

REPORT ON MAWENI DISPENSARY

Background

Maweni Dispensary is situated in a slum area in Kongowea Location, Kisauni Counstituency, Mombasa County. It is a government facility that was constructed using funds from Kisauni Constituency Fund (CDF).

Upon completion in 2010, it was handed over to the ministry of Health and was operationalized in February 2011.

Its catchment areas include Kisumu Ndogo, Mnazi Moja, Shauri Yako, Kidogo Basi, Mkunguni, Makuti and other slum areas in Kongowea location.

Staffing

The clinic has a total of 11 members of staff as follows;

- 1 clinical officer
- 1 pharmaceutical technologist
- 6 nurses
- 3 casuals

In addition to the above, the clinic works closely with 45 volunteer community health workers who support the work of the medical personnel. The volunteers have been trained on basic health education and do administer medicine to address common illnesses. Other tasks include mobilizing community members when there is an outbreak and during outreaches, monitoring patients on anti –TB treatment. They also do referrals, participate in family planning interventions and conduct health talks.

Each community health worker is in charge of 20 households.

Services offered

- Curative services
- Child welfare services-This includes growth monitoring and immunization
- Maternal health care
- Preventative services

On average, the clinicians attend to 70 persons on a daily basis.

Gaps

- The clinic does not have a laboratory so patients are treated clinically and this increases chances of misdiagnosis.





- The labor room is very small and lacks privacy so most women prefer to give birth at home under the care of traditional birth attendants. The room also doubles up as the injection room.
- The clinic is not fenced so it's difficult to keep intruders away and nurses also fear for their lives and hence do not respond to emergency delivery calls at night.

It is important to note that FS Mombasa has a close relationship with the clinic as it is right in the middle of its target area, Kisumu Ndogo Village.

Since last year, the number of medical cases handled by FS staff has reduced significantly.

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