



Q2 2021

Quarterly Report



Wandikweza
HEALTH CARE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE

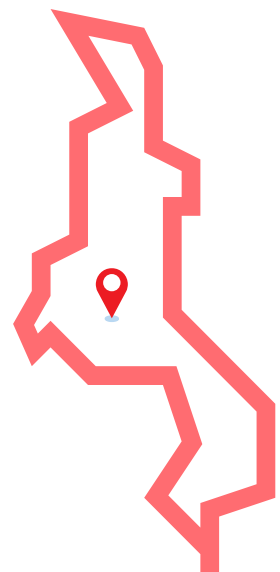


About Wandikweza

Everyone has the right to access healthcare. Yet to many people in Malawi, this right is denied. Healthcare facilities do not exist where they are most needed. Only 46% of Malawians live within reach of a health facility. This is especially true in rural and remote areas where the distance to travel to a facility, or the cost to do so, is too great.

Wandikweza is a locally-led organization determined to improve access to healthcare in remote communities. We train and empower local community health workers to be on the ground and available to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable communities.

We believe everyone should have access to high-quality health care when they need it.



A MESSAGE FROM THE

Executive Director

Dear friends and supporters,

On behalf Wandikweza, I am pleased to present our Q2 Report. This report highlights some of the accomplishments our dedicated, compassionate and resourceful professional staff and community health workers have made towards improving access to quality health care of the people of Chakhaza, Dowa.



Yes, we have had an amazing second quarter. Since our last update, we have served over 9,000 patients in our mobile clinics. We saw 2,924 patients in June alone.

These figures put us up 25% over the same period last year! Our mobile clinics improved access to health services in underserved communities in Dowa. We conducted 30 clinics all combined, serving 9,040 patients. We served communities that have limited access to health services in hard to reach communities. The mobile clinics reached males as well as females (40% visits by males and 60% visits by females). We reached all ages (50% were from individuals under 18, 41% from those aged 18-65 and 9% from those above 65).

Our mobile clinics continued to change the narrative for our clients every day. From Marita, a single mother aged 22 whose baby was served after being attacked by severe malaria, to a pregnant woman who accessed her first antenatal visit in her seventh month after failing to visit a health center due to long distance. All of this is made possible because of the strength of our community. The stories we share with you today are but a fraction of what your support enables us to achieve. We are looking forward to the wonderful months ahead.

None of these accomplishments or future plans would be possible without the work of the talented and dedicated staff here at Wandikweza. Nor would they be possible without your support. Please know that I remain grateful for both. Together we can keep the flame of hope alive in this pandemic season.

With deep gratitude and respect,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MC' or similar initials, enclosed in a circular scribble.

Mercy Chikhosi Kafotokoza

Service Milestones

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH



771
women

received family planning
services



211
**pregnancy
home visits**

conducted by Nurses on
Bikes and community
health workers



197
**postnatal
home visits**

conducted by Nurses on
Bikes and community
health workers



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS



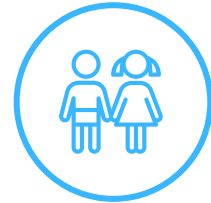
420
home
visits

Conducted by community health workers for case finding, treatment and follow-up.



344
tele-
visits

conducted by community health workers for follow-up and health education



1,547
under-
five

screening and treatment conducted by community health workers

MOBILE CLINICS



30
mobile
clinics

conducted in hard to reach areas



9,040
patients

served during the outreach mobile clinics



95%
malaria
cases
treated

SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



1,407
adolescents'
health and rights

accessed services to prevent, diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections ; and counselling on family planning. Empowered to know and exercise their rights – including the right to delay marriage and the right to refuse unwanted sexual advances.



629
youth
services

accessed accurate sexual and reproductive health information; safe and affordable contraceptive methods; Sensitive counselling, quality obstetric and antenatal care for pregnant women and girls; and the prevention and management of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV



SUCSESSES

- Decongested public health facilities by 18% compared to 12% same quarter last year
- 75% of pregnant women attending all four antenatal care visits compared to 45% last quarter
- Met 85% of family planning needs among women, men and youths compared to 70% last quarter
- 75% of mothers and babies received postnatal care at their door step within two days following discharge from the hospital.

GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

- In collaboration with the district health office, Wandikweza continues to conduct outreach mobile clinics eight times a month.
- The government provides 90% of staff and medicines for the outreach clinics
- We implemented our programs within existing government delivery and data systems.
- We worked with the District Health office to ensure implementation was embedded in government systems, leveraging existing government infrastructure and personnel.
- We integrated the program's impact data into the government's data collection systems. This enabled outcomes to be routinely and consistently shared with government partners.
- In this quarter we continued to work within and in an effort to strengthen the health system to save lives during this pandemic.

CHALLENGES

COVID-19 RISK AND VACCINE
COMMUNICATION NOT TAKEN
SERIOUSLY AMONG
COMMUNITY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION

Developed a strategic communication response plan to debunk disinformation and misinformation and discourage and counteract irresponsible, non-factual statements made on social media by individuals and by political and community leaders.

Our vaccine communication focused on community structures and optimal community engagement. We leveraged successful strategies for the distribution and promotion of other vaccines (eg, polio and measles vaccines) by engaging the community health workers.



PROGRAM UPDATES

- In April, Wandikweza began building a Health Center in Madisi, Dowa to contribute to improved health outcomes for women and children. This health center will provide free medical services and access to about 30,000 women, men, and children improving the mortality rate in the district. It will be the first facility with running water and electricity in the community. This will allow women to give birth more easily and save the lives of children. The facility will be completed and open its doors by the end of November 2021.
- The health center will have laboratories and a pharmacy on-site and will perform immunizations, prenatal care, maternity care, trauma care, and provide services for chronically ill patients among other services.
- Through the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, we secured a 40ft container full of medical supplies and equipment from the Brother's Brother Foundation. The equipment includes hospital beds, dental chairs, and wheelchairs for the health center.

TEAM UPDATES

- Wandikweza finally has an intern supporting our marketing and communications department for a year. The intern will be collaborating with staff on new ideas, directions, and tools for marketing and communications
- We have increased tele-home visits by 20% compared to 15% same quarter last year, complementing the physical home visits conducted by community health workers

PARTNERSHIPS

- We have partnered with Sopotential, an organization that implements solar energy. This will enable light and running water at our health center that is under construction.
- We are excited that Tawingo Fund joined our partner list this quarter. Tawingo provides unrestricted funding to our programs.



OUR IMPACT:

Marita's Story

A 22-year-old mother of one, Marita endured headache, vomiting, fever, and general body pains for a week but could not dare tell a community health worker in her community or go to the hospital because she feared she would be tested for Covid-19, and if found positive quarantined for several days, leaving her one-year-old daughter alone.

Marita, a single mother, who ran a fruit and vegetable kiosk in her neighborhood, became too ill and had to close her business, hence loss of income to the family.

Her friend would buy her medicine from local medicine stores but the fever would not go away. With her condition getting worse, her friend decided to take her to a Wandikweza village clinic. The nurse conducted a malaria rapid test. It turned out positive for malaria and she was given antimalarial drugs.

“Because of the vomiting and loss of appetite, I lost weight within a week. My heart was broken at first because I thought that losing weight meant that I automatically had AIDS” Marita said. Counseling by the nurse at the clinic made her understand that it did not necessarily mean she has AIDS. It is this advice that gave her the strength to get tested for HIV/AIDS as well. The test came back negative and she was understandably relieved.

Marita recalls that she was advised to comply with the antimalaria drugs that missing one dose of her medicine could prevent her from recovering fully. She decided to take her medicine as instructed by the nurse.

A malaria rapid test was also done on her baby, one-year-old Sindi who also had a fever and it also came out positive for malaria. “It took my child a full week to get better again,” Marita recalls as she came with her baby for a follow-up visit.

