

Soft Power Health First Quarter 2012

The start of 2012 was a very busy time – we saw many patients at the clinic and increased participation in our outreach programs.

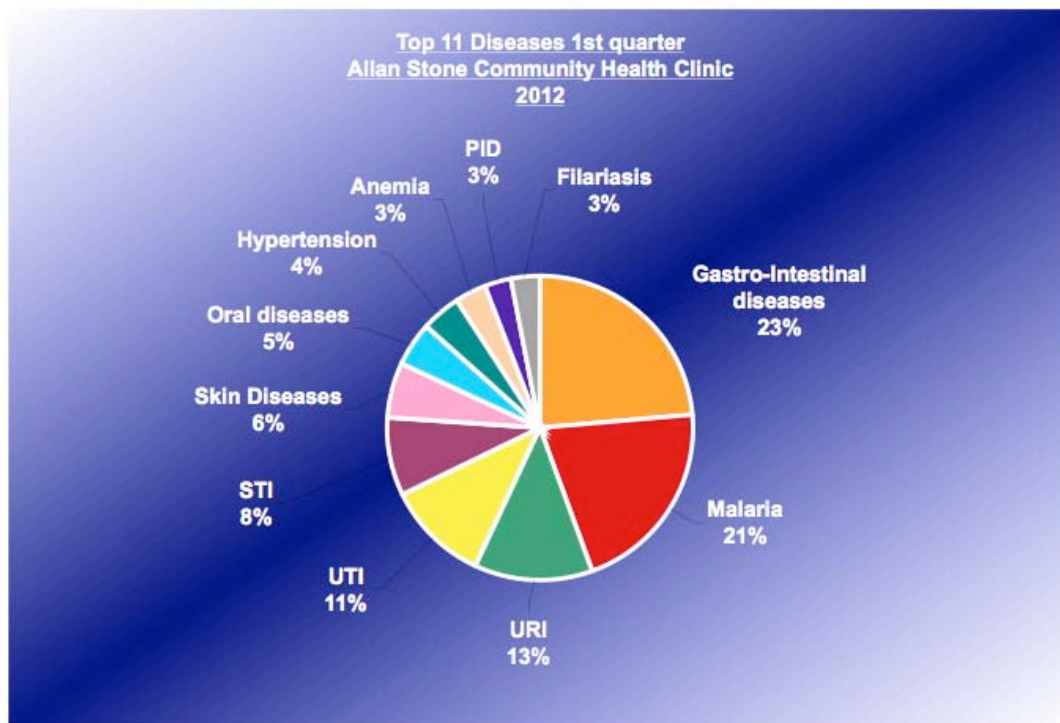
The Allan Stone Community Health Clinic

The Allan Stone Community Health Clinic treated 4,455 patients during the first quarter and of this number, 156 (3.5%) were referred through our Field Patient Program for specialized treatment in Kampala or elsewhere.

The Top 11 Conditions seen and treated at the Clinic this quarter:

As indicated in the chart below, the most commonly seen conditions, listed in descending order were: gastro-intestinal diseases including peptic ulcer disease (637), malaria (559), respiratory illness and common cold viruses (393), urinary tract infections (287), sexually transmitted infections (228), skin diseases(154), oral diseases and conditions(130), hypertension(116), anemia(83), pelvic inflammatory disease (81) and filarial worm infections(80).

While not falling statistically into the top ten conditions, we also saw and treated a number of patients with pneumonia (52) and diabetes (33.) In addition, 1329 people were tested for HIV, eighty-one showing positive test results.



Mother and Child Wellness Center:

This first year opening anniversary of the Mother and Child Wellness Center was a very happy one as well. 31 patients (children and adults) received treatment for protein malnutrition. Also 157 children were vaccinated, 12 children received de-worming treatment, and 8 began Vitamin A supplementation for prevention of blindness.

149 women received doses of Depo-Provera birth control and 10 received birth control pills. Also, 18 women opted for contraceptive implants and 5 chose IUDs. 6 implants and 3 IUDs were removed.

Finally, on February 23, 2012, we held our quarterly permanent and long-term contraception one-day event, co-sponsored with Marie Stopes*, a Soft Power Health partner organization. 31 tubal ligations were performed and 45 contraceptive implants and 4 IUDS were inserted, while 3 contraceptive implants were removed. This was the first of four such quarterly planned events being co-hosted with Marie Stopes.

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Family Planning Outreach Program:

The Family Planning Outreach Program continues to increase in popularity, as evidenced by the ever-growing numbers of participants attending our outreach sessions. Since the program's inception the number of participants has skyrocketed, going from dozens of interested people to thousands. This past quarter during outreach events, 617 injections of Depo-Provera were administered and 122 women received 3-month supplies of birth control pills.

Finally, during this quarter we dispensed almost 1,000 condoms - 100 through the center and 884 through outreach. This is a particularly extraordinary number given the Ugandan government's recent efforts to make condoms nearly impossible to obtain on a free and easy basis. *Our condoms were all acquired directly through volunteers and donors*, demonstrating that your efforts really do make a difference. Our greatest thanks go out to all of you who helped make this possible!

Malaria Outreach:

In January we sold the last 477 mosquito nets left from our previous shipment. While awaiting our next shipment arrival due in April, we had time to catch up on making community outreach follow-up visits. This quarter the Malaria Outreach team made 529 follow-up visits.



Sarah, our head malaria educator at an education session and net sale. She is showing the group one of our extremely popular new striped nets.