

MIFUMI Health Centre

Securing the Basic Right to Health.



MIFUMI Health Centre Treats the 70,000th patient.

In 1999, Kirewa saw a health centre established in its sub-county for the first time.

To date, the MIFUMI Health Center has treated over 70,000 patients.

Each year on average, MIFUMI Health Center receives about 12,000 patients. This year, the month of October alone received over 800 patients in the out-patient department; 471 children and 230 adults.

The director Health and Education, Glyn Turner was pleased with how many people the health center treated. In a short email, he stated that the credit should go to the staff of the health centre for their efforts in delivering quality health services in Mifumi.

Bernard Owor modestly says they are 'a team working to save lives'.

PMTCT services launched at MIFUMI Health Centre:

Malaria may be the biggest killer in Africa, but the rate at which the HIV/AIDS virus spreads in rural areas is still alarming and scarier than catching Malaria.

The stereotyping and stigma suffered by those infected makes them live in denial often rubbing off the symptoms to witchcraft.

On the 10th of September, 2008, MIFUMI Health Centre Launched the PMCT (Prevention from Mother To Child Transmission) services.

These services are free for all women both postnatal and antenatal who visit the clinic.

Sister Gorretti Athieno, the in-charge of MIFUMI Health Centre said that at first it was difficult to convince the women to test for HIV/AIDS but after explaining to them the importance; many women obliged and encouraged their friends and spouses to come and test.

From the day the health center launched the PMTCT services, over 350 people have come to check on their HIV status.

Out of good will, the health center has set out to support couples and individuals found to be HIV Positive by;

- Providing free counseling services
- Free treatment at the health center
- Some ARVs for the pregnant women (from CDC)
- Free antenatal care services.

All HIV tests are carried out free of charge at the health centre.



Community Health Education.

MIFUMI Health Centre is venturing on a new road towards making the community responsible for their health.

Recently, the health centre acquired a television set and several health education materials from the Ministry of Health through the District Health Services and from other organizations like TASO (The AIDS Support Organization), CDC (Centre for Disease Control), Family Planning, etc.

These materials are used to teach people basics on prevention of diseases like malaria, Cholera, schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) and on general hygiene, nutrition and family planning.

Grace Ondo, a nurse at the health center said;

'With the exception of a few cases, most of the patients we get here are suffering from either hygiene related or preventable diseases.

Reaching the community through Health Education will definitely reduce on these cases and we will have a healthier community.'

MIFUMI Uganda

P.O.Box 274,

Tororo,

Uganda.

Tel: +256 (0) 392-966282

Fax: 0454005520

E-mail: mifumi@mifumi.org

MIFUMI UK

Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square,

Bristol BS2 8PE

Tel: +44 117 916 6457

prompt@mifumi.org

Website:

www.mifumi.org

MIFUMI Health Centre

Securing the Basic Right to Health.