



STAWISHA DADA- STADA KENYA MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS- JUNE 2025

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACCRONYMS:

Comm.	Communication
CUC	Court Users' Committee
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
H&H	Health and Hygiene
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons'
KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
LWC	Life Water Canada
MoH	Ministry of Health
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MH	Menstrual Health
MHM	Menstrual Health Management
RH	Reproductive Health
SGBV	Sexual Gender-Based Violence
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
STADA	Stawisha Dada
TARL	Teaching at the Right Level
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WKSP	Western Kenya Sanitation Project

INTRODUCTION

At STADA, we believe in a world where women, girls, and children live with dignity, free from violence, exclusion, and poverty and are empowered to lead change in their own lives and

communities. We are a grassroots, women- and child-focused organization based in Kenya, driving transformative change through rights-based, gender-responsive, and locally led solutions. Our work spans clean water, health, education, gender equality, child protection, and humanitarian response reaching those most affected by crisis, poverty, and systemic inequality.

We put women, girls, and children at the center of everything we do. Whether we are drilling boreholes, supporting survivors of gender-based violence, promoting menstrual health, or training teenage mothers and youth in green livelihoods, we aim to unlock potential and shift power to the people most impacted. We are not just service providers, we are advocates, partners, and change makers working hand in hand with communities to build a more just and resilient future.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM:

VISION:

A just world where every woman, girl, and child can thrive with dignity, equality, and opportunity.

MISSION:

To advance the rights, agency, and resilience of women, girls, and children through inclusive, community-led solutions that dismantle inequality and drive sustainable change.

CORE VALUES

Feminism: We believe everyone should have access to equal opportunity

Inclusion: We involve and engage everyone in all our undertaking without leaving anyone behind.

Excellence: We do our work with professionalism to sustain standards effectively and efficiently

Dignity: We treat everyone with care and respect in all our undertaking

Accountability: We take ownership of our work, stay on track with our goals and achieve success across the organization.

OUR PROGRAMS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dignity, Access, and Care for All

We deliver integrated health programs that respond to the most urgent needs in underserved communities. Grounded in a human rights-based approach, our health services are designed to be available, accessible, acceptable, and of high quality for all—especially women, girls, and marginalized groups.

1. Maternal Health

Improving maternal health lies at the heart of our strategy. We address the five leading causes of maternal mortality—postpartum haemorrhage, obstructed labor, unsafe

abortion, sepsis, and pre-eclampsia/eclampsia. Every woman deserves safe, respectful care during pregnancy and childbirth.

We strengthen health systems to:

- Expand emergency obstetric and neonatal care
- Train health workers in respectful, evidence-based practices
- Increase access to skilled birth attendants and essential medicines
- Improve early detection and referral of complications

Through the AAAQ framework, we remove systemic barriers and advance maternal health as a right. We also engage communities—especially men—to encourage shared responsibility and early care-seeking.

2. Menstrual Health

Menstrual health is foundational to gender equity and dignity. Many girls miss school due to a lack of access to products and widespread stigma. We promote menstrual dignity by:

- Distributing reusable and disposable pads
- Supporting women-led production and enterprises
- Delivering education to schools and communities
- Advocating for menstrual equity policies

We engage all genders to break taboos and create enabling environments where girls can thrive.

3. Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Mental well-being is essential to holistic development. Our MHPSS programs support women, adolescent girls, caregivers, and survivors of trauma through:

- Psychological first aid and trauma counselling
- Peer support and safe spaces
- Anti-stigma campaigns
- School-based life skills and resilience programs
- Training teachers, caregivers, and frontline workers

We integrate mental health into education, livelihoods, and maternal care while advocating for long-term inclusion in primary care systems.

4. Non-Communicable Diseases: Sickle Cell Disease

We are expanding our health work to include sickle cell disease—an inherited condition that remains neglected. Our work includes:

- Promoting newborn screening and early diagnosis
- Building caregiver support networks
- Training health workers in sickle cell management
- Educating communities to reduce stigma

5. Universal Health Coverage & Primary Health Care

We champion Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Primary Health Care (PHC) as the foundation for health equity. Our approach prioritizes health promotion and disease prevention over curative care—placing women and children at the center.

We work to:

- Strengthen community-based health systems
- Bring services closer to homes, especially in rural areas

- Ensure affordability and equity in access
- Mobilize communities for participation and accountability

By advancing PHC, we build resilient systems that prevent illness, respond early, and empower communities—because health is a right, not a privilege.

Our Vision: Equitable, Rights-Based Health for All

Health transforms lives. From maternal care to menstrual dignity, trauma support to chronic disease, we center the needs of women, girls, and children. Our vision is clear: inclusive, resilient health systems that uphold dignity and leave no one behind.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

In June, the department conducted the following activities:

Key Activities & Achievements:

Activity 1: Community Dialogue on Maternal and Child Health – Rabuor

Held on June 12, 2025, the session involved healthcare workers, MCH mothers, and community members to discuss barriers in MCH service delivery.

Achievements:

- Successfully mobilized and engaged diverse stakeholders.
- Facilitated candid discussions on real service challenges.
- Gathered qualitative feedback for use in July's FGDs and walkthroughs.

Activity 2: Program Officers and Management Coordination Meeting – Pinecone Hotel

Conducted on June 13, 2025, to align departmental activities and share quarterly goals.

