

HOPE CLINIC JULY 2021 REPORT

Background

Ever since Hope Clinic opened its doors in August 2020, it has proven to be a significant project in the lives of people living in Ngolowindo village and surrounding communities.

People are now singing a happy tune after receiving treatment from a Standard one clinic. The services not only include a general outpatients department, but also HIV counselling and testing, ARV/AIDS treatment, malaria testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, TB testing, family planning, antenatal and physiotherapy for disabled children. Otherwise, they would have to travel to Salima District Hospital, which is 10km away and often unaffordable due to transport costs. It is one of the most recommended clinics across Salima District as people from as far as Kalonga are observed to be travelling in.

Update on Progress

The clinic has 6 staff members and volunteers working hard to provide help to over 6,503 in April and May alone. However, numbers have reduced since due to the cooler, drier season period, when there is less malaria and cholera.

Hope Clinic has started distributing blood pressure tablets every last Tuesday of the month which has significantly reduced the patient's transport money as they no longer need to travel to the hospital.

Impact of Hope Clinic



“ My name is Elizabeth Moyo. I was born in Ngolowindo village. I am 87 years old and up to now in 2021 I am still here. Honestly the coming of Hope Clinic has really changed a lot of people's lives. I remember last year in April before the Clinic was opened I had a stroke in my left leg and I was unable to walk properly despite having to get treatment from Salima Hospital(SDH). I still was struggling to walk, and as SDH is far away I was struggling to get further treatment. Months later God answered my prayers by bringing a clinic nearby where they have been helping me with physiotherapy. Now I can walk again, all thanks to Hope Clinic.”

Elizabeth Moyo one of the community Beneficiaries

The Chief of Ngolowindo is very happy with the Clinic as it has brought great impact in the community by giving people a sense of hope. He testified that he once used the clinic in the middle of the night when his daughter had an asthma attack. He quickly rushed her to the clinic and was treated immediately. If it wasn't that the clinic was close by he would have had to arrange to hire a car to take them to the district hospital.

“Hope clinic saved my daughter’s life. On behalf of the community we just want to say thank you”

He added that with the new clinic, nursery school and coming Everlands Centre for the education of disabled children, people are moving to the area, creating job employment and business opportunities.

“Therefore, a maternity ward would be of great use in the community so that when a woman is close to giving birth she has to be rushed to SDH, which is a bit difficult as there is need to hire a car to quickly rush the woman to the hospital which creates panic among family members. Sadly, upon seeing the desperation of the women, taxi drivers charge them extra money.”

He ended by saying that he deeply thanks Starfish for such infrastructures as they have changed many people’s lives.



The family planning counsellor, Essime Nkandawire, said she is very pleased to see how the family planning programme is going, as many women in the community come to receive family planning services daily and understands the importance of family planning.

Despite having brought great change in the community of Ngolowindo and Maganga village the staff have requested that the clinic is connected to electricity and the community would like to extend the services to include a Maternity Wing.

Chief of Ngolowindo