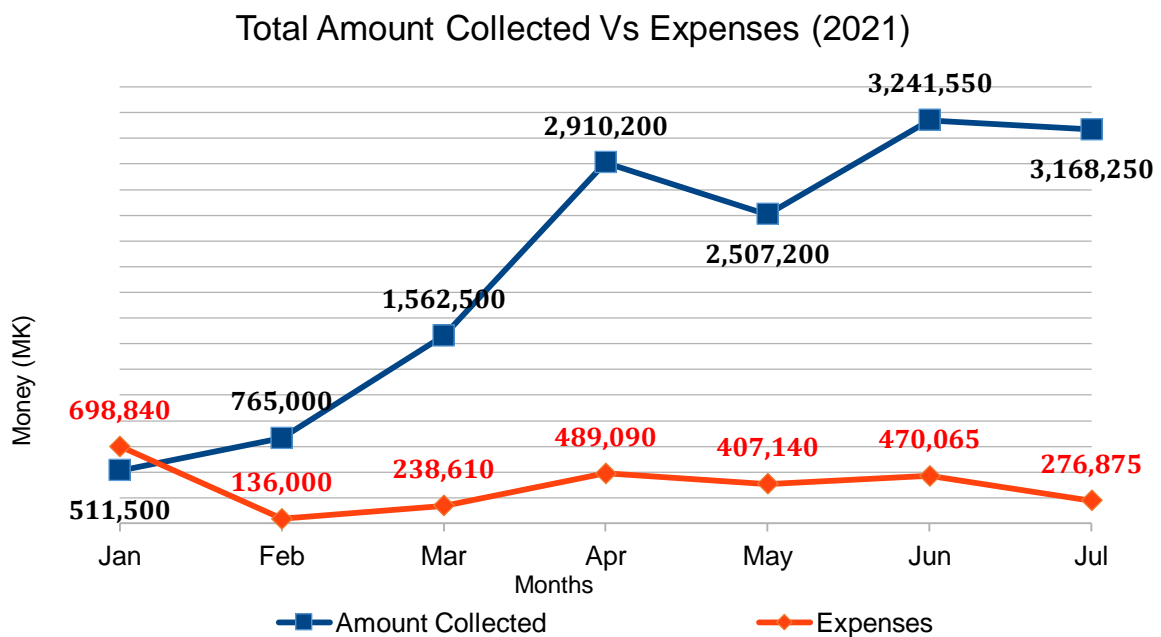


Figure 14: Expenses and Amount Collected (Jan to Aug 2021).

C. General Clinic Report

1. Achievements

- i The health center attended **2,427** patients at OPD.
- ii The Health Center supportive supervision from Ministry of Health, National Malaria Control Program (NMCP). Overall the Health Center is doing well.
- iii COVID 19 and Malaria Cases has dropped in our community.

2. Challenges

- i. There is a need for a training for Lab Technician on modern techniques of Malaria Species Identification and Parasites Count.

- ii. There is a need to procure a latest Microscopy. (Normal Olympus 21 or 31)
- iii. There is a need for Community Sensitization on Cancer and availability of Cancer Screening at Kasese Health Center.

WATER PROGRAM



Executive Summary

The water program continues to support rural communities in the promotion of access to Water and Sanitation. In August, the water and sanitation program continued the drilling of boreholes in its effort to promote access to potable water in the Kasese catchment. By the end of August, the water and sanitation program managed to achieve the following milestones;

- 7 Water-point repairs
- Drilled 2 boreholes in Chikumba and Kaunjika village
- 1 Water Point Committee (WPC) training for Soko borehole
- District Coordinating Team (DCT) Meeting
- Mzimuwakana Borehole Opening Ceremony

