

MATIBABU FOUNDATION, WESTERN KENYA (3'57)

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We are an indigenous community health initiative in Western Kenya.

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Our goal is to create a healthy, productive and prosperous society.

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We provide health services and community support to rural, hard-to-reach and vulnerable communities, in order to enable them take responsibility for their own health.

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Our client population has significant and various health concerns. Therefore, Matibabu offers comprehensive and integrated range of health services. Our clinical program serves over 20,000 patients per year. We offer routine consultancies, laboratory, nursing, pharmacy and our programme specially targets women and children.

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Matibabu foundation has grown tremendously since its inception in 2004. But it wasn't until we received the PEPFAR New Partners' Initiative award that we were able to offer comprehensive and integrated services to the wider community. The technical assistance we received has strengthened our managerial and technical capacity and organizational systems.

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With support from JSI's Technical Assistance, we have gained competence in areas like: financial management, strategic planning, information for decision making, and supportive supervision.

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The support that we have received from John Snow Inc. has enabled us to effectively manage the growth that has come with the PEPFAR funding. We are now able to provide counseling and testing services to an average of 800 people per month as compared to 200 people that we provided with counseling and testing services before PEPFAR funding. We have also been able to purchase laboratory equipment that have made Matibabu foundation a referral site for 17 government facilities.

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We've always known that clinical based health services do not meet everyone's needs. Lack of or limited health knowledge, long distances, lack of resources, severe ill health prevent people from reaching our facility. With help from TA-NPI, we work more effectively with the network of volunteer Community Health Workers to provide information on preventing common diseases and to refer the patients to the clinic.

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We are a community initiative that is deeply rooted in the community. And yet we have gained the trust of the government at the national and the district level. I believe Matibabu is very well prepared for the future.

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We're stronger

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We're more knowledgeable

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We're more effective

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We are Matibabu.