



WHO WE ARE?

We are A Ray of Hope for Cancer Victims.

Patient Relief Mission aspires to improve cancer care and management for female patients and their care-givers by providing hostel accommodation and feeding to those who come from rural areas in order to receive their treatment from the Uganda Cancer Institute who otherwise would have nowhere to stay in the city while undergoing treatment. Patient Relief Mission was founded in 2016 with the aim of ending the needless suffering for cancer patients in Kampala, Uganda.

SUMMARY

No./Items	July	August	September	October
1. New patients received	00	04	06	05
2. Old patients who returned	00	02	00	06
3. Discharged/done with treatment	01	01	01	00
4. Caretakers	02	04	06	10
Total	03	11	13	21

SUCCESS STORIES/MILESTONES

Our programme is a new venture in Uganda, where there is only one treatment hospital for cancer that is Uganda Cancer Institute, situated in Kampala. With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyday life in the country, we are very grateful for the continued support from all our donors and partners which has enabled us to continue caring for our patients.

Patient Relief Mission (PRM) was able to accommodate and transport **48** cancer patients with their caretakers to and from the hospital for the period from July to October 2020. During their stay at PRM, we provided them with 3 meals each day, and accommodation because they did not have anywhere else to stay during that period as they undergo treatment, and we offered Psycho-social support as a supplement to their treatment.



Moment with Betty Onzia



Betty is a widow with 2 children from Kayunga district. Betty has breast cancer and was operated in July and unfortunately one of her breasts was amputated and she is undergoing radiation at Uganda Cancer Institute. Betty spent 3 months sleeping under a tent on the veranda at UCI before and sometime after operation, she suffered a lot due to lack of a comfortable space to sleep, she had to buy food, and meet all her needs yet she was sick. After that period, she did not want to come back in the same condition and so she reached out to a social worker at Uganda Cancer Institute and narrated her ordeal and asked if she could be taken to a hostel. Thank God we had space at PRM and Betty was admitted to the hostel on 1st September 2020. After reaching PRM, her story changed, she is so thankful that she has time to rest, a car to take her for treatment, a descent home and meals served on time and she does not have to worry about where she will get what to eat. She says that now she has peace of mind, and hopes that she will get well as always encouraged by our hostel retired nurse.

THE CHALLENGES

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the operations of Patient Relief Mission and the life of our Cancer patients. Patient Relief Mission is facing the following challenges; increased costs for

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food, some difficulty in raising the transport fare from their respective home areas to travel to the cancer Institute due to increased transport costs, and also the process for getting patients to PRM hostel had slowed down because they have to first be tested for Covid-19 before they are sent to PRM. As we adapt to these alterations, we will continue to serve our community better in order to achieve our goals and objectives in an effective manner.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to join us in praying for;

1. Our patients to recover so they can move on with their families and settle in their families smoothly.
2. Our staff to continue serving no matter the challenging pandemic.
3. That we enlarge and have enough space that can take on more patients who need our support.

CONCLUSION

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the future is so unpredictable. These are challenging times for the country and world at large, however, this will not stop us from making a difference in our community. We are doing everything possible to sustain the daily operations. While there's a lot of uncertainty, we know that our community needs us more so we have to adapt fast to the changing reality and we need you to keep us at your hearts.

We thank you for your continued support that is enabling us to make a difference to the vulnerable patients under our care. It is our wish that you and your community will stay safe, healthy and peaceful.

Kindly follow this link to donate and help PRM care for the vulnerable cancer patients:

<http://goto.gg/43833>.