

Rubatano Association, Mozambique
Integrated Community Care Program
January to December 2019



Introduction

In this report are highlighted some Rubatano activities involving our Rubatano Volunteers in relation to their program of Visitation and Integrated Community Care. **They made 13.916 visits and received 547 new patients** onto the Program, of which **145 male** and **402 female**. During these 12 months the Rubatano Volunteers also worked at the Amatongas Health Centre, at the Gondola District Hospital and at the Nhamatanda Hospital, helping in various medical departments.

Sickness Prevention Teaching

At Gondola town and at the Administrative Centres of Amatongas and Nhamatanda, the Rubatano Volunteers took part in **33** meetings with a total of **2,751 people taking**

part, of whom 701 were male, 1300 female, and 750 young people. The topics were: the Prevention of Malaria, Mothering Skills, Diarrhoea (Cholera) and HIV/Aids.

Nutritional Support for OVCs (Orphans and Vulnerable Children).

During this year Rubatano supported **1,234 OVC's** with food parcels, given out at our Care Centres in Gondola, Amatongas and Nhamatanda.(aid due to Cyclone damage)

Masters Heart supports **53 OVC's**, Holy Trinity church UK supports **15 OVC's**; Jenny in Canada supports **11 OVC's**; and 1 OVC is supported by Richard. They all received a bag of Rice, some Beans, 1 litre of Cooking Oil, Salt and a long bar of Soap!

This was distributed in the Rubatano Care Centres in Gondola, Amatongas, and Nhamatanda.

Referrals:

During this time we **referred 61 patients to various departments, as following:** to ATS (Sexually Transmitted Diseases clinic); to the Emergency Health Post for those suspected of having Malaria; and for Pre-TARV (Treatment with Anti-Retrovirals). The referrals to Health Care Services were in the Municipal town of Gondola, in the Administrative Centre of Amatongas and in the town of Nhamatanda.

Nutrition:

During these 12 months **3,459 people received Nutritional Education and Counselling**, in Gondola, Amatongas and Nhamatanda.

Economic Empowerment:

Our GPS initiative (a Savings Groups lead by our Rubatano HBC Ministry) is making promising progress, and consists of **12 groups: 6 in Gondola and 5 in Amatongas and 1 in Nhamatanda**. Altogether there are **260 members**, of which **90 are men and 170 women**. This year the groups **saved 771,900 MTS**, which includes their Social Fund payments.

Main Challenges: Overdue payments on loans.

Main Goals: Recruiting new members, also good attendance at the Loans & Savings Meetings.

Assisting and empowering Vulnerable Orphans Children: 60 OVC's received training on how to grow food for themselves and their families, supported by **Kent & Sharon**.

45 Graduated, but another **15** of them could not graduate due to problems in their lives (**a hungry season in the family**)

30 OVC girls (Orphans & Vulnerable Children) in our sewing activities, received training on how to cut and to sew, and are been supported by **Hailed Lithgow**. Of these, **24 girls graduated**, but 6 could not make it.

120 OVC's Pre-schooling classes, students from 3 to 5yrs old, are taught in order to help them to be admitted to Government Schools, this work is supported by **Kent and Sharon**.

138 Secondary School Orphans who do not have resources to support themselves received school lessons support.

750 OVC's attended the Christmas Day for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children. (**3 workshops teaching Isaiah 9: 6-7**)

❖ For to us a Child is born

❖ To us a Son is given

- ❖ The Government will be on His shoulders
- ❖ He will be called Wonderful Counsellor
- ❖ Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

Assisting and empowering Agricultural men:

Of the **5,810 farmers:** only 3 Care Centres managed to do the proper procedure this year of 2019. Therefore, during the time of clearing the fields it was so difficult, as 10 Agricultural men did not manage to travel to their fields, for various reasons. We kept the fields clean, and used all the proper procedures on the ground.

We are all waiting, hoping joy will fill our hearts at the harvest time!

We always thank and encourage the Rubatano Volunteers with Christmas gifts for helping us from January to December 2019.

NB: at times the Volunteers have been ill themselves, or had family bereavements to cope with.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all so much for your great support for the Rubatano Ministry.

From Carlos Giua, and all the Rubatano Team in Mozambique.