



STAWISHA DADA- STADA KENYA MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS- MAY 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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

In May, the department conducted the following activities:

Mental Health:

1. Psychosocial Support Activities for CRIF Project

- Kobura Teen Moms
 - A workshop on strengths-based goal setting and resilience training recap aimed at reinforcing resilience concepts and supporting teen moms develop realistic personal goals.
 - Continued re-screening for Depression, Anxiety, and PTSD was conducted among teen mothers at Kobura to gauge changes in mental health status among previously screened teen mothers.
 - Individual counseling for more confidential, personalized support.
- Ogenya and Nyabondo Teen Mom Centers
 - Teen moms were assigned take-home activities focused on self-awareness and goal-setting, intended to support reflection and prepare for upcoming sessions.

2. Mental Health Awareness Activities:

- Podcast: Recorded an interview with a Clinical Psychologist discussing key aspects of mental health, aimed at raising public awareness, educating the community about mental health conditions, reducing stigma, and promoting positive mental well-being. The

content emphasizes the prevalence of mental health issues, encourages proactive mental health practices, and fosters open, informed dialogue around mental health topics.

- Mental health Sensitizations at the following health centers:
 - Nyalenda health center
 - Railways health center
- Conducted staff outdoor activities, team- building and mindful moments to boost mental health
- Provided staff mental health sensitization to raise awareness and reduce stigma

3. Debriefing on maternal and neonatal loss at JOOTRH to healthcare workers (there were 16 deaths in the month of May)

- Serenity Seekers Project
A follow- up mental health session was conducted in Ong’eché JSS and Alendu Primary, targeting Junior Secondary School (JSS) students (Grades 7 and 8). The sessions were on Stress Management.
 - Challenge: Adverse weather conditions necessitated multiple rescheduling of the sessions

4. Outpatient Clinic Activities

- Mental Health Sensitization Talks
 - Information on mental health was disseminated to outpatient clients and caregivers.
- Ongoing Screening for Depression and PTSD
 - Ongoing screening for Depression and PTSD is conducted at the outpatient clinic to identify individuals at risk and enable prompt interventions. The data collected from screenings assists in monitoring trends in mental health issues and guides future program modifications to enhance community support.

5. Mental health screenings at Kolwa East

- Dissemination of screening tools across 8 facilities

6. Staff well- being initiatives

- Ongoing staff mental health support

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

The gender department conducted the following activities in May:

Kobura Teen Moms:

- Continue practice with the beadwork.
- We had a session with menstrual health talk, we discussed about menstrual cycle, phases in a women cycle and types of Menstrual flow.
- We learned about what is acting and also list down the techniques of acting with arts department
- We had a group therapy session with mental health and we are also continue with the screening.
- We had a nutrition class with the social worker and we define nutrition,functional food, balance diet .
- We engaged in dancing.

Nyabondo Widows Report

- The widows had a long discussion about a chicken rearing project that they will begin in the month of August.
- The widows participated in the weekly contributions and table banking.
- They received a visitor from Tumaini Kenya (An organization that educates on financial savings) who educated them and offered to register them on a program that gives loans with 10% interest.
- Developed a strategic plan for loan borrowing and repayment that dealt with failed loan payments and encouraged group development.
- They provided psychosocial support to one of them who had gone through domestic violence.

Ogenya Teen Moms Report

Activity: The teen moms practiced making bracelets.

Challenges: Last two weeks we did not meet due to same challenges like weather, so we did not do any activity with teen moms.

Gender Based Violence

- Visited Nyabondo health care on inquiries of formation of survivors forum.
- Documented a SGBV case of a 14 year old girl who was defiled by a person well known to her.
- Documented a case of a 17 year old which is in the process of follow up
- Documented a case of a 13 year old

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	In 80% of homes without water access, women and girls do the collection. Clean water frees them to pursue education, start businesses, and lead change.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

In May, 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
6	0	50	40	96

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

The activities conducted include:

No. of pads produced	No. of pads distributed	No. of schools visited	Communities visited
750	750	13	1

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

The activities conducted include:

- Conducted reading sessions by teaching the pupils rhyming words and how to join three letter words and sounds.
- Engaged the kids in watching the spelling basic words through Educational video.
- Conducted mathematics session whereby the kids counted numbers and spelled them in words.
- Revision lesson was conducted where the kids revised their past papers in different subjects and also the teacher had time to help them in their homework.
- Engaged the kids in drawing and dancing, this is to identify the kid's talent.
- Did storytelling to improve their listening skills.

