



ESTHER ALLIANCE GREECE

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The Greek ESTHER initiative partner in Africa is the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa and currently operates health facilities (clinics, health centers, hostels for victims of trafficking) and educational structures .

In 2011 the Greek branch of ESTHER was represented at the UN General Assembly on HIV/AIDS by the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa.

The HCDCP (Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention)-
ESTHER NFP in Greece, decided to:

- record the needs and capabilities of the existing structures,
- help improve the organization of structures,
- network the Patriarchate's structures with other available structures/organizations in each country as well as with Greek Special Infections Units, so that more appropriate management of patients with HIV, malaria and tuberculosis may be achieved,
- create a data-recording system in order to establish monitoring programmes,
- train the staff (medical and nursing/administrative) in order to offer HIV/AIDS patients better coordinated and more modern treatment,
- apply for resources in order to equip the structures.

The structures recorded, to date, are the structures in:

- Tanzania (Mwanza),
- Uganda,
- Madagascar,
- South Africa and
- Kenya.

In the countries visited there were no ESTHER Alliance structures or representatives

- In all countries, it stood very difficult to collect the data of medical structures.
- In most cases patient data (age, sex, etc.), was missing in kept records, or there was inconsistency between the number of examined patients and the number of diagnoses.
- In some cases, due to staff shortages, there were no records at all.
- According to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health in all countries, patients are divided into two age categories in the official monthly forms. The ones under, and the ones over the age of five.



UGANDA

HEALTH CENTRE (II) "St JACOB"- NAWAGO (166km north of Kampala)

PERSONNEL

NURSES: 1

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012: 720

HIV(+): NO DATA

HEALTH CENTRE (II)-NGOMBE (290 km east of Kampala)

PERSONNEL

NURSES: 1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: 1

PHARMACIST: 1

SUPPORTING STAFF

CLEANERS, COOKS, GUARDS: 2

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012: 709

HIV(+): 12

BUGOLO DISPENSARY (97 km west of Kampala)

PERSONNEL

NURSES: 2

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012: 10106

HIV(+): 6

BULAMI DISPENSARY (43 km northwest of Kampala)

PERSONNEL

NURSES: 1

SUPPORTING STAFF

CLEANERS, COOKS, GUARDS: 2

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012: 2723

HIV(+): NO DATA

MADAGASCAR

ALASORA HEALTH CENTRE

PERSONNEL

DOCTORS: 1 Microbiologist, 1 General Practitioner

NURSES: 1

LAB TECHNICIANS: 2

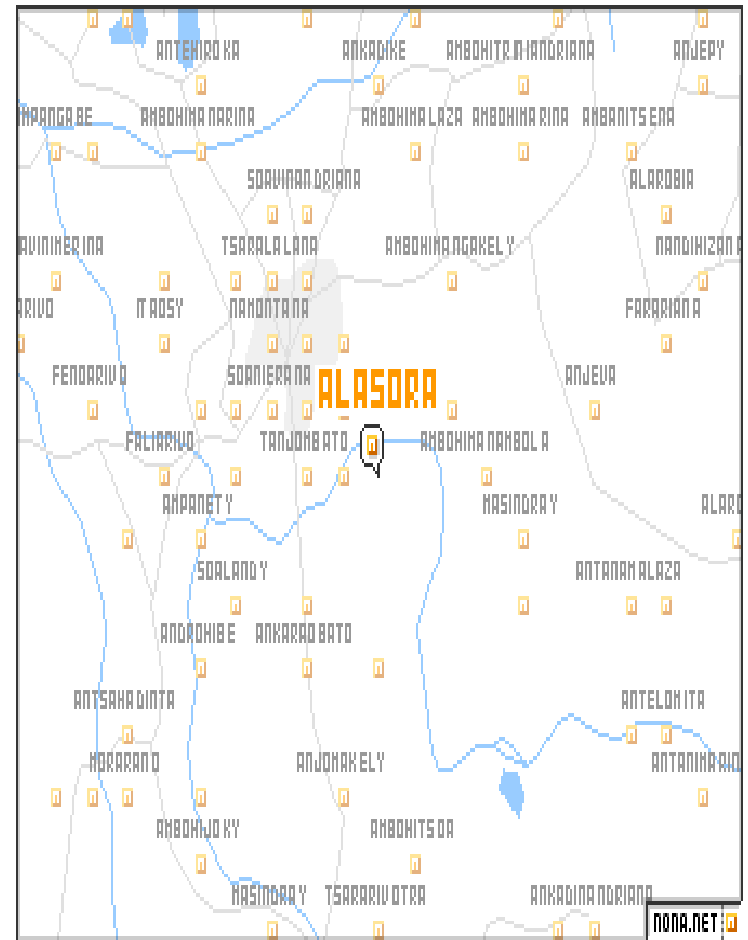
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: 1