“My treatment was made easier by support from a community health worker in my village who was visiting me and my baby at home, especially for the first two days. She instructed me to relax, eat fruits and drink lots of water together with my baby,” Marita recalls. “She took it upon herself to bring me fruits and cook porridge for me every day for three days so that I could relax. This really helped and I was able to regain my strength,” she adds.

Sautso, her community health worker said: “I had to support my patient to help her get through her treatment and that of her baby. My main responsibility was to make sure she took her medicine accordingly.”

Today, Marita and Sindi her baby came for a follow-up visit after completing their antimalaria drugs. She rejoiced upon confirmation from the nurse that she is fine, fully recovered from malaria. Through her fight against malaria, the biggest lesson she learned was that the key to her recovery was facing her fear and going to the clinic to get tested and follow the instructions and never to be afraid of the Covid-19 test.

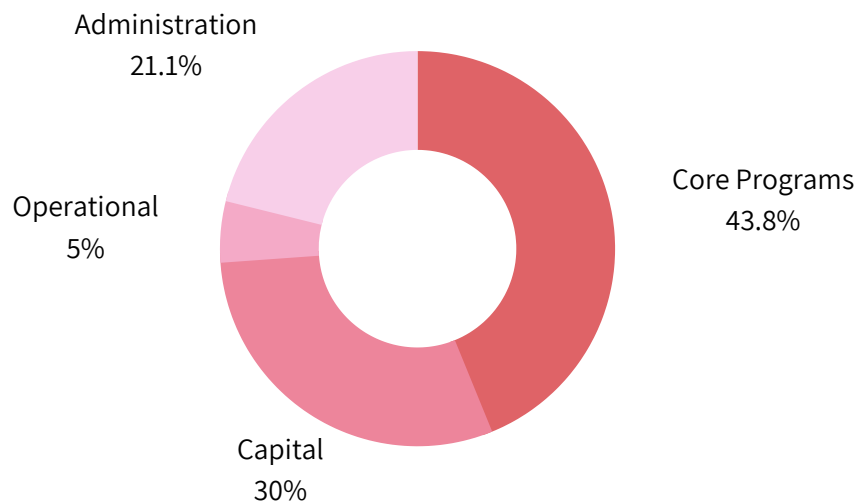
Now that she is fit again, Marita is planning to reopen her business. “I’m looking forward to restocking my kiosk once I get some money,” said a beaming Marita.

Financial Update

For the three months reported, ending 30 June 2021,

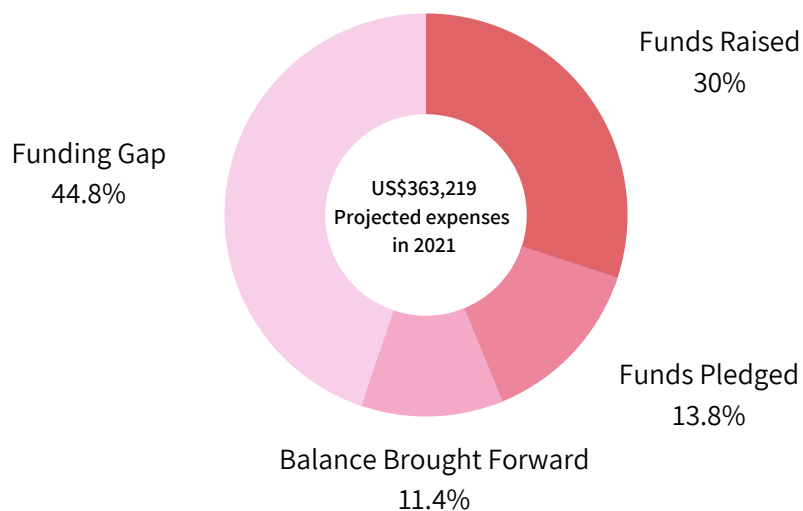
- income received was US\$70,753
- total expenses were US\$52,518

HOW WE USED OUR FUNDS IN Q2 2021



2021 BUDGET AND FUNDING AT A GLANCE

PROJECTED EXPENSES: \$363,219






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