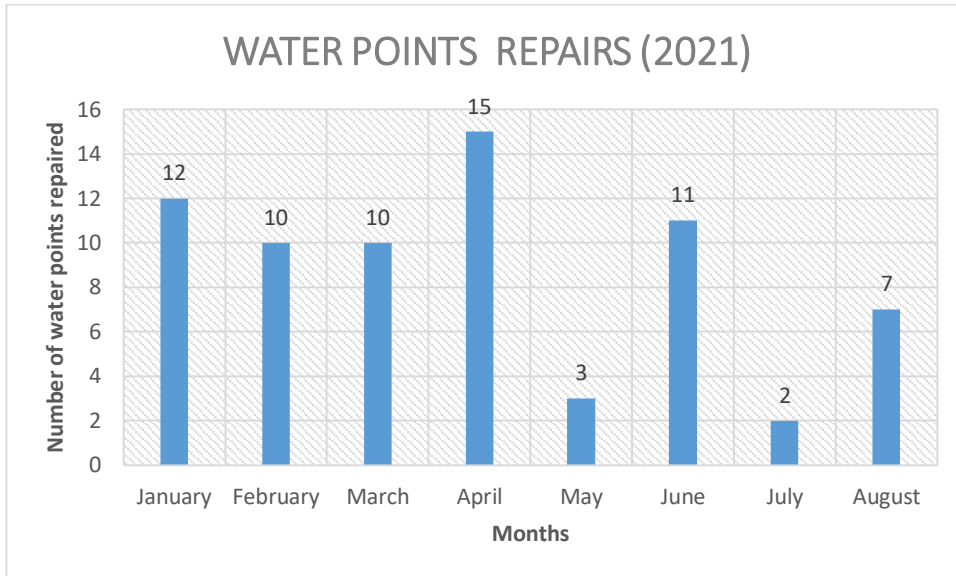
DETAILED NARRATION OF MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Afridev Pump repairs and rehabilitations

To ensure sustainable functionality of water points and access to safe water within the OCA catchment. The water and sanitation program continues to support repairs and rehabilitations of broken Afridev pumps. In August 2021, the water program managed to repair a total of **7** Afridev pumps. So far in 2021, the water and sanitation program

has supported repairs and rehabilitation of **70** Afridev pumps within the Kasese catchment. In addition to pump repairs, the water program is also promoting preventive maintenance of boreholes which is implemented hand in hand with government Pump area mechanics. Below is a list of repairs supported by OCA in Kasese catchment during the month;

No.	VILLAGE	GVH	PROBLEM	MATERIALS	REMARKS
1	Mano	Kachila	Broken Apron (Rehabilitation)	7 bags of cement, 4 Double-end sockets, 2-rod centralizers, 1 bottle of solvent cement, 4 Bush bearings	Successfully done
2	Chiliphiza	Chiliphiza	Pedestal adjustment (Rehabilitation)	2 bags of cement, 5 double end sockets, 8-rod centralizers, 1 solvent cement, 4 bush bearings	Successfully done
3	Chanduzi	Chanduzi	Broken Apron (Rehabilitation)	2 bags of cement, 1 Pedestal, 9-rod centralizers, 4 Double-end sockets, 1 Solvent cement	Successfully done
4	Lungu	Bweya	Blowing (Rehabilitation)	5 Double-end sockets, 1 PVC pipe, 1 pump rod, 8 centralizers	Successfully done
5	Lipenga	Lipenga	Worn out of rod centralizers	8-rod centralizers, 1 cup seal, 1 bobbin, 2 bush bearing, 1 O-ring, 1 rubber flapper	Successfully done
6	Chigoma	Chibisa	Worn out plunger	1 Solvent cement, 7-rod centralizers, fulcrum pin, hunger pin	Successfully done
7	Kaleso		Worn out head pump	Heat pump, 4 bolts, and nuts, 4-rod centralizers, 1 fulcrum pin	Successfully done



A graphical representation of the number of water points repaired in 2021 (January to August) by the OCA water program



Team effort during borehole rehabilitation at Chiliphiza village during the month

Borehole Drilling and Construction



***Left** – Civil works at Kaunjika borehole, **right** – Civil works curing process at Chikumba before handover*

In August OCA drilled two boreholes in Chikumba and Kaunjika village. The two boreholes have been installed with Afridev pumps and currently, the total number of boreholes drilled in 2021 is at **7** out of the initial target of **12**. The two new boreholes are not yet in use pending the curing of civil works. Recently, the water program through our donors (Susan Brennan, Steve Selinger, and Bob –Janine) has received grants for **3** more boreholes raising the 2021 target to **15**. The table below shows borehole drilling progress for 2021;