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

Crisis 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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

May activities:

Phone coordination with the Kanyagwal, Ugwe and Kathoo Chiefs to identify Internally Displaced Persons Camps. The following were identified:

Kanyagwal:

- Kanduru Island
- Ogenya Israel
- Gogni
- AIC Church

Ugwe:

- Kibarwa AIC Camp
- Kokeyo Obuka Camp
- Kosea Camp
- Kawino South Chief's Camp
- Kogwethe Camp

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

In May, the department conducted the following activities:

- Prepared some questions to interview the staff on Mental Health awareness Month.
- Conducted some interviews with the staff on mental health awareness.
- Conducted some street quiz on MHM.
- We shoot the Mother's Day short videos with the staff.
- We prepare a social media calendar.
- Documented Serenity Seekers at Alendu JSS and Ongeche JSS
- We Planned Menstrual Hygiene Day with the project officer Menstrual health
- We prepared 2 online meetings for the updates on the planning together with the different partners.
- We recorded a mental health awareness video with a clinical psychologist from Siaya.
- Commemorating Menstrual Hygiene Day at Ogenya Primary School and Ogenya IDP Camp.
- We organized a tweet chat team and created a number of Twitter accounts for the new users.
- We participated in the tweet chat together with the rest of the team.
- Submitted Monthly report.

- Social Media Updates
- Documented Miriam's life story
- Documented the visit of CEOME organization from Kisii
- Documented repatriation with the mental health department
- Documented the vital research day one done in IDP camp by the MERL team
- Video translation and transcription.
- Wrote scripts.

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Received and complied departmental monthly reports and prepared presentation slides.
- Developed and reviewed data collection tools for activities.
- Entered WASH projects data into an online database uploaded to the website.
- Developed May monthly report and prepared June work plan.
- Developed a budget for the Transactional Sex for Fish Project.

- Developed a budget and a work plan a research at Ogenya. The research was exploring the link between Climate change, Displacement, and SRHR needs.
- Carried out data collection for research exploring the link between climate change, Displacement and SRHR Needs.

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.

MAY ACHIEVEMENTS

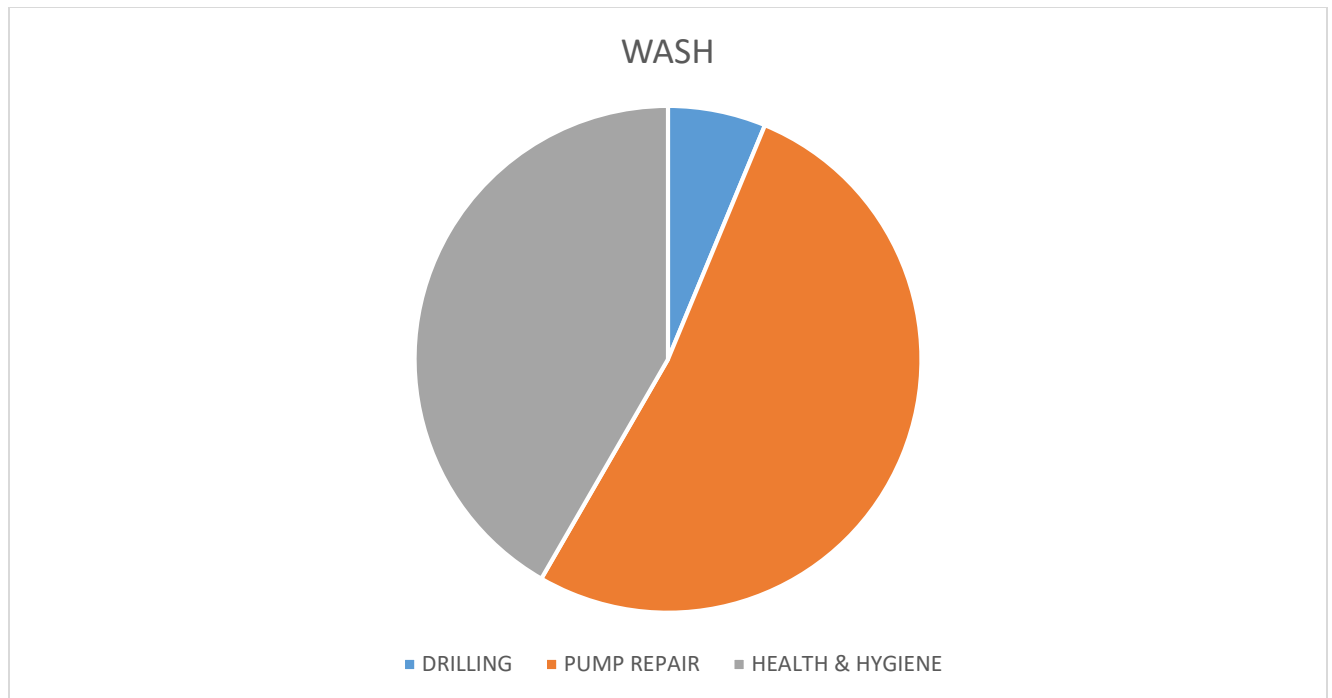
The following are the activities conducted:

