



**TO: AWHs Grant Committee**  
**RE: Update on Funded Activities**

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**Organization: Engeye, Inc. for Engeye Health Clinic**

Please find the following update from our Clinical In-Charge, Ssenoga Jonathan:

Kind regards from Engeye Health Organization! We do hope that you and your families are well.

Engeye Health Clinic continues to maintain and improve the quality of healthcare it provides to the community of Ddegeya village in Lwengo district and the neighboring areas. Engeye extends its appreciation to the AWHs and all donors for the generous support and efforts that the experienced and licensed Engeye staff base on to provide quality care to the community. Even through the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, Engeye Health clinic has been able to maintain her standard and trustworthy health care to the community. The numbers of community people who seek clinical aid for the different services has increased though a decline could have been anticipated. Our committee liaison is Dr. Sara Schwanke Khilji.

Below please find a brief summary update on the projects that the grant currently supports.

**Project areas:**

1. Safe and compassionate maternity care with antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum services provided by licensed Ugandan Midwives.
2. Human resource capacity building through clinical programmatic education for Engeye Health clinic staff and lay village health team.

**Updates on our Maternity Center.**

Maternity sector has been firm and continuous even through the total COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, in which cases transportation has been so hard that Engeye made available an ambulance vehicle for mothers and other general patients who needed further/referral maternity/other medical services. This has strengthened the confidence and trust of the community towards the good services offered by the facility.

In 2021, 146 pregnant mothers reported to the facility for delivery, of which 113 had safe vaginal delivery and 33 were referred to higher level facilities for management. Of the 33 mothers referred, 8 were for prolonged labor, 8 inadequate pelvis, 4 obstructed labor, 5 cervical dystocia,



2 fetal distress, 2 PROM, 2 premature babies, 2 for pre-eclampsia and severe eclampsia. These referred mothers are followed up and treatment/management outcomes noted.

654 Antenatal Care (ANC) visits were recorded in 2021. These mothers are given iron supplements, deworming, malaria prophylaxis drugs, formulate a birth preparedness plan and screened against other diseases that can be transmitted to the baby during birth. During the ANC visits, 145 pregnant mothers were screened and vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Also in 2021, 252 children below 1 year were immunized with the various vaccines: The children were vaccinated with BCG; Polio, DPT-Hep B+Hib, PCV, Rota virus and Measles vaccines, and also deworming tablets and vitamin A supplements were given to children. A total of 2057 vaccine doses were administered for the various vaccines.

Cervical cancer screening was continued and out of which 48 women were screened using the VIA technique with acetic acid. Of the 48 women, 8 turned out positive and were referred to the gynecology clinic for further testing with pap smear. Breast cancer screening continues to be carried out and the clients who visit the facility are health educated about the Self-Breast-Exam for early diagnosis of breast cancer.

368 women reported to the facility for family planning services, which include, Depo-provera shot, intrauterine device, implants and oral contraceptives. Of these, Depo-provera shots continue to rank highest followed by implants due to Depo-provera's short term goal.

838 ultrasound scans were carried out at the clinic, of which 216 were maternity scans, 34 breast scans, 292 abdominal scans, 129 pelvic scans, 72 cardiac scans, 67 scrotal scans and 28 neck scans.

### **Updates on Human Resource Capacity building:**

The clinical staff continue to have simulations/refresher sessions every last Wednesday of the month as this improves confidence and skill of the midwives and other staff towards care and approach for mothers and their babies. The refresher sessions that were carried out are, Helping Babies Breathe, Helping Mothers Survive Bleeding After Birth, Preeclampsia and Eclampsia, Shoulder dystocia, and Cervical suture repair after vaginal delivery using the available modules.

We had an American visitor Anesthesiologist/MD who carried out Continuous Medical Education (CME) session on Care of mother after Cesarean section, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and Nerve block during cervical repair and advised staff on use of Nysora APP for more knowledge on better nerve blocks.



Due to the pandemic, there was a country wide ban on meeting and travel restrictions therefore CME sessions with the village health teams (VHT) were not carried out to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Although CMEs could not operate, the VHT's kept on consulting with clinical staff as per the different conditions faced by people in the community and also referred other people for care from the clinic.

In case of any other information required, feel free to reach out.

We again continue to appreciate the unending support provided to the Clinic.

We are happy to provide more information if requested by your committee.

We could not do the work we do without the support of you and your donors.

Thank you for your continued support,

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