

September 08, 2010.

TO NELEISH PATEL  
Founder/President - Healthcare Volunteer Inc.

Dear President,

RE: REPORT ON HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING IN KIKANDWA KALWANA SUB-COUNTY HELD ON 09-08-2010:



(L-R) The arrival and introduction of HVU staff and Local health volunteers in Kikandwa - Kalwana, Mubende district.



(L-R) HVU Volunteers screening blood. Next picture, residents listening attentively from HVU briefing.

This report is a summary of HIV testing result for the one testing event at Kikandwa trading center Kalwana sub-county Mubende district, Uganda and which held on 09<sup>th</sup>/08/2010. Testing was free for all. This Blood screening outreach event was organized and funded by Healthcare Volunteer Uganda (HVU) – under its Direct –Patient Care Program which is a sub set of the **Multi –HIV/AIDS Preventive packages core program**.

This exercise was the second of its kind and this time around the organization used local Health Volunteers and nurses from partner health center and hospitals. So far two sub counties have had a chance, although not all the parishes/wards have been covered as of yet. Our target is to cover 5 sub counties; we have already carried out the exercise in 2 sub counties. The remaining 3 sub counties persie can as well be covered within a period of 120 days and each attracting average daily total of 154 clients. In order to realize this dream, *this calls for support from well wishers and donors to help us with a support of \$7800 for the whole exercise of blood screening for 120 days (for November, December, 2010 and January 2011 to be accomplished successfully.*

In Healthcare Volunteer Uganda (HVU), we haven't have reached the level we have gone in providing health care services to needy Patients and impoverished people in hard to reach areas, through our "**Multi –HIV/AIDS Preventive packages core program**", if we had neglected this year's slogan which states;'' No challenge is too great for us in Healthcare Volunteer Uganda to overcome if we work together to build our shared future. Small actions sustained over days, weeks, months and years with "*Multi-HIV/AIDS Preventive packages core program*" can amount to a big difference. Through a small and steady monthly donation, you can make a commitment to improve lives for the vulnerable groups of people in Uganda - Sub Saharan Africa."

Lastly, we are calling upon any support from individuals, donors and well wishers to grant us support both financial and in kind. In addition, we are also in need of volunteers who can willingly accept to work with us and help to improve the lives of vulnerable groups people in hard to reach areas of Kassanda, Bukuya, Kitumbi, Kalwana and Myanzi sub counties in Mubende District, Uganda this year 2010 ending.

#### THE RECENT HIV/AIDS TESTING RESULTS

A sample total of 154 clients have been tested for HIV, females were more responsive to HIV testing compared too, 91 and male were 63 in Kalwana, Mubende district - Uganda.



**(L-R)The pictures show the HVU volunteer medical workers drawing blood from clients.**

The table below shows the HIV/AIDS aggregate data

Sex	No Tested	%	- out comes	+out comes	<i>HIV Positive cases by age group</i>						
					0-17	17-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68 +
Male	63	39.5	51	12	08	-	05	02	-	-	-
Female	91	60.4	76	15	07	-	02	03	-	-	-
Total	154		127	27	15	-	07	05	-	-	-



**(L-R)Clients waiting in turns happily for testing. Next, the Counselor in action counseling a woman with a baby.**

Challenges faced and still facing;

- HVU has been challenged by general lack of transport facility which some times limits our work.
- No potential donors to support our program.
- We lack facilitations in terms lunch allowance for Volunteer health workers and Mobilizers.
- We lack equipments like printer, Video camera, Camera and a computer (Laptop) to store our data.
- General lack of Tents, desks, rubbish bins, and chairs to use.
- Where to secure **\$ 7800** to help us cover all budgeted costs to be involved in (blood screening) the 3 remaining sub counties.



## Recommendations and way forward;

- Healthcare Volunteer Uganda (HVU) should continue to look for support so as to conduct more such HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing outreaches to cover the rest of the remain parishes in Kalwana Sub County and Bukuya plus the 3 sub counties not yet covered.
- There is a need to get enough HIV/AIDS kits which will accommodate the overwhelming number of people coming on our outreach testing sites.
- We are Very much hoping to secure help/support to cover up the rest of the remaining parishes in Kalwana Sub County and the 3 sub counties. This would establish substantive indicative figures on the infection rate in the 5 sub-counties. It will also help us to plan for follow up of all the HIV/AIDS positive outcomes in Kalwana sub- County for easy selection of vulnerable people to assist in another program.
- HVU with heartfelt gratitude extend its sincere thanks to Local Leaders, Local Volunteers and staff who enabled us to organize the successful Counseling and testing outreach in Kikandwa in Kalwana sub- County Mubende District, Uganda.

Yours in Philanthropic work,

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**Ponny Bukenya**

**Country Coordinator – Healthcare Volunteer Uganda (HVU)**

cc. Health Care Volunteer inc.-USA

cc. The ministry of Health -Uganda

cc. Sarah Richardson – The Director of International Programs –Healthcare Volunteer Inc.

Cc. Other Partners