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OVC SOLOLO PROJECT

REPORT FOR JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2014

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INTRODUCTION

1.0. EXECUTIVE SUMMARRY

Sololo district is in Moyale sub County of Marsabit County, this was as a result of the devolved county government. The division were replaced by wards. In Sololo there three wards namely Sololo ward Obbu ward and Uran ward. Sololo OVC project works in all the three wards.

The project continued to enjoy support from the Government authorities through the stakeholders forum and AAC.

OVC service provision was conducted through home visits and health and nutritional assessment at household and school levels. More OVC have started to appreciate services provided for them and were available when required.

The quarter experienced long dry spell , the project activities were implemented smoothly and there was cohesiveness among the implementing staffs

Qualitatively the project achieved many notable targets which summarized as; 86% of OVC successfully received HIV testing and counseling for 2 days at Obbitu children home. The OVC care giver impressively accompanied the OVC during the exercise and many had HIV testing

and counseling. On the occasion of station days children received old clothes and a pair of shoes to support regular attendance of school.

Green house project was smoothly implemented with weekly harvest of tomatoes, and danna. Other crop also did well and had great admiration form the many users of the product and some visitors who came to the green house. The project has attracted many stakeholders to come and visits the big comment was “ Is this real in Sololo? No Not in Sololo, this is a wonderful project”

The quarter also had the company of Dr. Pino and Volunteers who cheered up Obbitu children Home and supported various activities and home visits.

Construction of workshop , family three house was started and is on good progress where 2 new green house has been installed and ready for use. The beehive project was also successfully completed with 5 beehives installed, no bees have yet entered the hives.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Routine OVC services
2. OVC management committee meetings
3. Health assessment activities
4. Obbitu farming unit
5. HIV testing and counseling
- 6.Obbitu children home
7. New project under implementation

HOME VISITS

Home visit was carried out on monthly target as design in the soft ware program. Information on household and child data was collected using the appropriate forms. The information was processed and sent to the donor. The I formation assisted us to identify family and children needs to be addressed by the management

| MONTHS | TARGET OVC | NO OF FAMILIES | NO. Of Children seen | Not seen | Coverage rate % | remarks |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| April | 94 | 24 | 89 | 5 | 95 | |
| MAY | 59 | 17 | 54 | 5 | 92 | |

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|-----------|----|----|----|----------|------------|--|
| JUNE | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | |
| July | 40 | 15 | 40 | 0 | 100 | |
| August | 63 | 21 | 63 | 0 | 100 | |
| September | 71 | 19 | 69 | 2 | 97 | |

2.0. SHORT TERM OUTCOMES

Child No. 0215 Nasibo Konsole was provided with school mattress 3'' for school retention.

7 other families received mattress for the OVC and sleeping on Which benefited 24 OVC and 7 caregivers. The children are now warm reducing cold, and URTI infection.

33 jerry cans were provided for 26 families. The jerken supported household members to fetch water for domestic uses. This has increased water quantity and improved personal hygiene of the families. 7 families used the jerken for fetching water for sale improving household daily income. 76 children benefited from increased water at household .

3.0. SHELTER AND CARE

Family no. 25 Qabale Sora benefited from replaced her house door with iron sheet door. 330 OVC received second hand clothes and tom shoes to support school attendance and retention.

2 Household have been identified for house improvement in Anona and Ramata 2.

4.0 HEALTH



VCT FOR HIV SERVICES AT OBBITU CHILDREN HOME 1/9/2014

14 children were referred to health facilities and their medical bills paid. GOK health facilities within the locality of OVC were was the service delivery point prior to referral to Sololo hospital.

Drugs in Obbitu children dispensary was sued to treat HBC during Health assessment . 295 children had HIV testing. 43 children already new their HIV status. Beside already known HIV positive cases all the clients were negative for HIV testing.



