



# MAMA

## MIDWIVES AT MATERNITY AZUR



### GRACE CLINIC, KYARUSHESHA

This clinic opened on 9th March 2020 and is named in memory of Emvikia Grace who originally started our outreach programme.

MAMA is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UKAid Direct Small Charities Challenge Fund, to establish our second rural maternity clinic in the village of Kyarushesha, where we have been running outreach antenatal clinics for the past three years. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we have managed to keep most of our services going throughout some very challenging times due to the dedication of our staff. We have heard from the local clergy there have been no maternal deaths in the area since our opening March. Currently we rent our property but will shortly be announcing a building fund to enable us to build on land donated by the village.

362

#### FAMILY PLANNING

using a variety of short and long term methods.

82

#### MATERNITY REFERRALS

taken to Hoima for higher level of care.

192

#### BABIES BORN

alive and well and discharged home with their mothers.



FCDO awarded us £50,000 to establish a second Health Centre III in Kikuube District.



We joined forces with The Red Cross and collected 80 units of blood to add to the national blood bank.



We have already seen more than 2000 antenatal mothers since opening.

Runga is going from strength to strength: we are now working with the Hoima District Health Officer to offer a monthly childhood immunisation clinic, and also to take immunisation to neighbouring villages.



This year also saw the Runga Clinic having a facelift with a new floor, ceiling and

partitions. This has given us more useable space and an easier environment to clean. We have 3 midwives who spend a week in turn running the clinic: offering antenatal care, a safe environment mothers to deliver their babies and refer to a higher level of care if necessary. On top of all this we also see a large number of sick children and adults with a variety of ailments, all managed by our staff to a high standard.



Many of you will know Runga is situated on the shores of Lake Albert. Due to rising water levels we may be faced with moving the clinic to an alternative site in the village in the next few months.

## FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

We have been very grateful to the amazing fundraising efforts of three people. Claire Litchfield, Duncan Sherlock and Lucy Kirkpatrick. Claire kayaked 100km along the River Thames from Abingdon to Windsor, raising £1,400. Duncan walked the virtual London marathon and raised £2,700, while Lucy ran the Manchester Marathon for us raising £800. All of these events took place despite COVID-19 restrictions making events more difficult to organise and support, and the funds generated will be put towards our new Building Fund.

Thank you to Colin Dibley for a recent generous donation, which will also be added to the Building Fund, and to our regular donors who continue to support us on a monthly basis.

## MEET THE TEAM:

Sofia Giannopoulou

*Up until recently Sofia was a trustee for MAMA. Now she is an employee! Sofia has kindly volunteered to work in Hoima for the next two years to work alongside our local midwives to establish our new clinic in Kyarushesha, oversee our first clinic in Runga and other projects MAMA is involved in. During the second year of her time in Hoima Sofia will be handing over the responsibility to Barongo Jerome, our midwife in charge in Hoima. Sofia decided not to return to the UK at the beginning of the pandemic, instead she stayed on in Hoima making sure the clinic opened as planned.*

