

Capacity building for the prevention

Project
2018-2021

...and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Uganda

Location

The project takes place in the hospital Zia Angelina at Namugongo, a town in the district of Wakiso in Uganda. Namugongo is located 16 km from the capital Kampala.



Current situation

To date, the deadliest diseases in Uganda are HIV/AIDS and malaria. HIV requires life-long antiretroviral (ARV) treatment to halt the spread of the HIV virus. This treatment is often not affordable for people living in difficult settings. Moreover, a lack of awareness and stigmatization further aggravate the pandemic. For the past three years, Zia Angelina Hospital has been caring for HIV/AIDS patients but the services have to deal with many deficiencies while the number of HIV positive patients continues to increase.

Some statistics

The main deficiencies in the delivery of health services in Uganda are in the areas of sexual and reproductive health (maternal health, family planning and HIV prevention), especially for married women and young people aged 15 to 24 (ACAPS, 2018). The prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Uganda is particularly high. In 2015, 1.500.000 people were HIV positive, being 7.1% of the adult population (15-49 years old) (UNFPA). Every day, 230 people are infected with HIV - including two young women an hour – while 76 people die each day because of AIDS-related causes (UN Uganda, 2017). To tackle this challenge, the government began distributing ARV treatments for free.



Project description

1. Improvement of the professional skills of hospital staff through capacity building in the form of trainings.
2. Provision of medical care, treatment, psychosocial support and sensitization for 300 people infected with HIV.
3. Increasing the income of the 300 patients through the establishment of community cooperatives that will obtain micro-credits.
4. Improvement of the working environment at Zia Angelina Health Centre through the construction of a new building, a laboratory, a pharmacy, a consulting room and a small operating room.



Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of this project are the 300 HIV positive people who will benefit from ARV therapy and psychosocial support. Moreover, all patients (about 20.000 per year) will benefit from the new structures of the hospital. Approximately 2.880 people will benefit from the awareness raising campaigns around HIV/AIDS. Finally, the indirect beneficiaries of this project are the 313.800 inhabitants of Namugongo.

Project funding

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Local partner in Uganda: Zia Angelina Health Centre-Namugongo

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