Achievements:

- Departments shared updates and set deliverables.
- Improved team collaboration and strategic focus.
- Laid groundwork for July field activities.

Activity 3: World Sickle Cell Day Awareness Campaign – Kisumu Town

On June 19, 2025, a campaign was held to raise awareness about sickle cell disease.

Achievements:

- Recorded a podcast with lived experiences.
- Conducted street interviews to assess awareness.
- Engaged community members and reduced stigma.

Mental Health:

1. Documentation of Repatriations and follow- ups: Mamoleo and Homabay

Conducted psychosocial follow-ups, assessed recovery and challenges, and documented impact

Caregivers reported high emotional and financial burden, particularly regarding regular clinic visits. However, through the documentation process, caregivers demonstrated a growing understanding of the client's condition, which motivated them to seek help more proactively and to share this knowledge within their communities.

2. Serenity Seekers

Target: Junior Secondary Students

Emotional Literacy: Delivered a Psychoeducation session at Ong'eche Primary School on identifying and understanding emotions

Students showed a basic understanding of common emotions, especially in the local language. The session enriched their emotional vocabulary and encouraged self-expression, supporting the development of emotional intelligence at an early age.

3. Psychosocial Support Activities for Young mothers

- Kobura Young Mothers

Introduced core mental health concepts: definitions, signs of poor mental health, coping strategies, self-care, and referral pathways

Sessions revealed limited prior knowledge of mental health concepts and poor awareness of where to seek help. The Psychoeducation increased their understanding of mental health and emphasized the importance of timely support, creating a foundation for ongoing engagement.

- Ogenya and Nyabondo Young Mothers

Strengths Sharing Circle: Group activity promoting peer support, resilience, and self-awareness

4. Men's Mental Health Awareness Month

Target: Male Staff

Facilitated a talk themed "Understanding and Supporting Men's Mental Health"

Takeaway: there is a difficulty identifying when to seek help, often delaying intervention due to stigma or uncertainty.

5. Field Support Activities at K.C.R.H

- Ongoing Mental Health Screening: Supported continuous mental health screening at KCRH in coordination with clinical staff. This included triaging of high-risk cases for psychosocial support and referral.

- Psychoeducation Health Talks: Provided health talks during patient group sessions in the outpatient and psychiatric departments.

Challenges & Issues

A. MCH Mothers' Challenges:

- Financial constraints hinder regular attendance of clinical visits.
- Lack of support from spouses during pregnancy and the postpartum period.
- Unawareness of SHIF as a requirement for accessing some health services.
- Delays and confusion in SHIF/SHA registration affecting service eligibility.
- Limited access to essential MCH services, including iron supplements.
- Care provided by students without proper supervision, reducing service quality.
- Turned away from clinics during working hours under claims that the facility is closed.
- No group health education sessions or talks provided during MCH visits.
- Children not properly attended to during visits to the children's clinic.

B. Community Challenges (Raised by General Community Members):

- Cultural beliefs and stigma associated with pregnancy and seeking facility-based care.
- Negative attitude of some healthcare providers, discouraging service utilization.

C. Healthcare Worker Challenges:

- Lack of essential equipment needed for quality service delivery.
- Overcrowded maternity wards and use of non-standard beds.
- Inadequate staffing levels limit the ability to offer 24-hour services.
- Frequent stockouts of key drugs, especially iron supplements.
- Laboratory not suitable for storing cold-chain drugs and vaccines.
- SHA registration barriers, especially for patients without ID cards.
- Delays in shift report handovers, disrupting continuity of care.
- Limited training opportunities, especially on updated health systems, diseases, and medication protocols.

D. Departmental/Operational Challenges:

- Limited field activities in June due to a focus on planning for July deliverables.
- Coordination gaps among departments, calling for structured internal collaboration and communication channels.

Recommendations & Action Items

- Conduct targeted FGDs with MCH-related departments to dig deeper into service delivery challenges.
- Carry out facility walkthroughs to assess drug availability, equipment functionality, and staffing needs.
- Collaborate with hospital leadership to co-develop a facility improvement roadmap based on field findings.

- Strengthen staff supervision in clinical areas, especially where students provide care.
- Improve SHIF/SHA registration systems through community sensitization and ID access support.
- Reinforce interdepartmental coordination through routine planning and feedback meetings.
- Advocate for staff training and equipment upgrades through management and donor engagement.

GENDER EQUALITY & CHILD PROTECTION

Empowering Women, Girls, and Children to Thrive

We are committed to advancing gender equality and safeguarding the rights and dignity of all children. Our holistic, rights-based approach addresses the root causes of inequality and vulnerability—providing safety, healing, and opportunity for women, girls, and children in crisis-affected and underserved communities.

1. Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

GBV is a widespread violation of human rights, often rooted in harmful gender norms.

Women and girls—and particularly children—are at heightened risk of violence, exploitation, and abuse. Our response is survivor-centered and community-driven:

- Prevention campaigns that shift harmful norms and reduce stigma
- Safe spaces offering confidential, trauma-informed care
- GBV case management and referrals for medical, legal, and psychosocial services
- Capacity building for health workers, teachers, and protection actors
- Ethical documentation to strengthen accountability and advocacy

We place survivors at the heart of recovery, while challenging the systems that enable violence.

