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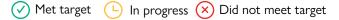
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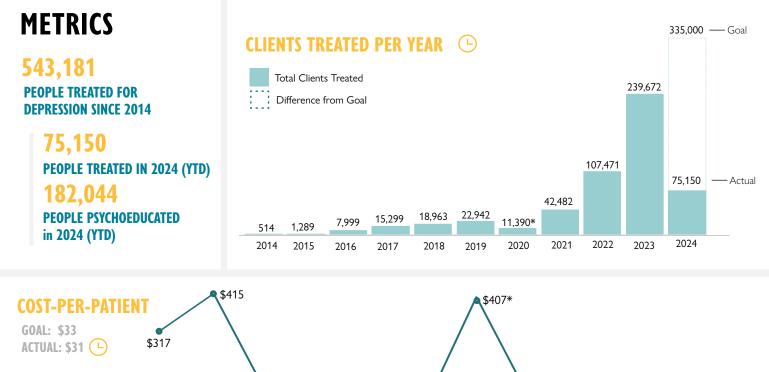
## QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE TREATED FOR DEPRESSION SINCE 2014 543,181

> CURRENT COST TO TREAT ONE PERSON USD \$31

- We are thrilled to announce that Sean Mayberry, the founder and CEO of StrongMinds, has been named a leading health innovator in the inaugural issue of TIME100 Health (see page 3).
- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has committed \$1 million over three years to fund StrongMinds' work in Uganda. This is USAID's first-ever investment in mental health services in Uganda.
- StrongMinds has now signed agreements with two government partners in Kenya: Mombasa County and Nairobi County to scale access to depression treatment. This represents a significant milestone, as government partnerships have been crucial to our scaling success in Uganda and Zambia.





\$122

2018

\$109

2019

\$110

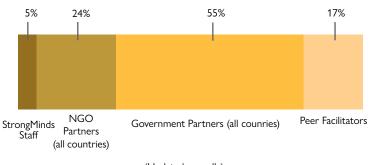
2017



2014

2015

\* Pandemic response



\$152

2016

(Updated annually)

#### DEPRESSION SYMPTOMS MEASURED BY PHQ-9

2020

\$134

2021

\$74

2022

\$40

2023

\$31 (YTD)

2024

THERAPY DELIVERY METHOD	DEPRESSION TARGET	SCORE CHANGE^ ACTUAL**
StrongMinds Staff (Zambia only)	-12 pts	-13.9 pts
NGO Partners (Uganda only)	- 8 pts	-9.7 pts
Gov't Partners (Uganda & Zambia)	- 8 pts	-12 pts
Peer Facilitators (Zambia only)	- 8 pts	-12.9 pts

\*\*The PHQ-9 rates depression symptoms on a scale of 0-27. A 4-point drop on the PHQ-9 is considered a clinically significant reduction in depression score in the US.

^Validated 6-months post therapy, collected fom 2023 cycle 1.

#### 2023 SECONDARY IMPACT DATA\*



#### FOOD SECURITY

**28 percentage point increase** in clients who report that they and their children consumed three meals in the past 24 hours.



#### SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM

**15 percentage point increase** in women who report their children not missing school over the past week.



#### WORK PRODUCTIVITY

**34 percentage point increase** in clients who report they have not missed significant work/economic activity in the past seven days.

#### SOCIAL SUPPORT

**48 percentage point increase** in clients who report having someone in their lives they can turn to for support.

# IMPACT & DELIVERY

### **SPOTLIGHT ON KENYA**

In Kenya, StrongMinds is now working with two county governments and five NGOs, to integrate depression treatment into community-based programs that provide:

- Sexual and reproductive health programming for adolescent girls and young women.
- Routine public-sector health services.
- HIV prevention and treatment.
- Agricultural and climate resilience training programs for women.

Our partners in Kenya—which include Tiko, Hope Worldwide Kenya, Mombasa County Government, Nairobi County Government, the Association of Women in Agriculture in Kenya, and LVCT Health—have provided depression treatment to over 6,400 individuals in the first quarter of 2024.



# SEAN MAYBERRY SELECTED AS TIME100 HEALTH LEADER

Sean Mayberry, the founder and CEO of StrongMinds, has been recognized in the inaugural issue of **TIME100 Health**, an esteemed list highlighting the foremost influencers in the health space globally.

Read the <u>full article</u>. Read <u>Sean's profile</u>.