NO.	VILLAGE	GVH	DRILLING MONTH	COORDINATES	DONOR	POPULATION	PROGRESS	COMMENT
1	Chiliphiza	Chiliphiza	May	33.529175,- 13.410592	Bob/Janine	435	Done	Working properly
2	Kapale	Chikwangula	June	33.574104,- 13.400601	N/A	313	Done	Working properly
3	Soko	Joseni	June	33.589523,- 13.276888	N/A	200	Done	Working properly
4	Chinkha	Chibisa	July	33.562687,- 13.4176	Susan Brennan	650	Done	Working properly
5	Solokoto	Makombwa 2	July	33.48238,- 13.384628	Bob/Janine	380	Done	Working properly
6	Chikumba	Kalonga	August	33.46764,- 13.360085	Steve Selinger	280	Done	Working Properly
7	Kaunjika	Joseni	August	33.59561,- 13.252439	Susan Brennan	310	Done	Working Properly

Water Point Committees (WPC) Training

To ensure sustainable management of water points by communities, OCA trains WPCs in Community Based Management (CBM) of Afridev pumps. In August, the water program managed to train 1 WPC for the Soko borehole which was drilled in June 2021. The training was facilitated through a collaborative effort among OCA Water program staff, Water Monitoring Assistant from Dowa District Water Department, Afridev Pump Area Mechanics, and Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) from Kasese Health Centre/ Dowa District Health Office. A total of 11 participants (Female: 6 and Male: 5) attended the training, this includes a Chief and 10 water point committee

members. During the training, the water point committee was trained in minor borehole repairs and hygiene for their water point among other lessons.



A classroom session during Water Point committee training for Soko borehole, Mayamiko presenting to the group

DCT Meeting Attendance

During the month the water program was invited to attend a WASH District Coordinating Team (DCT) Meeting in Dowa. The meeting was organized by the Dowa district council and was supported by Design Outreach and Inter-aide. The meeting aimed at reviewing the progress of WASH projects in the district which were being implemented by Design Outreach and Inter-aide respectively. During the meeting, the organizations presented their 2021 progress reports for their WASH projects as well as plans for the remaining part of 2021. OCA Country Director and Water Field Assistant (Yona) attended the meeting.



A section of participants during the WASH DCT meeting in Dowa

Mzimuwakana Borehole Opening Ceremony



OCA Country Director appreciating the new borehole during the Mzimuwakana Borehole Opening ceremony

During the month OCA was invited to attend a borehole opening ceremony organized by the Mzimuwakana water point committee. Despite that the borehole was drilled in 2020, Mzimuwakana WPC decided to conduct an official opening ceremony for their borehole which was donated by Orant Charities Africa. The ceremony also doubled as an opening ceremony for their rehabilitated borehole fence which was financed by the Mzimuwakana village. Mzimuwakana WPC is one of the best-managed water points in the Kasese catchment. OCA was represented by the Country Director and the Water Field Assistant during the colorful ceremony. During the ceremony, it was revealed that Mzimuwakana village plans to grow some crops during the coming rainy season which they will be able to sell to raise more funds for their water point.

CONCLUSION

The month of August was a very productive month despite the postponement of some activities such as the DCT field visit and one water point committee training. The water program is very optimistic for the new month of September 2021 as we continue driving towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 thus promoting access to clean water and sanitation for all.

AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

AGRICULTURE



Executive Summary

During the month of August 2021, the agriculture program performed several activities in supporting smallholder farmers in the communities. The activities were aimed at empowering the local farmers to live independent lives by having enough food and improved economic levels in their homes through irrigation farming. Below are activities which were carried out during the reporting period.