2. Teenage and Young Mothers Empowerment

Adolescent mothers face stigma, limited access to services, and economic hardship. We support them to reclaim their futures through:

- Psychosocial support and peer mentorship
- Parenting education and life skills
- Vocational training and economic empowerment
- Access to child care and flexible learning pathways

Our goal is to ensure no young mother is left behind.

3. Widows Empowerment Program

Widows often face discrimination, isolation, and economic insecurity. We support their healing, independence, and dignity through:

- Vocational training and entrepreneurship
- Table banking and joint business ventures
- Financial literacy and mentorship
- Legal education on inheritance and land rights
- Peer support and trauma-informed group therapy

Widows are empowered as caregivers, leaders, and agents of change.

4. Women's Economic Empowerment

When women thrive economically, so do their families and communities. Our programs build economic resilience through:

- Savings groups, artisan training, and community enterprises
- Financial literacy, business mentorship, and digital tools
- Market linkages and access to startup support

Women's economic power fuels education, health, and protection for their children.

5. Child Protection

Every child has the right to safety, dignity, and opportunity. Our child protection work is gender-sensitive and rooted in community systems that prevent and respond to:

- Violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect
- Child marriage and harmful practices
- Discrimination that limits girls' rights and futures

We strengthen child protection through:

- Training caregivers, teachers, and child protection actors
- Safe spaces, case management, and psychosocial support
- Parenting without violence and rights education
- Legal identity and advocacy for inclusive child protection laws

We put children at the center—protecting their rights and amplifying their voices.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

The gender department conducted the following activities in June:

Kobura Teen Moms:

- Engaged in beadwork
- Had a session with menstrual health and did an introduction on the topic and faces of menstruation.
- Had a session with health talk, we also did an introduction on health talk and encourage the girls to take good care of themselves regarding that they have children.
- Had a life skill session and talk about effective communication.
- Had a session with Mental health, we defined mental health, discussed mental health problems and illness.
- We have hair dressing attachment going on, where we are also learning manicure and pedicure, doing sister locks installation.

Nyabondo Widows Report

Key Activities and Highlights:

1. Group Registration Progress

- Widows discussed the importance of registering their group formally.
- A unanimous decision was made to send a representative to the registrar's office to collect the group registration forms.

- The process is expected to begin within the month (June) to ensure certification is completed before year-end.

2. Monitoring Visit from STADA Kisumu

- On 9th June 2025, the group received a visit from the STADA Director and Communication Team.
- The purpose of the visit was to assess the group's progress and impact on members' livelihoods since its inception.
- Group members shared testimonies of positive change, including improved ability to provide for their families and support their children's education.

3. Livelihood Improvement and Income-Generating Projects

- The group held a discussion on the slowdown of their catering project.
- Members agreed to diversify income-generating activities by purchasing plastic weaving rolls to restart basket weaving as a group.
- This initiative aims to boost group income and promote sustainability.

4. Membership and Participation

- Attendance remained high throughout the month, with 100% attendance recorded on two occasions and only two absentees (with apologies) on 9th June.
- Weekly meetings continue to include contributions, experience sharing, and motivational support from leadership.

Ogenya Teen Moms Report

Key Activities and Highlights:

1. Peer Support and Experience Sharing (9th June)

- Held a group session with 14 teen mothers.
- Engaged in open storytelling and experience sharing to foster bonding and peer learning.
- Received visitors from STADA Kenya and had a meaningful exchange on the progress and experiences of the group.

2. Health and Hygiene Awareness (12th June)

- Conducted a focused discussion with 10 teen mothers on proper hygiene practices.
- Main topic: safe handling and disposal of baby diapers (pampers) before and after use.
- Emphasized healthy habits for both mothers and their children.

3. Skill Building – Beadwork & Coping Discussions (23rd June)

- Met with 15 teen mothers for a practical session in bracelet-making (produced 2 bracelets).
- Engaged in a group conversation about common challenges faced by teen mothers.
- Session encouraged emotional expression and mutual support.

4. **Mental Wellness and Strength Mapping (26th June)**

- Held a session with 16 teen mothers.
- Although the anticipated visitor from STADA (mental health session) could not attend, the group conducted a discussion on strength mapping.
- Topics included: identifying personal strengths, being a good listener, and sharing strengths within the group.
- Focused on building self-awareness and mutual encouragement.

Gender Based Violence

- No activity was carried out within the month of June.

CLIMATE ACTION FOR RESILIENT, GENDER-EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

Across the regions where we work, the climate crisis is not a future threat — it is a present and daily reality. Communities face the compounding effects of prolonged droughts, unpredictable rainy seasons, destructive floods, and the displacement these climate shocks trigger. Our climate action strategy centers on resilience, adaptation, and mitigation, with a strong focus on the most affected: women, girls, and displaced populations.

1. Water Resilience

Access to clean water is increasingly under threat due to shrinking water tables, delayed rains, and intense flooding. In response, we work with communities to develop integrated water solutions — from borehole drilling and rainwater harvesting to protecting groundwater and training water user committees. These locally driven systems improve access to safe water for households, schools, and agricultural use, and reduce the burden on women and girls who often travel long distances to fetch water.

