

Grounds for Health... ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

INTRODUCTION

FY2021-22 was an exciting and impactful year at Grounds for Health. We celebrated our 25th anniversary since coffee executive Dan Cox and Dr. Francis Fote founded the organization in a rural Mexican coffee community. 25 years! This is a notable achievement for such a small non-profit—let alone one working in low-resource settings.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about our 25th year is that we finished it with our best-ever performance - 30,364 and 2,237 eligible women screened and treated respectively! Of the women who screened positive, 93% received treatment in our programs in Ethiopia and Kenya.

We look forward to the accuracy and efficiencies that come with innovation and the expansion of our reach as we strive to make our own significant contribution to the global effort to eliminate cervical cancer.

Our FY2021-22 accomplishments also include successfully hiring two (excellent!) new staff members, conducting our first Technical Assistance Program (TAP) project in Uganda and introducing a significant change in approach to screening—HPV selftesting. Our field staff have jumped right in after many years of experience in only one clinical approach to screening and treatment. Despite the challenges in implementing a whole new program, they were able to grow our numbers of women screened by a whopping 32%! Our goal in introducing HPV self-testing is to find the most effective model of service delivery, specifically in communities with significant transportation, communication, and health care access challenges. We will be using a system of electronic data collection to evaluate the effectiveness of various approaches in reaching that goal.

Of course, our work is not possible without the generous support of our donors. A special thank you goes out to our Sustaining Donors, whose multi-year commitments help us plan for and execute our ambitious goals.

We are so proud of what we have accomplished over the years, and look forward to a time when cervical cancer is a thing of the past.

Ellen Starr EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Celebration . . .

25 YEARS OF GROUNDS FOR HEALTH 1996-2021

In the spring, we celebrated 25 years of Grounds for Health and honored our cofounder Dan Cox at a gala on Lake Champlain in Vermont.

We'd like to thank everyone who attended, and show our gratitude to all our staff, supporters and partners over the years. Thank you!







ETHIOPIA

Sidama, SNNP, Oromia, Wonsho Districts

HIGHLIGHTS

- 22,807 Women screened
- 1,700 Women treated
- 15 New providers trained
- Most women ever screened in one country during a fiscal/program year
- Successfully rolled out HPV DNA Testing via Self-Sampling in Yirgalem Town, Sidama
- Completed preliminary design of ClickMedix, a digital tool to help manage programs and disseminate findings for wider learning

"My fear was I will be a cancer patient and I will lose my life. And I will lose my kids and my family. Now I am treated and this is a very good thing for me. Thank you for bringing this service to us"

Shashtu from Ziway, Ethiopia

Providing women with the option of self-sampling contributes to acceptability and access to services.

Because of its high level of performance, countries should ideally transition to HPV testing as the primary method of screening for cervical cancer.*

*Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2020. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.

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HIGHLIGHTS

• 1,434 Women screened

- 132 Women treated
- 14 Providers trained
- Piloted new Technical Assistance Program (TAP)



Women receiving education on cervical cancer in a community health center in Uganda.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 6,123 Women screened
- 405 women treated
- Established groundwork to introduce HPV DNA Testing via Self-Sampling in early FY2022-23

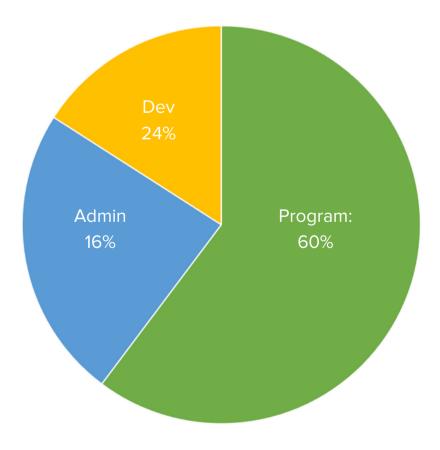


Consultation during a special mini campaign to mark World Cancer Day, February 4 2022.

FINANCIALS

Income	
Donations	\$598,834
Auction	\$27,892
Subtotal Cash	\$626,726
In-Kind Gifts	\$61,456
Total Donations	\$688,182

Expenses		
Program	\$500,642	
Development	\$198,070	
Administration	\$132,354	
Total	\$831,066	
Expenses include in-kind.		



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