

## KASESE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (KCHEF <u>ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020</u>

### **Health Care Service**

Service Points	2019	2020	Perfor mance
Out Patients	7682	8190	107%
Surgery	387	415	107%
Caesarian Deliveries	166	155	93%
Imaging	7908	6466	82%
Laboratory	6958	5637	81%
Normal Deliveries	232	183	79%
In Patients	1409	1060	75%
Antenatal	2306	2902	126%
HIV Counseling & Testing	1627	1237	76%
Immunizations	7118	4993	70%

Numbers is one of our key performance indicators. Numbers do not only indicate a vote of confidence by the community but, they are also paramount for sustainability of the self-reliant medical center and an additional source of funding for the free or subsidized health care services to the community. CoViD-19 situation had significant effect on access and affordability of services for the community. This failed our usual growth of numbers except for only 3 service points; OPD, surgery and Antenatal. Our patients were commonly diagnosed with

Respiratory Tract Infections, Gastro Enteritis, Urinary Tract Infections, Ear-Nose-Throat diseases, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, Hypertension and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Despite the financial shake up that came with the CoViD-19 and floods in 2020, we still provided free antenatal services, ART clinic services, child immunizations and outreach programs thanks to Community Health and Education for Rural Africa (CHERA), Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB), Medical Access Uganda Limited (MAUL), BAYLOR Uganda, Kasese District Local government and local collections from the medical center. Our mission aims at services to communities that are disadvantaged with access, compromised immunity &/or affordability challenges.

We are working with 3 outsourced specialists to provide orthopedic, ophthalmologic and obstetric services at our facility. We are exploring developing this into an establishment of scheduled days for specialist services.

Safe Motherhood in Busongora(SMB); CHERA financed implementation of this outreach program at 5 sites (Mbaata, Ntunga, Kasangali, Kaghando and Bughendero) in the 2 sub counties (Bwesumba and Buhuhira) of North Busongora constituency. Despite the pandemic interceptions which caused a suspension of the service for 3 months (April – June) we registered enrolment of 73 mothers on Long Term Family Planning Methods, an attendance of 962 mothers for antenatal care services 249 of whom were a 4<sup>th</sup>+ visit and 916 child immunizations. The screening services yielded 1case reactive to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer and 8 cases that reacted with the virus that causes Hepatitis B. All cases were linked to care.



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Accelerating Epidemic Control – Fort/Portal; Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation and UPMB has supported us to benefit 2000+ members of community that are infected or affected by HIV / Aids. This RBF program is a combination of nutritional services, Health Care, Psycho social support, education and social economic empowerment.

We are also awake to aligning our services with the indicators' framework as stipulated by Ministry of health. We focus and benchmark our performance against parameters including;

- ❖ Mothers knowing their HIV status on 1<sup>st</sup> visit
- ❖ Mothers attending a minimum of the 4<sup>th</sup> antenatal visit
- Mothers attending postnatal care services
- Women embracing and consuming family planning services
- Effective management of conditions to rule out Re-attendance in OPD within a month.
- Minimal length of stay for the in-patients and short turnaround time for the out-patients
- Promoting safe normal deliveries above caesarian sections
- Suppression of Viral Load for our ART clients
- ❖ Intensive adherence interventions for un-suppressing ART Clients
- Children born to HIV positive mothers or Early Infant diagnosed with HIV test negative on their 1st birthday,
- Complying with children immunization schedule till the DPT 3 vaccine
- Regulating Stocks optimally.

The partnerships with Kasese District Local Government, Baylor Uganda, UPMB, MAUL and more have been very instrumental in providing monitoring and evaluation support for the purpose of ensuring quality services and alignment with acceptable health service standards.

#### **Education Program**

We celebrate the successful completion of studies for 18 of beneficiaries of the education scheme. However, there has not been much activity in the program following the closure of schools in March. The recall in October affected only 67 students in candidate classes.

For many of the students, the CoViD-19 "stay at home" effect was just an ordinary no school time. There were quite a number that had engaged in self development by acquiring skills in handicrafts, tailoring, baking, brick making and weaving. Unfortunately, the pregnancy and early marriage vice that thrived during the CoViD-19 times did not spare the beneficiaries on our program. 2 girls were impregnated and 2 girls had gone missing from their homes into early marriage. 1 boy who was a candidate also refused to resume school when they reopened in November. We are still up to the task of forging a productive future for these children by supporting them to acquire vocational skills for a livelihood. Our 2021 beneficiary list is 173.

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#### Resources and Performance

The organizations planned activities in the year 2020 have been implemented by a team of 56 staff. The team includes 2 Medical Officers, 3 Clinical Officers, 13 Nurses, 3 Midwives, 2 Laboratory techs, 2 Laboratory Assistants, 2 Radiographers, 3 counsellors, 2 social workers and 1 vaccinator.

The big task in 2021 is to keep the staff naturally motivated amidst the high risk of CoViD-19

1.6billion spent on the clinic's operational costs, 163.7Million on the outreach program, 41.3Million on the Education program and 130Million invested in capital expenditure was mainly financed by; User collections 1.08billion, CHERA 588Million, Baylor Uganda 64.2Million, Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau 53Million, 152Million worth of medical supplies from Medical Access Uganda Limited and 20M from Sigma Phi Alpha. The local government provided us with 500 mosquito nets(10M) to enhance protection against malaria in pregnant mothers

The capital expenditure of **130M** (75% of which was financed by CHERA) grew the asset base to include:

- CCTV system with 16 Cameras which enhanced our security
- 2 Motor cycles to facilitate especially the outreach program
- Cryotherapy and Trans-Vaginal Transducer to improve health interventions for women especially of reproductive age
- ❖ 2 Microscopes to maximize accuracy of results and ensure dependable diagnosis
- Dental equipment (Zero Box, Dental Chair, Amalgamator)
- Blood bank fridge to for safe storage and quick access to transfusion services
- A New incinerator to better our waste management

The Maize mill activities were implemented at a very low scale due to the closure of schools which is our main market so far. We are mapping out a strategy to safely store the corn/grains for a long time, expand the market beyond schools and run the project all year not by seasons. Achieving these 3 is a pre-requisite to the success of this project as an additional source of income.

Construction of the hospital is carried forward into 2021 as the principal goal. We are faced with space constraint as a big encounter to health standards of decongestion / space. The CoViD-19 situation is a multiplier factor since 2020 and intensified the need. We are also very limited on how much expansion of services we can make within the current premises.

This is the summary of 2020 at KCHEF. We look forward to a better and flourishing 2021