2. Food Security through Sustainable Agriculture

The climate crisis is undermining traditional farming cycles. Crop failures due to drought, flooding, and soil degradation are pushing families deeper into food insecurity. We promote sustainable, climate-smart agriculture that equips smallholder farmers with the tools and knowledge to adapt. Through practices like composting, drought-resistant crops, and water-efficient irrigation, families increase productivity, improve nutrition, and build food sovereignty. These efforts are critical not only for survival but also for climate resilience and long-term development.

3. Displacement and the Gendered Impacts of Climate Change

Climate-induced displacement is on the rise. As water sources dry up and floods destroy homes and livelihoods, families are forced into temporary camps or to migrate in search of basic necessities. In these fragile settings, women and girls bear the greatest burden — facing heightened risks of gender-based violence, school dropout, and health issues. Our programs address these vulnerabilities by providing psychosocial support, safeguarding services, safe spaces, and opportunities for displaced women and girls to lead and shape solutions.

4. Climate Adaptation: Solar Energy for Resilience

Clean energy access is central to adaptation. We deliver solar energy training with a focus on youth and women, preparing them for employment in the green economy while expanding renewable energy access in off-grid communities. These efforts bring light to schools, power water pumps, improve safety in displacement settings, and reduce dependence on expensive, polluting fuels. Solar energy becomes both a tool for resilience and a pathway to economic empowerment.

5. Climate Mitigation: Reusable Pads for Gender and Environmental Justice

Our climate mitigation efforts are grounded in gender justice. Through the local production and distribution of reusable menstrual pads, we reduce non-biodegradable waste, promote menstrual health, and support girls to stay in school — especially during emergencies or in climate-impacted areas. This initiative not only reduces the environmental burden of disposable products but also uplifts women-led enterprises and community health.

6. A People-Centered Climate Solution

Our climate action approach is community-led and intersectional. We know that solutions must be local, inclusive, and centered on the people most affected — especially women and girls who are often excluded from decision-making but are the backbone of resilience. By investing in water systems, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and menstrual health, we build a future where communities not only survive climate shocks, but thrive beyond them

CLEAN WATER & SANITATION (WASH)

We deliver clean water and safe sanitation to transform health, education, and dignity—especially for women and children. Our work includes borehole drilling, gender-sensitive latrine construction, menstrual hygiene support, and hygiene promotion in schools and communities.

Restoring Dignity and Health

In Kenya, over 28 million people lack access to safe drinking water, and 41 million lack improved sanitation. That means nearly 60% of the population does not have clean water, and 80% lacks basic toilets. The burden falls disproportionately on women and children in rural areas—who spend hours fetching water, miss school, and face increased risks of waterborne diseases.

At STADA, we believe clean water is a human right and a catalyst for health, dignity, education, and gender equality. Our WASH programs prioritize sustainable, community-driven solutions that reach the most marginalized.

Our WASH Interventions

- **Borehole Drilling & Repairs**
We ensure consistent access to safe water through new boreholes and the rehabilitation of broken water points.
- **Gender-Sensitive Sanitation Facilities**
We build safe, inclusive latrines and handwashing stations in schools and public spaces, promoting hygiene and dignity—especially for women and girls.
- **Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)**
We distribute reusable sanitary pads, deliver menstrual health education, and work to end stigma so girls can stay in school and thrive.
- **Hygiene Promotion**
We run community sessions and school workshops on handwashing, water safety, and environmental hygiene to prevent disease.
- **Emergency WASH in Crisis Settings**
We respond rapidly in emergencies with hygiene kits, water treatment supplies, and mobile toilets to protect displaced families.
- **Community Engagement and Sustainability**
We train and equip WASH committees to lead and maintain infrastructure, ensuring local ownership and long-term impact.

The Impact of Access to Clean Water

Focus Area	Impact
Health	Waterborne diseases kill more people annually than all violence combined. Children under five are 20x more likely to die from unsafe water than from conflict
Time	Women and girls spend 200 million hours daily collecting water. Clean water allows more time for farming, school, and income generation.
Education	Access to water and sanitation keeps children, especially girls, in school. MHM support and fewer water chores reduce absenteeism.

Women's empowerment	<p>In 80% of homes without water access, women and girls do the collection.</p> <p>Clean water frees them to pursue education, start businesses, and lead change.</p>
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JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

In June, the number of drilled boreholes, rehabilitated and repaired pumps, alongside health and hygiene talks that were provided were as follows:

Drilled boreholes	Rehabilitated pumps	Repaired pumps	Health and hygiene talks	Total activities
5	0	56	42	103

RE-USABLE SANITARY TOWELS PRODUCTION

STADA Pads is a social enterprise offering affordable, eco-friendly reusable sanitary towels. Our pads provide a sustainable, comfortable alternative to disposables, ensuring leak-free protection while promoting environmental responsibility. We aim to end period poverty and enhance dignity in menstruation through quality, soft, and breathable materials for all-day comfort.

Choose STADA Pads for cost-effective, eco-friendly protection that lasts for months. By selecting our reusable sanitary pads, you support a cleaner environment and empower young mothers crafting these sustainable products. Experience comfort, reliability, and contribute to our mission to end period poverty and stigma. Switch to STADA Pads today!

For more information about STADA Pads click [here](#)

Our Impact

We envision a world where we provide a long term solution to end period poverty, where every girl and Woman has access to safe, sustainable, and affordable menstrual hygiene products as we bring dignity to menstruation.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

The activities conducted include:

No. of pads produced	No. of pads distributed	No. of schools visited	Communities visited
750	750	18	0

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

We provide holistic, inclusive education services that support learning across all stages of life—from early childhood to adulthood. Our programs are designed to respond to the needs of communities facing poverty, displacement, or crisis, and offer safe, accessible, and empowering spaces for education.

