

# 2023

## *Impact Report*



HOPE DRIVEN. EDUCATION ORIENTED. PREVENTION FOCUSED.

# 2023 IMPACT

*A trained community saves lives.*

IN 2023 PINCC CONTINUED TO SET A NEW STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION

Our training clinics across the world facilitate crucial education and prevention training for medical professionals. These providers learned how to identify and respond to signs of cervical dysplasia, the precursor to cervical cancer.

The work of PINCC is devoted to meeting the needs of our global community. Our services are sustainable, education-first, community-centered, and data-driven.



# 2023 IMPACT NUMBERS

**517**  
*women treated*

Each woman treated is a life saved.

**15**  
*sustainable clinics*

Each clinic represents PINCC's long-term, sustainable impact of life-saving change in the communities we serve.

*empowered*  
**6345**  
*women*

With access to HPV self-testing. That means through our HPV self-testing program, women are met with fewer barriers to early and often screening.

*examined*  
**1465**  
*women*

For cervical dysplasia, the precursor to cervical cancer.

**190**  
*community health workers educated*

CHWs are nonmedical community advocates who conduct outreach and mobilization for at-risk women and their families in their local villages. Their trusted voices provide culturally sensitive education about cervical cancer prevention.

**19**  
*local healthcare professionals trained*

Hands-on clinical education for local medical personnel teaches how to properly screen and treat women in their communities. Each healthcare professional trained will save thousands of lives throughout their career.

**2**  
*certifications in LEEP*

LEEP is a procedure done under local anesthesia that removes abnormal cells from the cervix with cautery.

**14**  
*thermal ablation devices donated*

The life-saving device that revolutionizes treatment protocols and elevates access to treatment in rural communities. It's innovation and portability remain the key to sustainability and self-sufficiency.

**1**  
*mobile AmpFire purchased*

Cutting-edge technology capable of processing 94 HPV samples in 90 minutes, providing patients with the most accurate results utilizing a non-invasive screening tool.

# A STORY OF HOPE



As we reflect on a year full of achievements, there is one person in particular who captures the transformative power of early detection and the unwavering commitment to PINCC's mission: Nancy Atoni, the Ibeno Sub County HIV/AIDS and STI Coordinator in Kisii, Kenya. Nancy's journey epitomizes PINCC's mission of empowering communities, providing access to education, and making a tangible difference in the battle against cervical cancer. Nancy began her training in February 2023, facing numerous unexpected challenges along the way, including two weeks without electricity at the clinic in Kisii.

However, Nancy's commitment, skill, and determination to be a voice for cervical cancer prevention drove her to complete her training. In June and December 2023 Nancy rejoined the PINCC team with the support of a PINCC scholarship designed to overcome barriers to education for trainees. During our December visit, we met Nancy in Kisii to speak with her about her unique experiences with PINCC.

## HOW HAS THE SUPPORT AND TRAINING PROVIDED BY PINCC HELPED FURTHER YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION?

“PINCC support in terms of training Ministry of Health staff in Kisii County has enabled the staff to gain valuable experience they were lacking. PINCC helped by having many women access screening and treatment of cervical cancer, and health care workers gained experience by interaction with women who are Human Papillomavirus (HPV) positive, those with pre-cancerous and those in stages one to four, removal with biopsy and even referring for treatment at referral facility.”

## WHEN REFLECTING ON YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH PINCC, WHEN HAVE YOU WITNESSED THE POWER OF EARLY DETECTION OF CERVICAL CANCER?

“With PINCC, I witnessed the many who turned positive for the HPV, which is associated with cancer of the cervix, and these women were not even aware of their situation. Also, during our screenings, clients who were precancerous were treated. We also experienced clients with nodules and were able to do the biopsy. Some of these clients were confirmed to be having the cancer while others were not. Those who were confirmed were referred to Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital for treatment.

It was painful to meet and screen a stable HIV positive woman, only to find her to have stage III and IV cervical cancer...yet this woman has been coming for health services at our health facilities. We need more advocacy to the community to help them understand the importance of early screening and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions.”

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

“The community we serve are at a high risk of cancer of the cervix. The HPV subtypes 16 and 18 and high within the community. This requires frequent surveillance and routine screening of women. The challenge we have is the testing of HPV in our county, which is not readily available. Therefore, doing regular visual inspection with acetic acid (VIAA) / visual inspection with Lugol's iodine (VILI) is critical. And all with lesions visualized to be treated promptly with thermal ablation\* which is readily portable to even smaller facilities.”

\*The life saving device that revolutionizes treatment protocols and elevates access to thermal ablation treatment in rural communities. Its innovation and portability remains the key to sustainability and self-sufficiency.

## WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU SHARE WITH WOMEN WHO ARE AT RISK OF CERVICAL CANCER?

“My message to women of reproductive age is, “developing cancer of the cervix is silent until its full prone when you start experiencing signs and symptoms. Early detection of cancer of the cervix is treatable, therefore [women] should regularly be screened so that [cervical cancer] can be detected early and treated. All girls from age of 9 years to 15 years should receive HPV vaccine according to the Expanded Programme on Immunization schedule.”

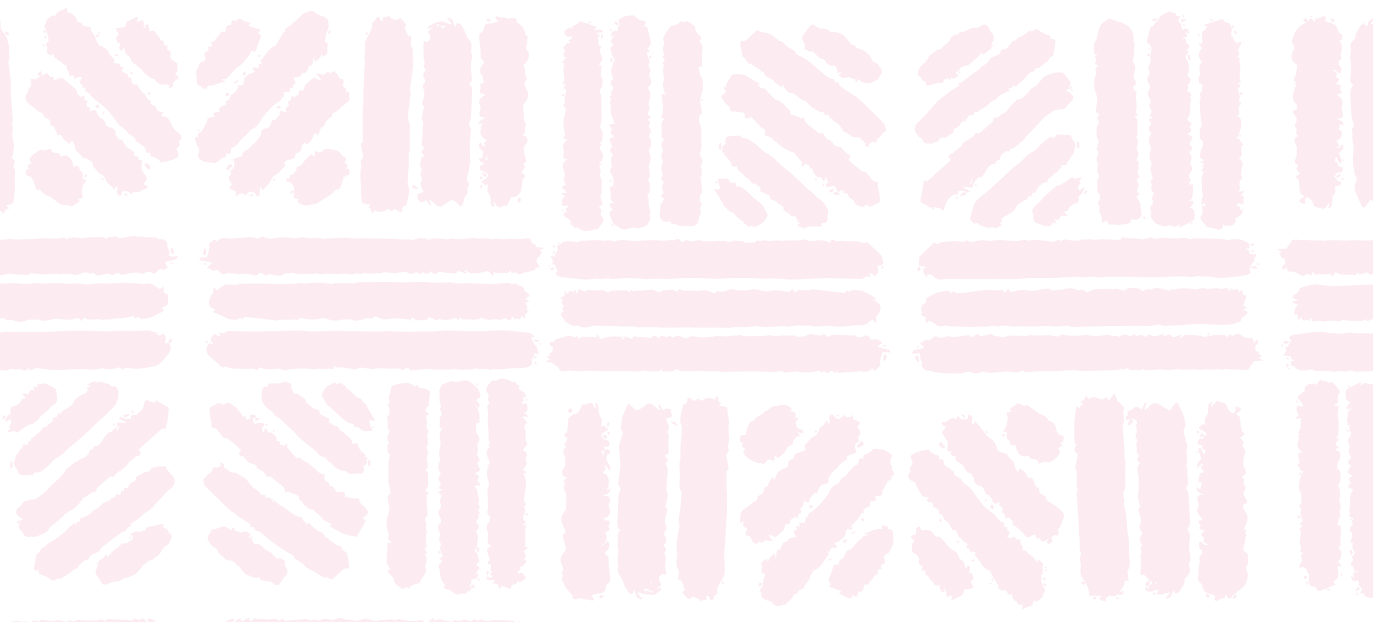
## HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE PINCC TO A FRIEND?

“PINCC is wonderful. The PINCC team is very dedicated. They have the capacity to build health care teams, they have highly motivated staff who give services of screening and treating of all the HPV positive results, and referral of suspicious cancer lesions cases for referral facility. PINCC puts in effort to follow up of clients who did not turn up for treatment and those needing further intervention. PINCC also does biopsy for clients who need it and return their results.”

Nancy Atoni's commitment to PINCC's mission showcases her determination and resilience in the midst of challenges. Her impact on cervical cancer prevention extends far beyond herself, influencing positive change in her community. Nancy's willingness to serve and educate others will leave a lasting impact on her Kenyan community.

*"My line of duty is to take care of the HIV-positive clients, and our guidelines require that they be screened at least once a year. So since my training, I have incorporated cervical cancer screening into my normal routine. I conduct monthly mentorship sessions and on-the-job training for the staff who didn't get an opportunity to be trained,"* says Nancy about her ongoing dedication to the prevention of this deadly disease.

Nancy's proactive approach and drive to help women in her community by integrating cervical cancer prevention into existing healthcare practices proves the impact of PINCC's training program in Kisii, Kenya. Her dedication and success exemplify the ripple effect of **education** and **empowerment** initiated by PINCC, whose reach **extends beyond training sessions to become and integral part of the routine healthcare in Kisii County.**



# FUNDRAISING & INVESTMENT

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ON BEHALF OF PINCC, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER AND THE WORK OF BREAKING BARRIERS TO EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

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Behind every number you see in this impact report are real communities, the untold stories of women whose lives were saved, and genuine optimism—all made possible by your unwavering support.

Your dedication has been the cornerstone of our accomplishments in 2023.