### PARTNER CASE STUDY: HOPE WORLDWIDE KENYA

When Margaret, a teenage girl living in Nairobi, Kenya, went for HIV testing at a Hope Worldwide Kenya site, she learned about the group talk therapy that was being offered to treat depression through their partnership with StrongMinds.

Initially, while staff were completing a pre-assessment interview, Margaret didn't want to open up about the details of her depression triggers. Despite her initial hesitation, she agreed to join the therapy sessions, but she still didn't plan on sharing anything personal. But then, over the first two sessions, she saw the other girls and young women encouraging and supporting one another and worked up the courage to join the conversation.

During the therapy session, Margaret made new friends with others in the group and has remained in touch with them even though the formal sessions have ended.

At the end of the six-week group therapy session, Margaret knew she would miss listening to the encouraging words from her group, but she was happy to have learned about her mental health while gaining tools and a support system to identify and prevent future depressive episodes.



# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Representatives of USAID and StrongMinds announce a new, three-year joint initiative.

# USAID INVESTS \$1 MILLION IN STRONGMINDS UGANDA

### This three-year grant represents the US Government's first-ever investment in mental health in Uganda.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced a **three-year**, **\$1** million partnership with StrongMinds Uganda to integrate mental health services across existing USAID programming throughout the country. The announcement came on the heels of a two-day Mental Health Summit, and culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to solidify the commitment.

Through this initiative, StrongMinds Uganda will train lay community members to provide depression screening and treatment to participants in USAID programs centered on child protection, health, education, economic growth, and human rights.

The goals are to:

- improve the mental health and overall well-being of people in Uganda;
- 2. increase access to local, evidence-based mental health services by training community members to effectively deliver these services; and
- contribute to and build the local evidence base around mental health and development, which will in turn inform policy advocacy and decision-making.

This collaboration between StrongMinds and USAID in Uganda represents a significant step toward integrating mental health into global sustainable development efforts.

#### Mental Health Summit in Uganda

StrongMinds Uganda organized a two-day Mental Health Summit in partnership with USAID Uganda and the World Health Organization in Kampala, Uganda to strengthen collaborative efforts in mental health and advocacy.

The event was a resounding success, with 150 multi-sectoral representatives in attendance. The summit aimed to strengthen cross-sectoral collaborations by demonstrating the pivotal role mental health care can play in improving development outcomes.

Delegates shared experiences, best practices, and innovative approaches to integrating mental health across various domains, including education, the workplace, humanitarian settings, and special populations, such as orphans and vulnerable children.

As a unified front, delegates committed to advocating for increased resources and staffing for mental health interventions, advocating for policies that prioritize mental health, standardizing mental health information and education materials, conducting mental health research to inform evidence-based practices, and strengthening referral pathways.

"The U.S. government recognizes that good mental health is fundamental to achieving and sustaining development objectives, in Uganda and around the world."

----USAID/Uganda Mission Director Daniele Nyirandutiye

### STRONGMINDS"

# COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE & FUNDRAISING



StrongMinds has a new website! Check it out at www.strongminds.org

### **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING**

Q1 MEDIA COVERAGE

TIME - May 2, 2024 CEO Sean Mayberry Featured in TIME100 Health

Early Childhood Matters – January 31, 2024 <u>Community-based Networks Matter for Mothers' Mental</u> <u>Health</u>

The Namibian – January 23, 2024 <u>The Global Mental Health Crisis Demands New</u> <u>Thinking</u>

### FINANCE

We have completed all 2023 audits without findings.

View our <u>990s and audited financial statements</u>

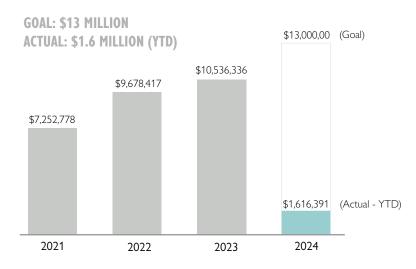
View our latest quarterly financial statements.

### **GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS**

IPT-G: Group Interpersonal Therapy MOH: Ministry of Health NGO: Non-Governmental Organization PHQ-9: Patient Health Questionnaire (for depression) Peer Facilitator: Former client who is trained to lead therapy groups in their community

### STRONGMINDS"

### TOTAL FUNDS RAISED



### **CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENSES**

