

# GPHL QUARTERLY

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## HIV Clinic Data Oct. - Dec. 2019

Patient Re-attendances: **610**  
 New Patients Enrolled on Anti  
 Retroviral Therapy (ART): **04**  
 Mother/Baby Pair Re-  
 attendance: **145**  
 New Mother/Baby Pairs  
 Enrolled: **01**  
 Viral Load Samples Done: **45**  
 Baseline CD4 Done: **08**  
 Patients who received Social  
 Support: **17**

Major Challenges: Drug Stock  
 outs, patient failure to keep  
 appointment dates, health  
 workers late coming to clinic.

## Club Updates

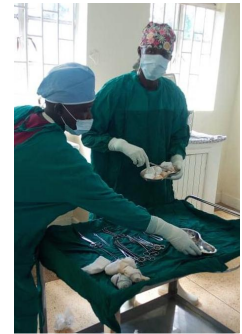
**Angel Club Membership:53**  
 (Pediatric HIV Clients)

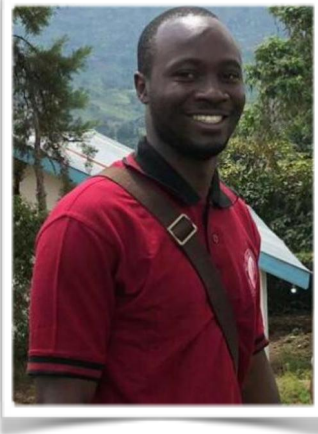
**Wakanda Club:36**  
 (Adolescent HIV Clients)

Activities: In December, seven  
 volunteers led by Faith Kakai  
 held a special session for Club  
 members and their caregivers.  
 They prayed with them and  
 educated them on prevention,  
 transmission and nutrition.

## Bugobero: Two Years Later

As December 2019 came to a close, the holidays marked almost two years of support and partnership between Manafwa Family Support Initiative and The Uganda Ministry of Health through Bugobero Health Center IV, the primary health facility in Manafwa District with a population of 179,000 people. Led by Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Emma Gahima, the staff at Bugobero has witnessed many changes in the facility itself, the services offered to the community, and most surprisingly in the health workers themselves. GPHL has directly supported Dr. Emma in his leadership position at Bugobero HCIV and encouraged him as he has put a high level of effort into improving the facility and mentoring his team of health workers to be Christ-like in their interactions with patients and to embrace the virtues of honesty, integrity, and hard work. Dr. Gahima continues to mentor his team to be different, aim for a higher quality of care, and to start their day with prayer and devotion as a team. One team member, Prossy Nabusoba Wonekha, an Enrolled Nurse describes the changes she has seen in the HIV services at Bugobero through the partnership with GPHL; “Because of the support from GPHL we work knowing we are refreshed and we don’t get tired, it’s the patients who feel the impact because we serve them with one heart and they are appreciative. GPHL should continue helping us for the good of our community and our clients because we love serving them.” In addition to the focus on mentorship of the health workers, the facility has improved in their service delivery of free surgeries and a twice per week HIV Clinic through partnership with GPHL. The doctors at the facility have performed 161 major operations, 506 minor surgeries, and 37 C-





### Staff Spotlight

**James Isaac Magomu** has recently joined Manafwa Family Support Initiative as the Chief Operations Officer. Isaac grew up in nearby Sironko District and attended Primary School at Moroto Army in Moroto, Northroad Primary School in Mbale, and Buyobo Primary School. He went on to attend Ekitangaala Secondary School and Faith High School Mukono for "O" level studies from 2009-2012. He was a pupil at Ekitangaala Transformation High School for "A" level studies from 2013-2014. Isaac attended Makerere University Business School in Kampala and received a bachelor's degree in Procurement and Supply Chain Management. He has two living parents, three brothers and three sisters. Isaac joined MFSI because he believes it is his calling in this season of his life. He says the most rewarding part of his job is "having a chance to fellowship and do Bible study with my team at every meeting and clients at every zonal meeting." MFSI is blessed to have Isaac on board!

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Sections since the theatre reopened in January 2019. The HIV Clinic currently has 482 clients actively on Antiretroviral Therapy and this year 186 of those clients received direct social support and counseling.

### Zonal Counseling Sessions

The MFSI Volunteer Team members host monthly Zonal Counseling Sessions in six designated zone locations throughout Manafwa District: Sisuni, Bubutu, Bukhadala, Bugobero, Masaka, and Busumbu. The sessions begin with prayer for the Precious Souls clients attending the sessions. Then the volunteers share the Salvation Diagram and lead a Bible Study for all in attendance. This quarter, with 490 clients in attendance, the zones studied Genesis 32, 37, and 38. The Public Health topics shared during the counseling sessions included hygiene during the rainy season and sexually transmitted diseases in adults. The zonal meetings are also a time for the clients to share their challenges and suggestions with their group. Common challenges discussed include hunger in their families, dealing with sickness, and challenges with denial in men regarding their HIV status and not accepting to go to a health center for testing. The clients always express their appreciation of the support they have been receiving from Manafwa Family Support Initiative. In addition to sharing the gospel, prayer, bible study, and counseling, the MFSI volunteers have also used this time to encourage the clients to begin savings groups in which the clients use this money to support one another in the form of short term loans. The Zonal Sessions are one of the most important forums that MFSI uses to reach out to the clients and connect with them in a group setting. This monthly time of encouragement from volunteers as well as fellowship with their fellow peers helps the clients to grow both spiritually and psychologically, therefore motivating them to lead healthy and productive lifestyles.

Below: Zonal Meeting taking place in Bugobero Zone.

