

2022 Mid-Year Highlights

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39,862

Clinical Support Team
Patients Treated

4,281

Total Surgery
Patients

262

HCE Program Partner
Health Centers

Since 2016, Bulamu has now directly treated more than **325,000 patients at no cost to the patients or their families**. In 2021, we treated patients at an average cost of **\$6** per person for general medicine and maternity care and **\$163** for most surgery patients. Many of our patients arrive either mid-emergency or after waiting years to receive care, but the approach we are taking shows that healthcare for the poor can improve dramatically by combining limited resources with effective partnerships.

2nd Quarter Highlights

Bulamu extended the reach of our health system strengthening programs in the second quarter of 2022:

- **General Medicine:** Beginning in May, Bulamu's **Clinical Support Team (CST)** of 18 core team members spent **8** weeks at **4** of the largest health facilities in Luwero District. The CST clinicians treated **17,930** patients while working side-by-side training their local staffs. Luwero Hospital, which treats **6,000** outpatients and delivers **300** babies monthly, hosted one team and provided very positive feedback on their services.
- **Surgery Programs:** We conducted two weeklong **Surgery Intensives (SI)**, treating **271** patients in Gulu District in April and **389** patients in Mayuge District in June. In 2021, **76%** of Bulamu's Surgery Intensive patients reported they had waited 3 or more years to receive care. With many patients waiting 10 to 20 or more years, each Bulamu surgery program is one of the most needed services we can offer to our partner districts.
- **Health Center Excellence Program:** The **HCE Program** was launched in Isingiro District in June, a large district with **54** public health units treating **585,000** patients annually. Of those facilities, **4** are community hospitals, **18** are inpatient maternity hospitals, and **32** are walk-in clinics. With the addition of Isingiro District, the HCE management system is now installed in **262** Ministry of Health (MOH) of Uganda facilities that treat **2,760,000** patients annually, or **8%** of Uganda's **3,200** public health facilities.

For an introduction to our programs and to meet a few of the patients we have served, please watch the [short videos here](#) or [see more patient profiles here](#).



Edward was abandoned by his mother due to the cost of the surgery he needed. After waiting for years to find care, his aunt brought him to Bulamu's surgery program where he was treated for a painful abdominal abscess free of charge. Read his story [here](#).

Rotary Partnerships Achieve Scalable Impact



Rotary International has become one of our leading partners for growing the number of people Bulamu's work serves annually. Thanks to a partnership between Rotary Clubs in both Uganda and the U.S., in the last 3 months more than **100** Ministry of Health facilities have now received vital signs devices and training in their uses. The grant's partner clubs are on track to surpass the grant's goal of providing vital signs devices to **125** health facilities that treat more than **900,000** patients per year, giving this **\$91,000** Rotary global grant a cost of about **\$0.10** per patient served during its first 12

months alone! Our team and partner health facilities would like to thank the leaders and members of Rotary Club of Kampala-Naguru, Rotary Club Rancho Santa Fe, and Uganda Past District Governor John Magezi Ndamira among many other Rotarians for their remarkable leadership. A new global grant, Model Districts for Maternal and Child Health in Uganda, is now in its fundraising stage, with the goal of providing crucially needed MCH systems and clinical training to **60+** health centers in Uganda that deliver more than **100,000** infants per year.

HCE Program Improvements

With the addition of Isingiro District, we provided the district with **19** computers at its larger health units, which function as data reporting centers uploading weekly key performance indicators for a catchment area that includes 2 or 3 nearby health units. However, we are now upgrading HCE's management reports system to a more scalable platform, built around a MySQL relational database, that will permit every health unit to upload their own weekly data using a standard website. Beginning in Q4 of 2022, all new HCE districts will not need PCs at individual health units, reducing the cost of installing the HCE management reporting system by about 30%.

In addition to an IT platform, HCE systems also include:

- 1) Emergency Transportation for patients to reach public health facilities, which has supported **573** patients' transport through June 2022 at a cost of about **\$27** per patient, and
- 2) Essential Surgical Supplies, which has supported **2,278** patients' surgical care through June at a cost of **\$10** per patient. This system ensures partner health facilities are kept in stock with low-cost supplies such as sutures and spinal needles, without which poor patients could be turned away instead of receiving emergency surgeries.



Joan and Moses and their twin sons are one of the hundreds of families who have benefited from Bulamu's Emergency Transport service this year. In an emergency, many patients have challenges in paying for transportation to hospitals quickly enough, making our ET system a crucial part of a well-functioning local health system.

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