1. Community library

Our community libraries are welcoming spaces where children, youth, and adults can access books, learning materials, and quiet environments to study and grow. They support literacy and lifelong learning in areas where educational resources are scarce. Libraries are stocked with age-appropriate books and supported by trained facilitators who guide learners through reading sessions, storytelling, workshops, and digital literacy training. They also serve as safe spaces for community learning and engagement.

2. Child/day care

Our day care centers offer early childhood care, learning, and protection. They provide structured play-based activities, nutritious meals, and hygiene support. These services are especially crucial in crisis-affected communities where caregivers may be working, seeking livelihoods, or participating in training. Children receive age-appropriate stimulation that supports their physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Inclusive practices ensure that children with disabilities or from marginalized groups are supported.

3. Foundational literacy and numeracy

Our foundational learning programs help children build essential reading, writing, and math skills. These are particularly targeted at children who are out of school or have fallen behind. Delivered through child-friendly, play-based methods, sessions are tailored to individual needs and facilitated by trained educators. Emphasis is placed on gender sensitivity and inclusivity, ensuring all children—especially girls and children with disabilities—feel safe, valued, and empowered to learn.

Small group instruction, continuous assessment, and supportive learning environments ensure that children gain the confidence and skills to transition into or return to formal schooling.

4. Scholarships

We offer scholarships to help vulnerable children and youth access and stay in school. These scholarships cover tuition, uniforms, learning materials, and transport. We prioritize children from disadvantaged households, girls, and children with disabilities, and orphans—groups often at risk of dropping out due to economic hardship.

Scholarship recipients are supported through follow-up, mentorship, and psychosocial care to ensure their success. Our goal is not only to remove financial barriers but to help students thrive academically and socially.

5. Feeding program

Hunger is one of the biggest barriers to learning. Our school-based feeding program ensures that children in our day care, foundational learning, and vocational programs receive nutritious daily meals. These meals support physical development, increase attendance, and help children concentrate and participate fully in their learning.

For young children, feeding supports healthy growth during critical early years. For older students, it improves focus and performance. Parents are often involved in preparing meals, helping build community ownership and sustainability.

6. Vocational Training Centre

We provide vocational training that equips youth and adults with practical skills for employment or entrepreneurship. This is especially important in communities where traditional education pathways have been disrupted.

Training areas include:

- **Hairdressing & Beauty:** Styling, skincare, makeup, and salon business skills
- **Dressmaking:** Tailoring, pattern-making, and fashion design
- **Food & Beverage Production:** Cooking, baking, hygiene, and catering
- **Solar PV Installation:** Renewable energy system setup and maintenance
- **Plumbing:** Water system installation, sanitation, and repair

Each course includes hands-on learning, business training, and mentorship. Graduates receive certificates and are supported to find jobs or start their own businesses.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

Key Activities & Achievements

1. Vocational training

We have three groups in vocational training,

Cohort 1- Practical Stage

- This group has completed the hairdressing and beauty therapy courses, where they acquired skills like manicure, pedicure and general work within the salon.
- They are currently on attachment, practicing what they have acquired. They offer services to people particularly passersby and STADA staff, the most recent one being our chief of staff who had her nails so nicely done at the spa.
- They also acquire advanced skills like sister locks installation. From these workshops, the trainees receive a little money from the customers they serve, this not only increases their confidence but usher them into the path of independence.
- Apart from that, we visited National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) office to inquire about the registration and booking for the final exam, the application was

successful. So they are going to sit for their real certification soon which is important for future employment opportunities.

Cohort 2 - Current classes.

- We got 12 teen mothers in this group, they've been involved in bead work and psychosocial sessions to enable them to gain emotional strength and self-esteem.
- They are learning the basics and receiving classroom based training. Soon, they will start hands on practice.

Cohort 3- Ready to start

- The third cohort at Ogenya IDP camp is YET to start their training.
- We had an interactive session with them and explained to them the expectations and assistance that is offered in the program.
- In the collaborative sessions with the various stakeholders that we had, we are in the final stages of preparing all of them, and they will start classes soon. Meanwhile, they have been involved in a couple of thought-provoking activities like beadwork and mental health support classes from the mental health department.

2. Scholarship

- We have 9 students under this program. The project officer conducted follow-up visits to monitor academic progress and general well-being of the students. Below is a summary of the agenda for the school visits.
- Masogo mixed secondary school where we have a form four student, the meeting covered these main areas:
 - Academic development since class one and it was realized that there has been no developmental improvement which can be documented.
 - Academic tour –the student is to take part in an upcoming academic trip which has already been organized.
- There was another progress review carried out for another pupil at St. Mario Buoye primary school and the following were noted:
 - The pupil has improved on performance and relations with people.
 - She is to embark on an educational trip to Kisumu museum and united mall playground that costs ksh.1000.
 - There is a planned graduation and thus the question of graduation fee and related cost.
- Alendu was also visited and the following concerns addressed:
creative art fee, lunch program and school fee arrears which has all been paid.

3. Day care

The day care continues to provide safe care and nutritious food to the children with integrated fun activities like music, dancing and watching animations.