Planting

Mvunguti irrigation is producing maize and the farmers selected good seeds for crop production. Farmers were trained on improved ways of producing maize. Sasakawa system (planting one maize seed per planting station was promoted to the farmers. Maize was planted at spacing of 25cm by 25cm from planting station to other planting station and 75cm between lines. Farmers were able to understand and adopt the system and were encouraged to be practicing the method on their fields.

Fertilizer and manure application

Mvunguti and Kasangadzi irrigation clubs are cultivating Maize (corn) and tomato crops respectively. Both of these crops require high application of organic and inorganic fertilizers. Organic fertilizers were applied during the time of land preparation and is expected to show much of results second year of production. Inorganic fertilizers are applied twice (basal and top dressing) in Maize and Tomato crops. Mvunguti club which is producing maize crop was involved in basal dressing fertilizer application where NPK was applied. Kasangadzi irrigation club which is practicing Tomato production was involved in top dressing fertilizer and the most

suitable fertilizer to be applied was CAN. With the power of manure which was applied, the rate of the fertilizer was reduced which has reduced the cost of the production for these crops. These applied fertilizers are of high importance to the plants as it adds a lot of nitrogen to the soils which facilitates fruiting and vegetative growth of the plants. Total of 74 smallholders from clubs of Mvunguti and Kasangadzi benefited from this activity of adding nutrients to the crops for bumper harvest.



Top dressing fertilizer application in progress

Staking and tying up

Tomato fruits become heavy as it grows and if not well managed it results into damage of plant branches which will result into creating entry points of some diseases causes poor fruits being produced. Damage of branches also reduces quantity and quality of tomato fruits to be produced and this causes loses. Staking activity was encouraged at Mantchedza irrigation club which is producing tomato. Staking helps in providing support and keeps the tomato fruits and foliage off the ground hence reducing fruit rot and also makes spraying of chemicals and harvest easier.



Staking and tying up of tomato plants in progress

Pruning

Pruning deals with dead leaves and side branches which make the plant too heavy to support it. Pruned tomato plant has good light penetration and air circulation for the benefit of plant healthy. Pruned tomato plant reduces pests and diseases infection problems as it makes it easy for chemical spray. These factors make plants produce high quality tomato fruits and good sized tomato plants. Kasangadzi irrigation was encouraged to do pruning for the benefit of high quality tomato fruits.



Removal of dead leaves and branches in progress

Pests and disease control

Tomato plants at Mantchedza irrigation club has matured where by it is susceptible/prone to different insects and pests. Application of chemicals was done to reduce problems of fruit damage and some diseases which can disturb production process.

Marketing of the produce and microloan payment

Crop production undergoes several stages and during this year production, smallholder farmers have faced problems of poor markets for tomatoes. There has been high supply of tomatoes and low demand which has resulted into poor prices of tomato harvested during this production season. Unlike in the past, now there are a lot of Tomato farmers and some of them are producing in large quantities in big green houses. Despite problems of poor markets, smallholders of Ndalusa irrigation club are in process of loan payment. The club members have been encouraged to use Airtel money mobile banking for microloan payment.

Other Agricultural activities

As farmers are preparing for rain feed farming for the growing season of 2021/2022 with activities of land clearing, dip ploughing and ridge making, ASP (Area stakeholder panel) committee where OCA is a member, thought it wise to conduct manure production process launch. The launch took place in Kachala section under Bweya

village where more than 115 farmers were equipped with different types and methods of manure making. The type of manure which farmers were trained into includes Wood frame, pit, Liquid, M'mbeya and Bokash manure. These types of manure were encouraged to be practiced in their respective farms with the aim of reducing cost of production by substituting chemical fertilizers with manure and, improving soil fertility and structure. Addition of manure in farms will reduce erosion and bring bumper harvest hence reduced hunger problems among smallholder farmers.

During the manure launch program, smallholder farmers were also taught to practice home gardens using manure to reduce problems of malnutrition. Smallholder farmers were encouraged to add both indigenous and exotic plants in their home garden which will add more vitamins in their diet hence being protected from disease caused by poor diet.



