

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES AGAINST POVERTY

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DELIVERING VITAL MEDICAL OUTREACH

Organization of Local Communities Against Poverty (OLCAP) conducted a comprehensive medical outreach campaign across two markets (Musoli and Malinya) in Kakamega County, Kenya.

This initiative aimed not only to provide essential medical services to underserved populations but also to spread the message of hope and compassion inspired by the teachings of Jesus.

The medical outreach program was planned and executed by OLCAP staff and volunteers, comprising medical professionals, counselors, and community workers.

OLCAP coordinated with local authorities to ensure smooth execution of the outreach program. Medical supplies, including medications, bandages, and diagnostic equipment, were procured in advance.

The two bustling markets within the community were strategically identified and chosen as the primary locations for the outreach events to maximize outreach to a diverse cross-section of the population.



Staff and volunteers set up makeshift medical camps in each market, equipped with basic medical facilities.

Services provided to 95 people included general health check-ups, treatment of common ailments, wound dressings, and distribution of essential medications.

The OLCAP medical outreach program exemplifies the organization's commitment to holistic community development, addressing both physical and spiritual needs.

With your help, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of underserved populations. Thank you!

ADDRESSING JIGGER INFESTATIONS

- A jigger is a small flea that burrows into the flesh.
- The flea is found in the dust and on dirt floors of many homes and schools.
- There is a social stigma and shame associated with the victims of jiggers which causes them to hide the problem, making it worse.



Jigger fleas cause swelling, ulceration, itching, and secondary infections like swelling of the lymph nodes, gangrene, tetanus, blood poisoning, and the pain leaves many people with walking problems.

The only way to remove the jiggers is to cut them out of the feet & fingers with a scalpel - usually with no anesthetic.

In February, OLCAP embarked on a mission to combat jigger infestations affecting the lives of numerous individuals. Visiting four primary schools - Shihalia, Ibuuka, Shirumba, and Shikokho - along with several marginalized households, our team provided crucial assistance to 102 patients grappling with the pain caused by jiggers, enhancing their quality of life.

The treatment involved a multi-step approach. Firstly, patients' feet and hands were washed to ensure a sanitized environment for treatment. Next, affected areas were soaked in a liquid to suffocate the jiggers. Removal of embedded jiggers was performed meticulously using a scalpel, a painful process but one that provided immediate relief. After removal, patients were given painkillers and antibiotics to manage discomfort and prevent infections in open wounds, facilitating a smoother recovery.

Recognizing the significance of preventive measures, we distributed clothing and footwear to patients, alongside hygiene education, to reduce the likelihood of future jigger infestations and enhance their overall health. Alongside medical treatment, patients received spiritual support and uplifting words from staff members who prayed with them and shared encouraging passages from scriptures.



GIVE HOPE TO THE SICK

OLCAP's medical outreach exemplifies our dedication to addressing pressing health issues and providing hope within our communities.

Through compassionate care, comprehensive treatment, and proactive preventive measures, you are helping us make a significant impact in the lives of those affected by jigger infestations and other medical challenges.

For further details on OLCAP's work and volunteering in our upcoming medical outreach endeavors, reach out to the admin at info@olcap.org.



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