

ARTICLE ABOUT BIRTHING MOTHERS IN KURON PHCC

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Kuron Primary Health Care Center (KPHCC) , which was founded by Bishop Paride Taban, has been helping the Toposa community since February of 2006. Since that time the number of outpatients attending services in KPHCC has been steadily increasing year after year. The Ante-Natal Care (ANC) has attended to mothers who are pregnant and lactating. The ANC has been trying to convince the Toposa women to come to the facility for ANC and delivery as well.

In 2019, ARC (?) was helping ANC mothers through the distribution of some sanitary products to encourage them to come to the facility. Mothers also received a basin, baby cloth, soap, baby net, feeding cup, sugar, and some cosmetics. This was the procedure for over a year. Things dramatically changed when another new implementing agent came and the incentives were done away with. This had the negative impact of mothers stopping coming to the clinic to deliver. To this day, the vast majority of Toposa women deliver at home.

Recently, the KPHCC staff organized a strategy on how to encourage the mothers to, once again, come to the KPHCC. As the health staff we came up with a plan to engage mothers by giving them a little bar of soap, which was given by CHD (?) for washing the bed sheet sheets at the KPHCC. Once a week we go door to door in the nearby villages.

So we targeted the four communities of Nakumogo, Namuton, Moruse, Katanya which are close to the KPHCC. We talked to at least 20 mothers in each of the four villages. From this effort we had five deliveries in the month of September.2021. Through these efforts we hope more mothers will turn up for delivery at the KPHCC.



Nurse Patricia talks with mothers who were convinced to birth at the KPHCC and attend ANC through the village visits.





These photos are of mothers who delivered at the KPHCC and went home

