

Kampala East Branch, Uganda Red Cross Society

Kampala East branch is one of five branches in the city of Kampala, covering a population of about 1 million people. It has about 500 members, having attracted a further 120 in the 2 months prior to November 2019. It estimates 150 active volunteers, with a further 250 trained, but not active.

As well as volunteers working to the branch, there are 10 community groups that are active periodically; some of these are situated in slum areas. The branch has established Red Cross Action Teams (RCATS) at 21 accident hotspots, meaning that first aid volunteers can be quickly on the scene of a road traffic accident.

Kampala East Branch does not receive funding from international donors. Instead, it raises money towards the estimated USD 42,500 cost of basic branch upkeep and salary. It currently earns just under 25% of this figure through its own efforts.

In October / November 2019, the branch:

- Responded to 21 emergencies, including disease outbreak, fire and collapsed buildings)
- Carried out first aid trainings
- Held 14 community hygiene sessions
- Held 8 HIV information sessions in workplaces
- Painted 16 zebra crossings on roads as part of a road safety campaign
- Mapped branch accident hotspots
- Held an educational visit to Kisoro Branch
- Facilitated more than 2,000 units of blood.

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