



## **GLOBAL GIVING REPORT**

**MAY 2022**

### **Help protect 1,000 health workers in Western Kenya**

#### **Introduction**

Safe Water and AIDS Project (SWAP) has been operating in Western Kenya since 2005 with public health programs, research and emergency response. SWAP's mission is to provide innovative solutions for improved health and economic status of communities.

SWAP has a wealth of experience in public health interventions and has worked in collaboration with County Health Management Teams to respond to COVID-19 especially with focus on health care facilities supporting and protecting the frontline work force and the community at large from COVID-19 spread. For that reason, the Global Giving platform was used to source for crowd funding from donors and well-wishers in our effort to protect health workers, reduce the COVID-19 spread and mitigate the impact.

#### **COVID-19 Current Status in Kisumu**

In this region we experienced a fifth wave now mostly with the new variant Omicron. The people who get very sick and need hospitalized are mostly those unvaccinated. The new variant is also spreading very fast. This triggered the need to accelerate vaccination. The County Department of Health reached out to partners to support COVID-19 vaccination outreaches. There has been increased supply of donations of vaccines in the country and this has now also allowed people to get vaccinated including getting boosters. However, there is still a problem with many being hesitant to visit the assigned health facilities where vaccination is done. For others they lack transport or are too vulnerable to visit those sites. At the same time the most vulnerable are at higher risk and need to be protected.

#### **Strategy to accelerate vaccination**

In collaboration with partner organizations and the County Department of Health SWAP came up with targeting the most vulnerable and hard to reach communities to ensure they get vaccinated. These are the physical disabled, street families, people from informal settlements, families affected by flood, elder community members and others from low income or remote areas.

## Vaccination outreaches

Following successful vaccination outreaches targeting the old, physical challenged and street families in December and January 2022, SWAP embarked on a mission to continue support Kisumu County Department of Health with vaccination outreaches in all sub counties of Kisumu targeting low income areas in informal settlements, elder community members in hard to reach areas and people visiting markets. The aim was to get more people vaccinated so that there will be less strain on the health sector. We also combined sports event where we pitched tent with vaccination outreaches especially during football tournaments which is pulling large crowds.



### ***Vaccination outreach for the vulnerable and elder population***

Below is a summary of outreaches facilitated and the locations and numbers reached. SWAP facilitated the vaccination teams and date clerks to ensure all was entered in the Ministry of Health portal. Community health volunteers were engaged to do social mobilization to ensure that people are aware and attend the outreaches. In total since December 2021 until the end of April 2022 4058 people were vaccinated.

<b>Covid 19 Vaccination Outreaches supported by SWAP</b>				
Month	Location	Sub County	Number vaccinated	Target group
2021 December	Ombaka	Nyando	470	People affected by flood
	CITAM Church	Kisumu Central	321	People living with disability, street families
2022 January	Ombaka	Nyando	312	People affected by flood

	Ahero, SWAP model village, Market, and Gender and Social Department	Nyando	491	People living with disability, street families, elder community, traders and marketeers
	Ahero Gender and Social Department	Nyando	81	Elder community
	Awasi Market	Nyando	337	Traders and marketeers
	Arina in Manyatta	Kisumu Central	71	Slum dwellers
	Kosawo in Manyatta	Kisumu Central	116	Slum dwellers
2022 February	Katito Market	Nyakach	320	Traders and marketeers
	Mamboleo Market	Kisumu East	190	Traders and marketeers
	Nyalenda Capital	Kisumu East	124	Slum dwellers
	Manyatta Konyango	Kisumu East	110	Slum dwellers
	Muhoroni Market	Muhoroni	219	Traders and marketeers
	Kombewa Market	Seme	303	Traders and marketeers
	Obunga slum Kasarani	Kisumu Central	74	Slum dwellers
	Bus Park	Kisumu Central	168	Travelers and drivers
	Kiboswa Market	Kisumu West	181	Traders and marketeers
Apr-22	Rabuor Primary	Nyando	114	Sports tournaments
	Nyamare Rice Mills Beach	Nyando	56	Sports tournaments
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***SWAP team during vaccination outreach***

#### **Data entry support**

Due to many vaccination outreaches organized by the Kisumu County Health Department they realized a back log of data entry in the Ministry of Health portal. This meant that people got their Covid-19 vaccinations but could not show evidence which was to be shared through their phone.

SWAP took the initiative to invite a team of data entry clerks at the office and work on daily targets of data entry under the supervision of our data management team. In total 7600 entries were made and the back log was cleared.



***Data clerks entering vaccination data in SWAP's board room***

## Stakeholders engagement

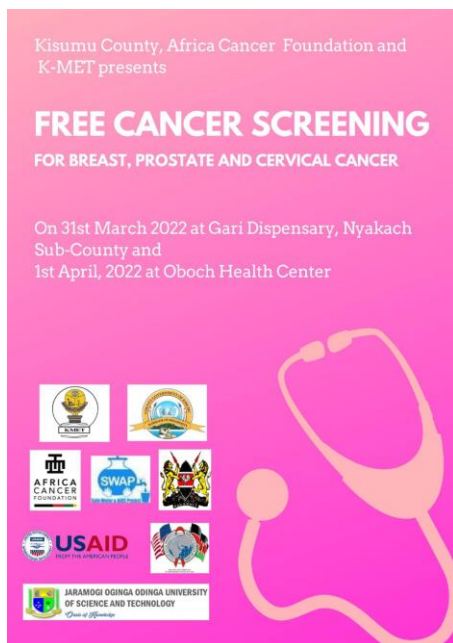
SWAP was invited at a COVID-19 stakeholders' engagement meeting to share its best practices of reaching the most vulnerable and marginalized communities through its strategy of vaccination outreaches. The Kisumu County Health Department appreciated our efforts and encouraged other partners to borrow this idea in order to increase access to COVID 19 vaccination uptake.

## Cancer screening support

Gari Dispensary in Nyakach Sub County in collaboration with partners organized a free cancer screening at their Dispensary. They reached out for support to enable them to comply with COVID-19 rules and regulations and requested for hand washing stations, soap, alcohol based hand rub and chlorine solution. SWAP was able to donate the above mentioned supplies to them which were used during the cancer screening days and later remained at the Dispensary which is in remote and rural area serving hard to reach and vulnerable communities.



**Supplies donated to Gari Dispensary during free cancer screening**



**Poster advertising the free cancer screening**

**Distribution of Alcohol Based Hand Rub and hand washing stations at health care facilities.**

SWAP continued reaching out to 47 public health care facilities in Nyando and Nyakach sub counties on monthly basis to ensure they can practice proper hand hygiene to protect the health workers and patients. Hand washing stations were installed and soaps provided. Monitoring of proper use continued by health care workers and patients visiting the facility. The hand washing stations are placed in most of the patient care areas as well as at the entrance and close to the toilets. Alcohol based hand rub and soap was replenished.



*Handing over of Alcohol Based Hand Rub at soap the health care facilities*

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