Training farmers on cultivating vegetables through home garden

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT MICROLOANS PROGRAM



Executive Summary

FEM program continues to support women entrepreneurs around Kasese trading centre through various interventions like provision of interest free microloans and business management lessons. Recently, FEM launched the Hey Sister show me the mobile money campaign activities which are being implemented within OCAs catchment area. The Hey Sister Campaign is funded by Strategic Impact Advisers (SIA) who are also funded by USAID. In the month of August, the following activities were implemented.

Narrative of Implemented Activities

Hey sister! Show me the mobile money campaign

As one of the obligations for OCA for Hey sister! Show me the mobile money campaign to run smoothly, we had stipulated in the proposal that we will incorporate about ten volunteers that to be champions (Facilitators) of the campaign. Looking at the target that we are supposed to reach by December, we thought it would be easier if we trained more champions hence, we managed to train eighteen champions. The champions comprise volunteers at; the clinic which includes village volunteers and (HSAs), Agriculture and Business (lead farmers) and Water department volunteers (area mechanics). These volunteers are achieving more since they already know the area and have already gained trust of the community

1. Digital Financial Literacy training for the champions

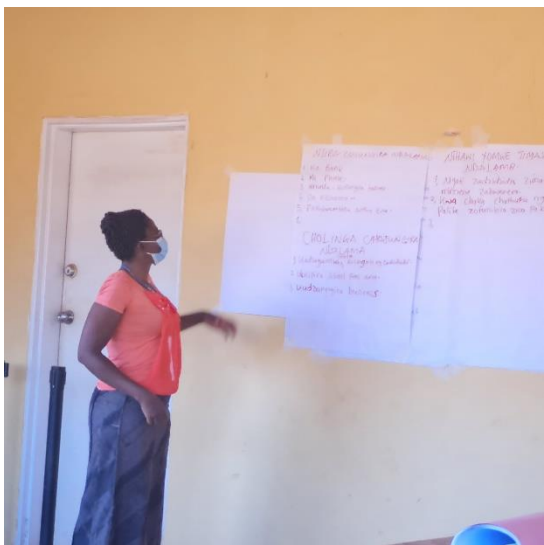
Since the campaign is being managed under the FEM program as it is focusing more on women, FEM program organised a training session for the champions. The main aim of the training was to orient the champions on the Hey Sister! Facilitation guide before they start raising awareness in their various communities. The training was co facilitated by OCA staff; Tango Phiri, Lonjezo Chauya, Gracious Msimuko, Praise Padambo and Yonah Maloto. the training session was launched by the Director, Gabriel Kapanda. On the last day of the training, we also had Edward Maferano, the Country Lead from Strategic Impact Advisers (SIA) to grace the occasion and again say a few words pertain to the campaign.



Hey Sister Champions on the last day of the training



SIA Country Lead discussing mobile money issues (Left), and Tango (FEM Manager) stressing a point to participants



Participants participating in presentations and discussions

2. Activation and training of Hey Sister! campaigns/listening clubs



Hey Sister Campaign Activation/Facilitation in villages

Week beginning 22nd August, we started the hey sister campaigns with various groupings. Not only were we targeting our program beneficiaries, but we were also targeting different groups where women usually meet such as local village saving groups, church choirs, farming clubs and sports groupings. In the month of August, we have managed to reach out to approximately three hundred people which represents twenty listening clubs. The table below shows names of groups and the episodes discussed.

GROUP NAME	GROUP LOCATION	# WOMEN (TOTAL)	EPISODE(S) DISCUSSED
Tadala Banki nkhone	Msosa	14	17,18,19
Madzimayera Banki nkhone	Katunundu	14	16,20,23
Msangu Banki nkhone	Buza	15	11,15,16
Tikondane Banki nkhone	Buza	18	11,15,16
Chimwemwe Banki nkhone	Buza	13	11,15,16
Tiyanjane Banki nkhone	Buza	11	11,15,16
Mtendere Banki nkhone	Ndeka	16	16,20,23

