

I am Sr. Angeline Simatei, a member of the Institute of the Little Sisters of St. Francis. I am the Regional Superior of the West of the Rift Valley Region. I coordinate all the activities of the Sisters in the Region both spiritual and development.

The Region works in 5 Dioceses. We have 5 regular schools and 1 special school for children with hearing impairment (deaf). The Sisters are also employed in government schools as administrators and classroom teachers.

The Region has 2 health facilities, St. Damiano Mission Hospital and St. Claire Medical Centre. As the Regional Superior, I make sure that the Sisters working in both hospitals follow the treatment protocols and ensure that personnel observe follow the same. They keep records of their finances and are being audited annually. Reports are submitted to the Central Leadership of the Little Sisters of St Francis which is located in Uganda.

The Damiano and St Claire hospitals are able to pay their personnel and purchase its needed drugs and supplies however, they run also on debts when patients are not paying their bills on time and medical insurance payments for patients are not remitted at all.

This 2023, the 2 hospitals have received the support of Dr. Stoertkhul and improvements in the services for women and children. The equipment she donated for St Claire and St Damiano not only serve the women and children but all the patients as well. At St Claire Hospital, Dr Stoertkhul has transformed the delivery room physically and donated equipment for the department. The mothers after delivery can rest in comfortable beds while their babies are being attended to. The curtains separate the patients which give them privacy. The beddings and mattresses were replaced.

The government doctors have come in full force in support of the medical camp organized by St Claire with the support of Dr. Stoertkhul. We are very grateful to Dr. Doro for the support given to St Damiano and St Claire. It gives back the dignity of women especially in very rural area where St Claire is located.

ASANTE SANA DR. DOROTHEA STOERTKHUL!