1. Wash report compilation

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

1. Drilling - 6
2. Pump repair - 50
3. Health and Hygiene - 40

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

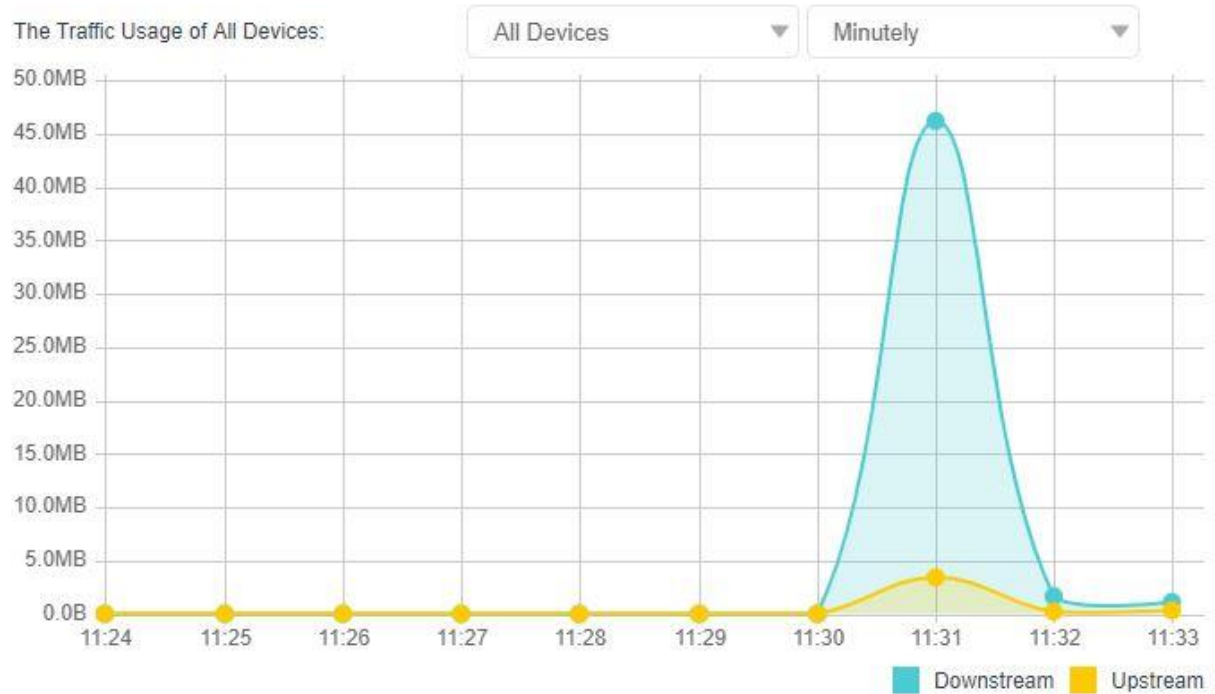


2. Laptop purchases and repairs

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 May, 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 May, our website encountered a hiccup due to the domain 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



Health and hygiene talk in the community



A repaired borehole within a school



Book Club reading session at the Community Library



A learning session at STADA Community Library



Mental Health Fun Day with STADA Staff



Learner's sessions at the STADA Community Library



Focus Group Discussion with women & young girls at Ogenya IDP Camp



An engaging session with our Widows Empowerment Program at Alara, Kisumu East



An engaging session with the Serenity Seekers Club at Alendu JSS



STADA Daycare Facility