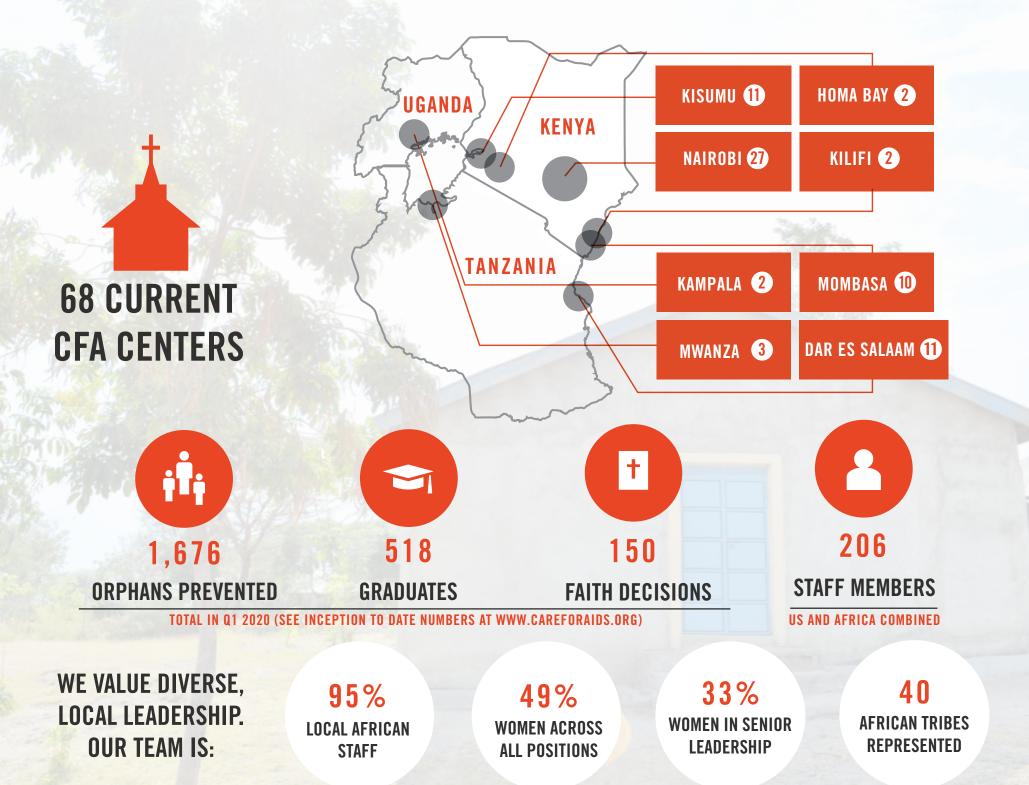


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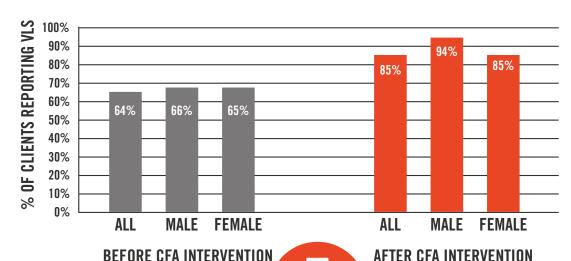
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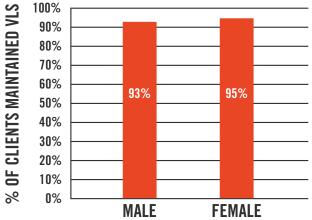


## **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR: VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION**

\*based on self-reported client data

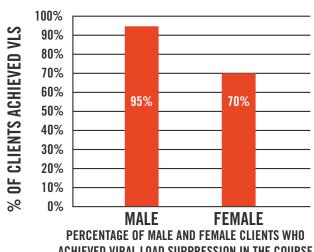






PERCENTAGE OF MALE AND FEMALE CLIENTS WHO
MAINTAINED VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION THOROUGHOUT
THE PROGRAM

(CAME IN SUPPRESSED AND GRADUATED SUPPRESSED)



ACHIEVED VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION IN THE COURSE
OF THE PROGRAM

(CAME IN WITH A DETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD AND GRADUATED SUPPRESSED)

## VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION DATA FROM NINE CENTERS



In Q1 2020, we analyzed data from nine classes of CARE for AIDS graduates across four regions to determine the impact theprogram has on viral load suppression. We found in the course of the study that although just over half of clients reported viral load suppression before starting the program, nearly all (85%) clients reported an undetectable viral load after finishing the CARE for AIDS program.

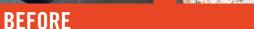
One notable statistic is that 95% of male clients who entered the CARE for AIDS program with a detectable viral load achieved suppression over the course of the nine-month program. It is truly remarkable to see 95% of men with high viral loads when entering the program achieve VLS in 9 months. This is, in part, a testament to our male champion program where former male clients walk closely with current male clients to encourage them and hold them accountable. By most standards, achieving 70% VLS among women (who were previously unsuppressed) would be a notable accomplishment, but we want to find more ways to support women to achieve even higher levels of viral suppression.

## RURAL SUCCESS: SAMELA

Samela has endured more hardship than most. The first tragedy struck nearly 20 years ago when her husband passed away. Without any say in her future, she was inherited by a family member and had 6 kids in the 8 years following her husband's death. 18 years ago, a small tumor began growing on her jaw, and soon it was the size of a grapefruit. She went to the hospital, and they performed a surgery to remove it. Within a short time, however, it had grown back. A second surgery was performed, but it was also unsuccessful. Samela resigned herself to living with this uncomfortable and unsightly growth. She was shunned by her community and feared interacting with anyone.

Samela was recruited to join the CARE for AIDS program by Suba North counselors Janet and Calvince, who immediately planned for her to travel from Homa Bay to Kijabe Hospital in Nairobi for a third surgery. This one was finally successful! Soon, she will have plastic surgery to insert a prosthetic jaw so she can speak and eat normally. In addition to the surgery, the program has taught her new farming techniques and how to bake cakes. Despite all her suffering, Samela says that the Word of God has sustained her.







## "NOW I CAN GO WHERE PEOPLE ARE. NOW I CAN SMILE."