Libvungo Banki nkhone	Katundu	16	16,20,23
Kadziwambe Banki nkhone	Mphongole	14	16,20,23
Chawawa Nthirira	Mantchondo	18	16,20,23
Mtimaumodzi Banki nkhone	Nkhungulu	10	11,15,16
Tidziwane Banki nkhone	Mandevu	21	11,15,16
Timu ya mpira	Mantchondo	12	11,15,16
Mtawa CBCC	Bweya	12	16,20,23
Msekese Banki nkhone	Mphongole	18	23,15,17
Tiyanjane Banki Nkonde	Ndeka	14	14, 15, 16
Mtendere Banki nkhone	Ndeka	18	14, 15, 16
Mawa ndiwe Bank	Singo	18	14, 15, 16
Chimwemwe	Buza	13	14, 15, 16
M'mbanga	Joseni	15	14, 15, 16

Monitoring visits

As a way of motivating the women entrepreneurs and again checking how their businesses are running, monitoring visits are carried out fortnightly. During the month of August, we had managed to monitor the businesses of all the women entrepreneurs except for two women namely Rachel Phiri and Mary Levison who were not available due to other family commitments. The businesses seem to be improving as time goes by and the most important thing is that the women entrepreneurs are getting used to adopting the new business practices that they are learning.

Weekly VSL group meetings

Since the FEM group agreed to be meeting and be part of a savings group, the women entrepreneurs meet every Thursday afternoon to deposit their various business proceeds, the funds raised are either loaned to the members at an agreed interest rate

or deposited into the group treasurer’s airtel money account. Each of the members make interests for themselves. This means that the more the members borrow the more the interest they will accumulate and receive at the end of the cycle. Most of the women entrepreneurs have managed to save something after repaying their loans and paying for other home expenditures. in the month of August, report has shown that the highest has managed to save about MWK 22,600.00 and the lowest being MWK 8,000.00.



Women entrepreneurs banking their savings during the VSL meeting

Loan repayment

August 30th was the day scheduled for second loan repayment for the women entrepreneurs. As it is becoming a common practice, the women entrepreneurs were asked to repay their loans digitally. All the women entrepreneurs managed to repay their monthly instalment by the agreed date except for one, Ezinet Lewo who had approached us and informed us that her family was going through some financial huddles hence could not manage. She had assured OCA that next month she will be able to pay up with arrears. Below is a table detailing their schedules, how much they have settled to date and what they still owe OCA.

Loan number	FEM MEMBERS	Loan Amount	1st Instalment	Trans ID	2nd Instalment	Trans ID	Loan Balance
			7/30/2021		8/30/2021		
P-12	ALINET MACHISAWO	170,000.00	42,500.00	C1210730.1024.D16368	42,500.00	C1210830.1024.G99972	85,000.00
P-29	RABECCA MALETA	210,000.00	52,500.00	C1210730.1101.D95182	52,500.00	C1210830.1101.H84604	105,000.00

P-13	MARY MNDOLO	150,000. 00	37,500.0 0	C1210730.1019.I1 5360			112,500. 00
P-17	MALIGELITA NKHOMA TOBIAS	170,000. 00	42,500.0 0	C1210730.1002.H 12380	42,500.0 0	C1210830.1002.I8 7513	85,000.0 0
P-19	PATRICIA SIMBI	170,000. 00	42,500.0 0	C1210730.1013.G 14191	42,500.0 0	C1210830.1013.G 88458	85,000.0 0
P-09	EDILINA JONATHAN	290,000. 00	72,500.0 0	C1210730.1011.H 13260	72,500.0 0	C1210830.1011.H 73717	145,000. 00
P-15	GLORIA CHIDZANJA	250,000. 00	62,500.0 0	C1210730.1019.H 88838	62,500.0 0	C1210830.1019.I8 7938	125,000. 00
P-11	DOROTHY JELAO	200,000. 00	50,000.0 0	C1210730.0953.D 13220	50,000.0 0	C1210830.0953.H 87370	100,000. 00
P-28	EZINET LEWO	210,000. 00	52,500.0 0	C1210730.1751.G 57041			157,500. 00
P-07	MAUAGULE KAINGOLO	120,000. 00	30,000.0 0	C1210730.1013.G 13966	30,000.0 0	C1210830.1013.G 27805	60,000.0 0
P-25	OLIPA CHAGOMER ANA	170,000. 00	42,500.0 0	C1210730.1007.H 12890	42,500.0 0	C1210830.1007.I4 4545	85,000.0 0
P-14	MARY MPHONDE	170,000. 00	42,500.0 0	C1210730.1034.D 17387	42,500.0 0	C1210830.1034.H 28906	85,000.0 0
P-18	RACHEAL PHIRI	150,000. 00	37,500.0 0	C1210730.1022.H 14331	37,500.0 0	C1210830.1022.G 88653	75,000.0 0
P-16	MIGUEL MPANGO	260,000. 00	65,000.0 0	C1210730.1035.D 17438	65,000.0 0	C1210830.1035.D 17439	130,000. 00
P-11	LONILY LAMECK	130,000. 00	32,500.0 0	C1210730.1005.D 14388	32,500.0 0	C1210830.1005.G 91786	65,000.0 0
	Next Repayment Date			9/30/2021			