SUPPORTING STAFF

CLEANERS, COOKS, GUARDS: 1

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012: 3952

HIV(+): NO DATA



KENYA

SHACOLAS MEDICAL CENTRE-NDERI

(29 km north of Nairobi)

PERSONNEL

NURSES: 1

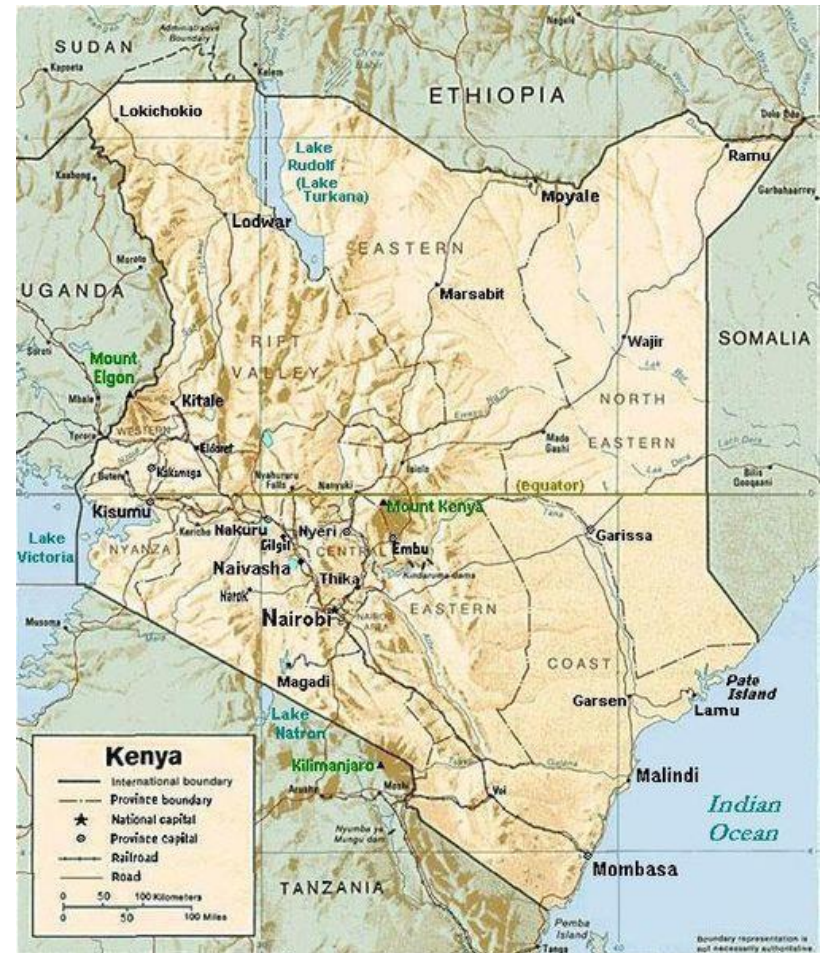
LAB TECHNICIANS: 1

SUPPORTING STAFF

CLEANERS, COOKS, GUARDS: 1

NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2012:587

HIV(+): NO DATA



REMARKS

Due to the great reduction of donations from Greece and Cyprus, because of the financial crisis:

- there are too many structures which are in danger of collapsing as their maintenance and payment of staff wages has become infeasible.
- operations such as feeding programs, the provision of free medicines, drinking water distribution, paying for hospitalization etc., are discontinued
- Medical structures are understaffed which amongst other (practical) reasons is the main reason why HIV testing is “under performed”. Whereas, most of the confirmed HIV (+) patients are being followed up.