There is a newly admitted child this month and fee for the service is paid by the parent.

4. Community Library

- The activity particularly targets learners during weekends and school holiday, strengthening foundation literacy and reading culture.
- The learners engaged in guided reading of three letter world, sounds, and acquiring new vocabulary to strengthen early reading.
- They were also engaged in storytelling to improve listening skills and book appreciation. Besides that, they also had an opportunity to exhibit their creativity and talent through art and craft and finally watched educational videos on different numbers and their spelling.

5. **Feeding program** – the program benefits two major groups, children in day care and teenage mothers who are pursuing vocational training. They receive nutritious meals that improve their health and reduce the absenteeism rate.

Challenges & Issues

- **Irregular attendance:** the trainees attend training sessions irregularly and therefore affect the improvement of their learning. The learners who visit the community library also use it irregularly due to lack of encouragement by parents and general awareness.
- **Insufficient learning materials:** books, artistic materials and stationery are required to aid learning.
- **Scarce digital tools:** educational videos are a great learning tool and means of connecting the interior to the exterior world but scarcity of digital literacy tools and internet is a major obstacle.
- **Scarce diapers:** Some parents do not afford diapers for their babies on a daily basis which causes discomfort to the babies. Caregiver has a challenge to support in such a situation.
- **Poor communication when ill:** There has been a case where parents bring children who are ill and fail to inform the caregiver this makes it difficult to administer the required care.
- **Time for feeding:** meals are sometimes late in the day care making it difficult for the children to focus.

HUMANITARIAN DEPARTMENT

Your Support Saves Lives

In displacement and crisis settings, we provide life-saving support: clean water, education, protection, food security, and climate-adaptive livelihoods. Our work centers women and girls in all stages of response and recovery.

1. Floods response

When devastating floods displace families and destroy livelihoods, your support enables immediate, life-saving action. Our response teams deliver clean water, hygiene supplies, and essential non-food items within hours—helping communities stay safe, healthy, and resilient. With your partnership, we reach the most vulnerable, ensuring no one is left behind in the face of disaster.

2. Food assistance

Hunger shouldn't be a consequence of crisis. Thanks to your generosity, we're able to provide critical food assistance—ranging from emergency food parcels to cash-based solutions that empower families to make choices with dignity. Together, we're fighting food insecurity and protecting the nutrition of children and caregivers during emergencies.

3. Shelter assistance

Shelter is more than a roof—it's safety, privacy, and hope. Your contributions provide families with emergency shelter kits, safe temporary housing, and the tools to begin rebuilding. We work hand-in-hand with communities to design inclusive, sustainable shelter solutions that restore not just homes, but a sense of belonging and stability.

4. Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

Access to clean water and sanitation is essential in any emergency. With your support, we install emergency latrines, handwashing facilities, and distribute water purification supplies. We also run hygiene education campaigns to prevent disease outbreaks and safeguard health—especially for women, children, and people with disabilities.

5. Child protection and psychosocial support

Children are among the most affected in crises. Your donations help us establish safe spaces where children can play, learn, and receive psychosocial support. We also train caregivers and community volunteers to recognize and respond to signs of trauma, ensuring children can begin to heal and thrive.

6. Livelihoods recovery and cash-for-work

Restoring dignity starts with restoring income. Through your contributions, we implement cash-for-work initiatives, distribute livelihood kits, and support vocational training. These programs help families rebuild their independence and foster long-term recovery.

7. Inclusive humanitarian response

Crises affect everyone differently. Your support ensures our aid reaches older persons, people with disabilities, and marginalized groups. We tailor our interventions to be inclusive—whether through accessible shelters, disability-friendly WASH facilities, or inclusive planning processes—so no one is left behind.

8. Community preparedness and climate resilience

Your generosity isn't just helping communities recover—it's helping them prepare. We invest in local disaster response teams, early warning systems, and climate-smart

infrastructure. Together, we're building communities that are more resilient to future shocks.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

June activities:

- The Humanitarian Department successfully organized the International Widows' Day celebration and received donations in support of the event.

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

Amplifying Voices, Influencing Change

Our advocacy and communication work centers on elevating local voices to drive systemic change. By combining grassroots engagement with strategic messaging, we influence policy, shift public discourse, and promote accountability.

1. Strategic communication

We create targeted campaigns using radio, social media, print, and visual content to inform, inspire, and mobilize. Messaging is grounded in data, culturally relevant, and aligned with our program goals raising awareness on gender equality, education, health, and child protection.

2. Grassroots advocacy

We train and support communities, especially women and youth, to advocate for their rights. Through forums, dialogues, and local campaigns, communities lead conversations on services, inclusion, and justice ensuring their voices are heard where it matters.

3. Storytelling for action

Real stories inspire real change. We collect and share firsthand experiences that highlight challenges, resilience, and impact. Whether through video, photography, or testimonials, we use storytelling to build empathy, raise awareness, and humanize policy issues. These stories connect people to causes, influence public perception, and strengthen our advocacy efforts.

4. Information gathering and dissemination

Our advocacy is backed by evidence. We gather data through assessments, surveys, and community-led research. Findings are shared in accessible formats briefs, infographics, case studies to inform decision-makers, partners, and the public.

