

Soft Power Health Second Quarter Update 2012

It's been another busy, productive quarter for the clinic and outreach programs. The new mosquito nets, which arrived in Uganda in April, finally cleared inspection in May, at which time we were able to get the Malaria Education and Prevention sessions up and running again. This latest shipment includes the new striped nets, which have proven even more popular than the previously sold dark blue ones.

The Allan Stone Community Health Clinic

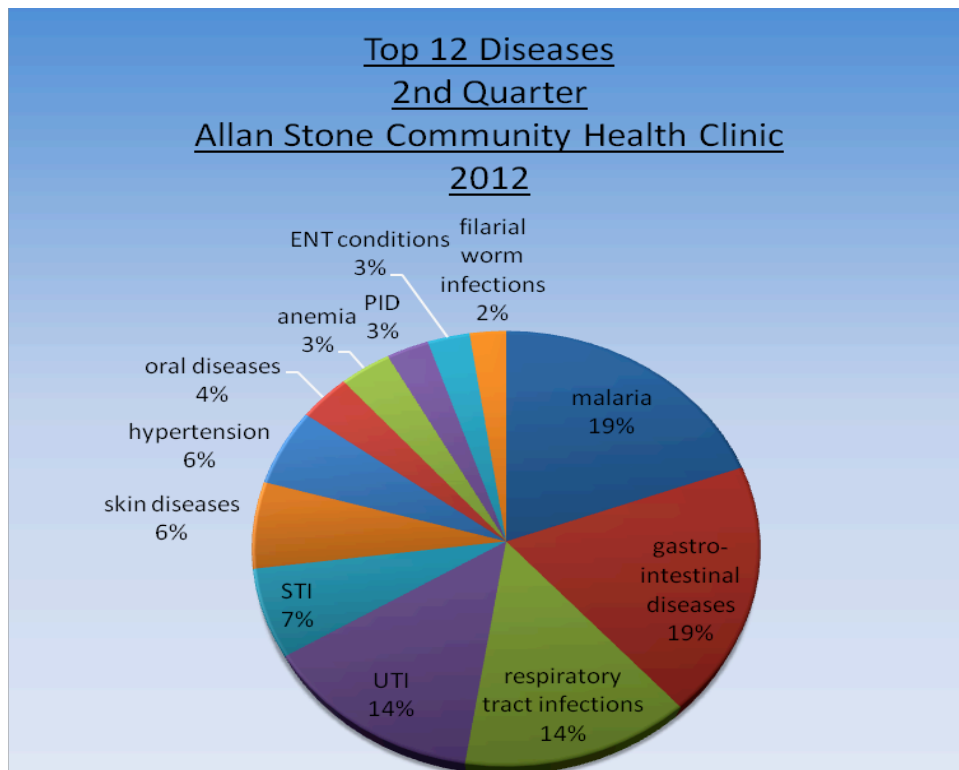
During the second quarter of 2012, The Allan Stone Community Health Clinic treated 5,088 patients* – *that's up 12% from the first quarter*. Should this trend in patient increase continue over the next two quarters, we will treat close to 20,000 people this year - this is a substantial increase from the 14,069 patients seen in 2011, who already had kept the clinic extremely busy.

*Of this number, 224 (4.4% of the total) were referred for specialized treatment in Kampala or elsewhere through our Field Patient Program.

Top 12 conditions we treated this quarter:

As indicated in the chart below, malaria and gastro-intestinal diseases continued to rank highest among conditions most commonly treated at the clinic this quarter (657 and 640 cases, respectively.) Followed by, in descending order were: respiratory tract infections (480 cases, 57 which were pneumonia infections), urinary tract infections (467), sexually transmitted infections (226), skin diseases (218), hypertension (193), oral diseases and conditions (117), anemia (116), pelvic inflammatory disease (95), ENT conditions (94), and filarial worm infections (81).

In addition, 48 cases of AIDS, 45 cases of measles, 31 cases of diabetes, and 27 cases of eye conditions were also diagnosed and treated at the clinic. Notably, of 1650 people tested for HIV, only 90 tested positively.



Mother and Child Wellness Center:

At the Mother and Child Wellness Center this quarter, 28 children and adults received treatment for malnutrition and 136 children received vaccinations.

Since the beginning of April, 154 Depo-Provera birth control injections offering three-month protection were administered, and birth control pills were distributed to 36 women. Also, 14 new contraceptive implants and 2 IUDs were inserted, and 5 implants were removed.

Finally, May 17th was the second of four annually held, daylong events co-organized by Marie Stopes Uganda (MSU), in which long-term and permanent forms of birth control are made available to anyone in need of such contraception. This quarter 16 tubal ligations and 1 vasectomy were performed, 1 new IUD and 25 contraceptive implants were inserted, and 6 implants were removed. We continue to be encouraged by the very large turnout to these events, which includes many individuals who come in from outlying communities we work with. SPH makes real mobilization efforts to allow for attendance by giving communities well publicized advance notice and by providing transportation. We hope to continue broadening our reach into distant areas over time.

Family Planning Outreach:

Family Planning Outreach continues to be very successful, as demonstrated by the number of program participants this quarter. Since April, 633 injections of Depo-Provera have been administered and birth control pills have been supplied to 104 women.

In addition, we received and distributed 3450 condoms, *up from the 1000 distributed last quarter*. Despite the extreme current shortage of condoms in Uganda, we have been able to obtain ours through donations made and brought to us here by our fantastic, visiting volunteers. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.

Malaria Outreach:

Since May we have sold 1097 new nets and have made 341 follow-up visits to households in which a member had previously purchased a net. Below are the new striped nets, selling out almost as fast as we can get them in!



SPH volunteer Kat helping at a net sale at a Malaria Education and Prevention Outreach session.