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Executive Summary

Primary school education in Malawi is funded by the government, secondary education is not. Many of our students cannot afford secondary school and are forced to end their education after primary school, which leaves them with limited career options. Through OCA education sponsorship program, students can attend secondary school and are given all the tools they need to thrive over the four years.

Activities

During the month of August, 2021, students wrote their end of term exams (2nd term) and they closed for two weeks. The following were the activities which were conducted by the education program;

Identification of new students

In the month of August, 2021 new students were identified into the education program. Since the education program is split into three types of sponsorship, the new students were identified under OCA sponsorship. This means that each student has an individual donor who will be supporting their education through Orant Charities Africa. Two students each from Natola and Tchawale Community Day Secondary School (CDSS) in Dowa District were identified and they are all in form one. They will be sponsored for four academic years (until form 4). With this additional two students, Orant is now sponsoring **101** students from various schools across Malawi.

➤ below are the two new students



This is a 15 years old Eunice Kayeseni who is in Form one at Natola CDSS. She has been identified recently into OCA education program because her Mother (separated) could not afford to pay for her school fees. She nearly dropped out of school and did not even write her first term exams because she did not pay school fees. Eunice's goal is to become a **Teacher** when she finishes school.



A 16 years old Sellina Emmanuel is a form one girl at Tchawale CDSS. She is also a recently identified student into OCA education program. She lives with only her Father, her mother died when she was young. Her father has been selling pieces of land in order to pay for his daughter's school fees. Her goal is to assist other vulnerable girls in future, and when she finishes school she wants to be a **Doctor**.

Mask distribution

OCA education program distributed 600 face masks to St. Francis primary school. St. Francis primary school is a Catholic school based in Madisi, Dowa district. It is a school which was established with the aim of educating orphans and almost 70% of students at this school are orphans. OCA distributed face masks to the whole school in order to help in the fight against Covid-19.



Students at St.Francis primary school wearing face masks donated by OCA

University selection

In 2020/2021 academic year, with funding from rotary International District 5810, Orant Charities Africa (OCA) had 3 form four students who were learning at Nkhamenya girls secondary school and they sat for the Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). OCA was paying tuition for these girls since form one. All these students passed and they applied to different universities. The University selection list was released in August 2021 and OCA is happy to say that all the 3 students (100%) have been selected into Universities.

- Below is the list of students, University they have been selected to, and the course to study;

Name of student	School	Course
1. Bridget Khunga	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)	Bachelor of Science in Industrial Laboratory Technology
2. Jessie Zulu	Chancellor College	Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
3. Vanessa Kawerengera	Malawi University of Business and applied Science (MUBAS)	Bachelor of Education in Business Studies

This is a great achievement to OCA because we now have 12 students who have been selected into University since 2017. In Malawi the competition is always high and OCA is proud that the girls have made it into University. It has contributed to the success of OCA education program.

Conclusion

OCA received funding from individual donors to sponsor other students. Therefore, in the next month, OCA will work towards identifying or targeting these students in coordination with other stakeholders such as school authorities.