5. Policy and budget advocacy

We engage in policy dialogues, analyze budget allocations, and push for equitable funding in education, health, and protection. Our advocacy is grounded in community needs and evidence, ensuring inclusive and responsive governance.

6. Media advocacy

We work with journalists to promote ethical, rights-based reporting. By sharing stories, hosting interviews, and launching campaigns, we amplify underrepresented voices and foster change through public engagement.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

In June, the department conducted the following activities:

- Documentation of widow's day documentary
- Editing pictures and Videos. (Widows Day)
- Passport Shoot for all the POs
- Documented Mental health sensitization at the vocational training/Men's mental health talk
- Documentation Menstrual talk in Vocational training
- Graphics Design of all the POs into one picture
- Documented the Chief of Staff Visit.
- Drafted Scripts (Maboleo, Kobura, Nyabondo, Homabay,
- Transcription of Widows Day: Alara, Kobura, Nyabondo Combined and Kindu Bay.
- Newsletter Draft
- Social Media Updates and Social Media Calendar
- Supported Health in the focus group discussion at Rabour-sub-County Hospital
- Honored to present to the chief of staff the overall over view of the department.
- We did a departmental meeting for performance review.

MONITORING, EVALUATION, RESEARCH AND LEARNING (MERL)

Our MERL approach ensures that our work is effective, accountable, and continually improving. We track progress, assess impact, and learn from experience to adapt and strengthen our programs.

We monitor activities through tools like surveys, focus groups, and site visits, engaging communities in the process. Evaluation helps us understand what works, for whom, and under what conditions.

Our research projects include:

1. Transactional Sex for Fish along Lake Victoria
2. Amplifying Ratego Stories and Knowledges: A Co-Research Initiative with Young Mothers in Social Movements in East Africa

We share findings through reports, case studies, and learning briefs, promoting reflection and adaptation across all programs. MERL helps us stay grounded in evidence and focused on meaningful change.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

The following are the activities conducted by the Monitoring and Evaluation department in June:

- Received and complied departmental monthly reports and prepared presentation slides.
- Developed and reviewed data collection tools for activities.
- Updated the online database with WASH project data and ensured it was uploaded to the website.
- Collaborated with Program Officers to review and edit a grant report for submission.
- Conducted research and drafted a scientific paper based on the study in Ogenya exploring the link between climate change, displacement, and SRHR needs.
- Preparation of the individual appraisal form.
- Prepared a comprehensive monthly work plan outlining MERL activities for July.
- Participated in a full day orientation meeting with the Program Officers and Chief of Staff to align roles and responsibilities at Pinecone Hotel, Kisumu.
- Attended a Men's Mental Health Awareness Talk titled *"Understanding and Supporting Men's Mental Health."*

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The ICT department manages the organization's technological systems, and maintains their functions and underlying infrastructures. The personnel also ensure that the hardware and software are fully managed for their subsequent operations. The department also provides administrative, technical, and program support to the organization regarding system performance.

Activities undertaken:

- Installation of new software
- Research and procurement of IT hardware and supplies
- Participate in IT inventory asset management
- Assist in backup and recovery of digital assets
- Troubleshoot network issues

- Install video and audio conferencing
- Install and configure new printers, copiers and other equipment
- Provide and install cloud-based applications/services
- Repair hardware
- Website creation and management
- Development of organization's applications.

JUNE ACHIEVEMENTS

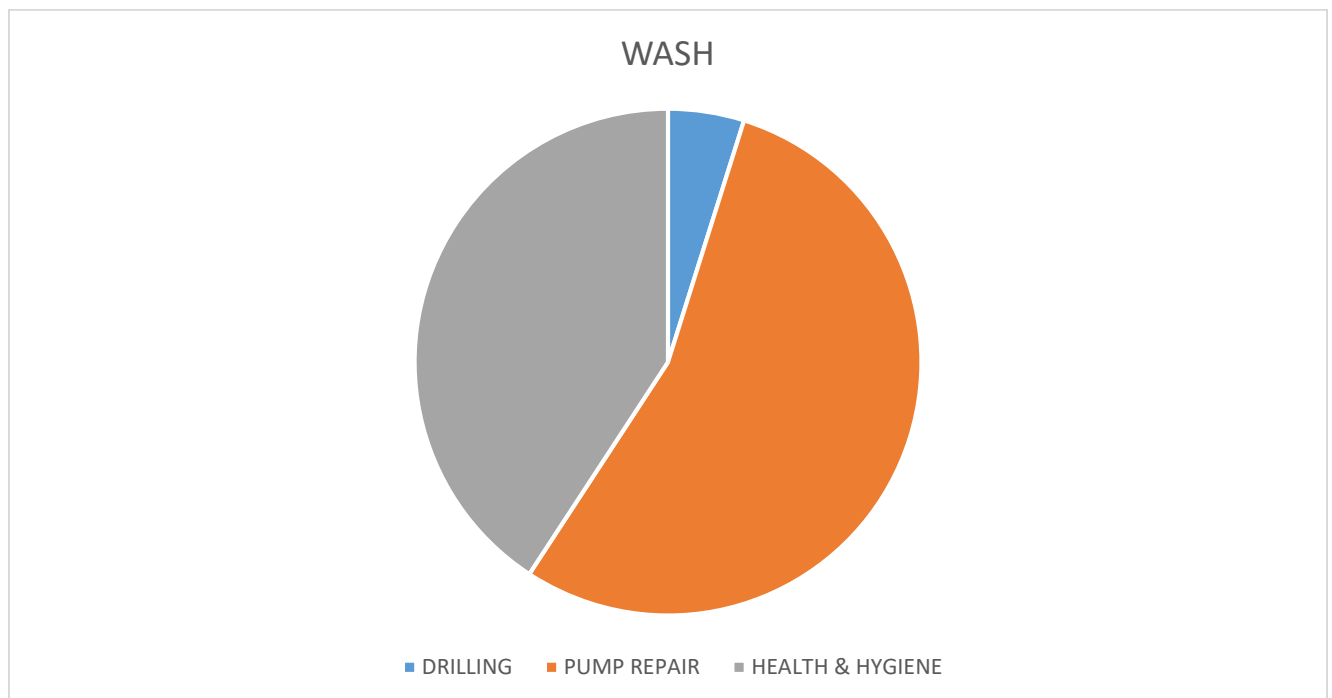
The following are the activities conducted:

