

# ABOUT St. Francis



St. Francis Health Care Services provides quality medical care, education, and counseling to people living in **Njeru, Soroti**, and the areas surrounding them. A group of concerned community members in Njeru started St. Francis in 1998 to fight the spread of HIV and to reduce the impact of AIDS. Since then, we have expanded to offer a wide variety of health services to **all people** in our community.

*We aim to help you live a life of hope and dignity.*

St. Francis has grown to a staff of **54** who care for over **10,000** clients with a wide range of health concerns. Our staff is trustworthy and friendly. We use our impressive facilities and staff for several programs that serve everyone from children to the elderly.

As part of our **Core Values**, we believe that all human beings are equal. Everyone has a right to access health information and services.

## Our Services

*We provide medical care both in our facilities and in the community.*

### In Our Facilities

Our team is able to identify and respond to several health problems. We can perform tests, diagnose illnesses, and provide treatment for a variety of conditions, including the following:

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| • HIV/AIDS     | • Diabetes    | <i>We also perform several other tests!</i> |
| • Malaria      | • Typhoid     |   |
| • Tuberculosis | • Brucellosis |   |
| • STIs         | • Anemia      |   |

We provide natal services and immunizations too. We encourage you to always seek better health by coming to our facility. We guarantee to respect your privacy and keep all information confidential.

### In the Community

We provide **Home-Based Care** for those who cannot transport to our facilities. Our doctors visit many clients at their homes. They also visit community drug distribution points organized by volunteers. Call St. Francis to find out about volunteers near you.



#### Counseling and Testing

Our team of counselors and doctors routinely visits villages to conduct HIV testing. Our counselors provide advice on how to live a healthy life.

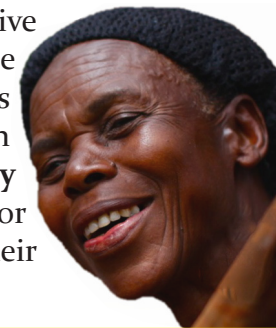
*We are people you can trust*

Come to our **Health Talks!** Learn about important health topics, from sanitation to family planning! **St. Francis at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

## Our Community

*We help our community by using a holistic approach.*

In **Village Savings & Loans Associations**, we educate our groups to start saving money for future emergencies and investments. All people – young and old, HIV positive and negative – are welcome to get involved. Our hope is that each group develops an **income-generating activity (IGA)** such as farming or brickmaking to boost their household income.



St. Francis Njeru has two Saturday programs where youth participate in sports, music, dance, drama, and more. Youth receive counseling, medical checkups, and treatment free of charge. Our **Shadow Idols** are youth ages 10-18 who learn about life skills and reproductive health. They also

engage with professionals such as engineers, lawyers, and doctors.

Our **Young Positives** are youth ages 10-21 who are learning how to live with HIV/AIDS while benefitting from the support of a loving and understanding community.



**Omoana House** is a temporary rehabilitation center at St. Francis Njeru for Stage 3 and 4 HIV Positive and malnourished youth ages 4-18. These children regain their physical health while receiving counseling and support.



# Information

## Visit Our Center

Our facilities are open every day of the week. Come visit us for counseling, testing, and treatment.

**Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

We ask that clients for ART, child immunization, and natal services visit on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Fees

***St. Francis strives to be as affordable as possible for you!***

Our **HIV Positive** clients pay only a 2,000 Ush user fee per visit. There are no additional costs for drugs.

Our **HIV Negative** clients pay only a 5,000 Ush consultation fee per visit plus the cost of any necessary tests or drugs.

### Become a Member!

For only 20,000 Ush per year, a membership provides you with the benefits of attending all meetings, voting in our board elections, and helping expand our facilities.

**HIV testing is always free.**

**Come get tested for HIV.**

The earlier you know your status, the better.

We keep all information **confidential**.



President Museveni awards St. Francis with the 2009 Certificate of Recognition for excellency in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## Our Centers

### Njeru Location (Headquarters)

Plot No. 24A and 24B Ddungu Lane

P.O. Box 2210 Jinja

Tel: 256-772409727

Fax: 256-43121322

### Soroti Location

Block 33A Station Road

Alioet Village

Soroti District



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***Providing holistic  
health care for our  
whole community***

