# **2017 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS** A Year in Review



### **EKIALO KIONA CENTER**

# Today we serve 5,290 Ekialo Kiona Club Members!

We operate the island's only cyber-cafe, which members join through biannual voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for HIV/AIDS in exchange for free and unlimited access to the internet and computer classes, among other services.

Our hand-built, 8,000sq-ft solar-powered community center features:

- Computer lab with broadband wireless internet access
- Organic demonstration farm and indigenous tree nursery
  Library, lecture hall, and workshop
- rooms
- Bicycle repair shop
- Community radio station
- KEMRI-certified research facility





#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are proud to report that in 2017, our teams successfully: ---

Completed our first randomized control trial! - - -

Reached 884 clients through mobile minn / envir health outreach services.

> Coordinated 75 emergency cases.

> > Completed a twomonth "Media Pioneers" radio training.

Hosted the EK Director's first U.S.-tour!

> Partnered on two new grant programs.--

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Launched our first ever capital campaign! --

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Over the past five years, over 100 "Kanyakla" groups have graduated from our innovative HIV microclinic curriculum on Mfangano. After a successful pilot in 2014, OHR designed a randomized control trial to help us better assess the impact of this intervention on retention in HIV care and treatment adherence with Kanyakla groups across 4 islands in Mfangano Division. Our staff worked up and down to track 301 participants, and despite study delay due to 2017 election instability, we are excited to announce that data collection is complete!

This year our team held mobile clinics to deliver HIV testing and counseling, family planning, and child malnutrition screening services in hard to reach locations outside of the Ekialo Kiona Center.

Our specially-trained community health workers (who we call "Health Navigators") coordinated 75 emergency cases, assisting community members to safely navigate the health care system from the remote island of Mfangano. 96% of these cases received two follow-up visits from our Health Navigators within one week of the incident.

Our Radio Coordinator joined fellow radio professionals from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia to participate in a two-month "Media Pioneers" training held by *Media in* Cooperation in Transition focused on audience research, media marketing, and program development. This training will help EK-FM radio build an income-generation marketing plan, in order to sustain this vital community resource.

In March, our U.S. Board of Directors was thrilled to host EK Director and OHR Co-Founder, Richard Magerenge, during his first U.S. Tour! After eight years of dedicated cross-continental collaboration, Richard made a highlyanticipated inaugural visit to the United States - and his first trip outside of Africa! During his ambitious three-week tour of Minnesota, California and Colorado, Richard had an opportunity to meet with several of OHR's friends, board members, funders, partners, and potential collaborators.

We secured two new funding partnerships -A \$35,000 maternal health grant with the Rotary Clubs of Mfangano Mbita and Fort Collins Breakfast and a \$15,000 adolescent girls reproductive health grant in partnership with the International Foundation.

We held a successful kick-off in Colorado this November to launch our first ever capital campaign "Mfangano Tomorrow" to secure a sustainable future for Mfangano Island for generations to come. Since then, we have hit nearly 25% of our 2018 \$100,000 fundraising goal!

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