



*We are A Ray of Hope for Cancer Victims.*

A warm welcome to this new year 2021, we started the year well though amidst the pandemic. We are thankful to God for keeping us safe so we keep on reaching out to our community needs.

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	February	March	April
1. New patients received	07	08	02
2. Old patients for review	03	07	03
3. Discharged/done with treatment	01	10	02
4. Caretakers	07	15	13
<b>Total of Patients and Caretakers.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>

#### SUCCESS STORIES/MILESTONES

Our programme is growing 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) is able to transport **65** cancer patients with their caretakers to and from the hospital and back to the hostel located in Nsambya for the period of three months (from February to April) 2021 on different appointments. During their stay at PRM, we provided them with 3 meals each day, and accommodation because they do not have anywhere else to stay during that period as they undergo treatment, and we do offer Psycho-social support as a supplement to their treatment.

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### A chat with the patients about the vehicle/transportation.



Our patients testify on how comfortable the car is and how it simplifies their lives. The car gets them from the hostel direct to the hospital and since they have different appointment hours with the doctors, they use the car as the waiting area to avoid congestions in the line which may lead to easy spread of Covid-19.

Our patients have never missed any doctor's appointment due to late coming because the car is always ready to take them at the right time without any delays as they used to face while using other public means to access the hospital.

Here is a picture of **Hilda** picked from the hospital back to the hostel after operating on her leg, it would have been so painful to look for public means of transport to reach the hostel in a

such a condition. She is so grateful about the vehicle.

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## THE CHALLENGES

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the operations of Patient Relief Mission. Patient Relief Mission is facing the following challenge;

We had elections in January(14th)2021, these elections greatly affected our operations because there was chaos around the capital city of Uganda where some of our patients had to miss out on doctor's appointments due to such instabilities. We also had a general country's internet shut down which affected some money transactions for the daily running of activities. We are grateful to God that we are now stable.

Another challenge is about Car repairs' cost; we usually find it challenging to repair the vehicle after an accident or any other breakdown. For example, our car got an accident in February and it was challenging to raise the fee for repair immediately because our patients have to be in hospital on a daily basis since they have different doctor's appointments. However, 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. Pray for quick recovery for our patients. We had 2 patients who underwent surgery and they were successful surgeries.
2. Our patients to recover so they can move on with their families and settle in their families smoothly.

## 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 cancer 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>.