1. Wash report compilation

In the Year 2025, the month of June as a department we managed to compile and submit WASH reports as follows:

1. Drilling - 5
2. Pump repair - 56
3. Health and Hygiene - 42

The above reports were compiled as represented in the pie chart below:

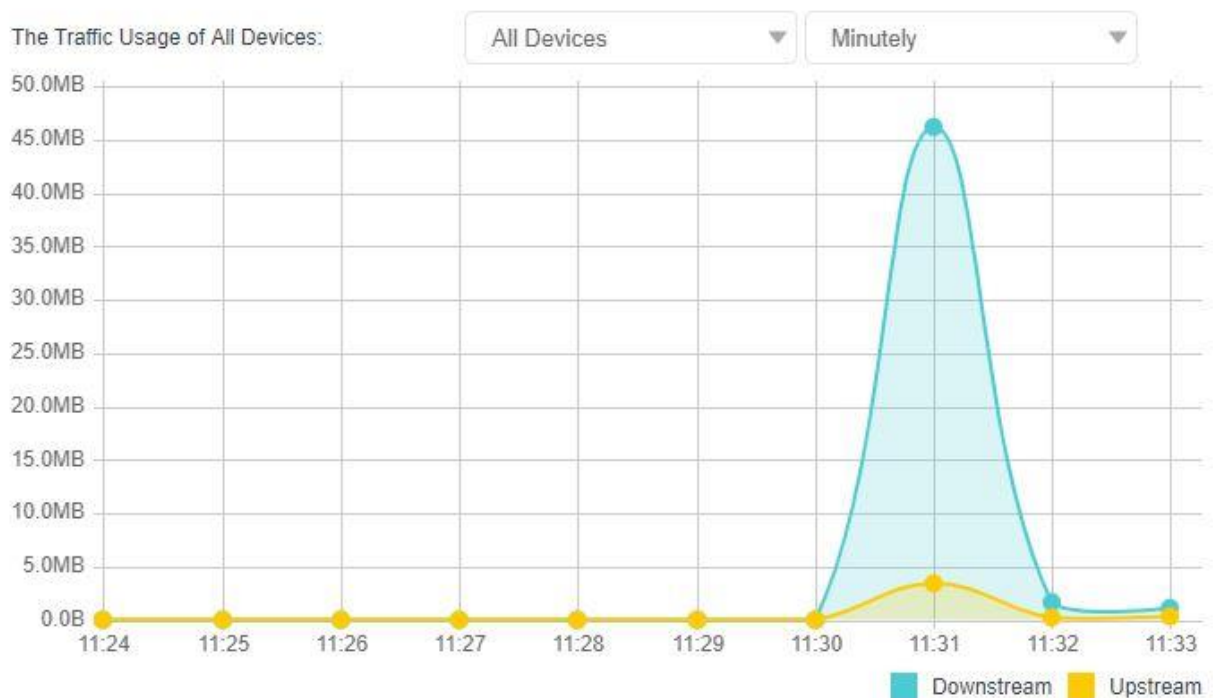


2. Laptop purchases and repairs

This month the office has not purchased any laptops. A laptop and a desktop need repair as soon as possible with chargers to be purchased. Most chargers blow up and it is suspected that the flow of power might have an error, as a department we request an electrician to be involved to confirm this.

3. Network flow of the month

In the month of June, we had good internet since the director rendered to us the 5G router which helps us hotspot the entire organization. This has enabled the smooth running of work in this month.



4. Website updates

In June, our website encountered a hiccup due to the host renewal dates, this was handled with immediate effect and website was back online working well.

5. Field work and consultancy

As a cross-cutting department, we managed to answer relevant ICT questions from different departments so as to better Technology communications and flow of work in the organization.

PICTORIALS



Menstrual Health education with Young Mothers in the Community.



A Mental Health Session with the Serenity Club at Ongeche JSS



A follow up Meeting for the PATHOME(Pathogens Transmission and Health Outcome Model of Enteric Diseases) Project



Men's Mental Health Awareness Talk



Our Executive Director's Meeting with the Nursing Director at KCRH



An Interactive Dialogue with Young Mothers & Teenage Mother's at Ogenya IDP Camp



A Community Dialogue on Maternal and Child Health at Rabuor Sub-County Hospital



Our Chief of Staff getting her nails done at our salon run by young mothers.