Paul Guyo conducting HIV testing for OVC at Obbitu children home

330 children were done nutritional assessment where all children had above 13.5 MUAC reading. Hence there were no case of malnutrition identified, implying that our nutritional support benefited the children.

| months | Target | Actual seen | Not seen | Follow up | Coverage rate % | No. not well | Under weight | remarks |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| April | 63 | 56 | 7 | 7 | 81 | 10 | 0 | Cases treated and cured |
| May | 81 | 46 | 35 | 35 | 70 | 14 | 1 | Treated and cured |
| June | 0 | 0 | 42 | 42 | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| July | 57 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 8 | 1 | Treated and supplementary food provided |
| August | 84 | 81 | 3 | 3 | 98 | 1 | 0 | Treated |
| September | 360 | 330 | 30 | 30 | 92 | 11 | 0 | Treated and were cured |

5.0. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Assessment was done through weight MUAC, and height. All children benefited assessment during the HTC services conducted at Obbitu children for two days.

HBC families have been receiving food ration which has greatly reduced malnutrition among the OVC. They were with assorted food stuffs which included pulses, cooking oil, sugar, tea leaves, table bar soap to improve hygiene.

Most needy 29 families were added to voucher where they buy from contracted goods they need but cannot access. The they buy must be of nutritional value to family.



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Moringa seedling was distributed for 30 OVC caregivers and has picked. A partner school Obbu Girls were identified for Moringa project where 50 seedling was planted at the school farm. They have all picked but poorly managed during school holidays

6.0. EDUCATION

Library was started in Obbitu children home, the books were collected from children after they moved to the next grade, the child were required to borrow a book from the library for 1 month. This was to sustain the books access to other children.

School performance was generally average. Obbitu children had 5 children who were among top 10 in their class with impressive scores. school drop out and early marriage was a main concern beside low performance among the OVC

NHIF has been a support medical cover for children and their guardians , the period of payment came to an end on 30th September 2014. we have no other donor like CCM to continues with service to serve 200 families registered fro NHIF. The program was reduced to target only OVC families in Sololo OVC program and a few who met the criteria of acquiring birth certificate for the OVC. 98 families have been paid for their NHIF from October – December 2014. Mr. Guido also paid for 50 families from October 2014 – June 2015 totaling to 9 months. Some of our beneficiaries were registered under Guido program

7.0.HOUSEHOLDECOMONIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

This service aimed at supporting families to start an income generating activities. The activities identified and commonly known and done by women was water fetching and firewood fetching. Many families in Sololo town do buy water from water vendors and firewood vendors. It was from this observation that plan to sell water and firewood was presented to OVC care givers. They liked the idea and donkey transport was muted to reduce the burden of women to carry these load on their back.

7 donkey was distributed for 7 families. 2 jerkens to support fetching water was provided for each families. It was observed that families can make at least 3 trips per day where they sold 8 jerkens at a price of 25 shillings . there fore a household on a good business day can make 200 shillings very day. The cash was utilized to meet some daily basic requirement and some needs for children like buying sandals exercise books, pen or pencils also some foods items.

Including previous donkey bought for families there are 15 families with donkeys . they were formed into an IGA group to collectively support each other.

8.0. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

Obbitu children home has 22 children, 11 girls and 11 boys. They live in different houses according to their sex.

The children welfare was overseen by 2 mother caretakers and 2 house helpers. 7 security men provide both day and night watchmen.

Obbitu children has met all the legal requirement to function as children home including the committal document for placing a child in children home issued by the court.

Dr. pino and volunteers who stayed in Obbitu from July – October had many activities done and started which are currently on progress.

8.1. Education

20 children were enrolled go to school the children perform average though the younger once have long way to catch up with other children. 5 children scored top 10 position in their class which was an encouragement, they were rewarded through prizes.

School stationeries were provided adequately and replaced as thee complete exercise books.

Reading room is available for evening assignment

8.2. Health

They have a dispensary managed by PFL to cater for their health needs. The children have been generally healthy .no major complain was received for the period under review. 3 children who had frequent asthmatic have been well.

8.3. Water

Water harvest from the roof was the main source of water in Obbitu children. towards the last quarter we were almost exhausted water tanks, but luckily it has started rainy refilling the tanks.2 tanks was donated by CBK fitted with gutters. Obbitu children drink filtered water within their houses. No case of diarrhea or dysentery has been reported in Obbitu.

8.4. Food and nutrition

Obbitu children have adequate food and balance diet. They have 3 meals during school time but 5 times during weekends and holidays. They get fresh green vegetables from the green house. The children have grown and developed fast, no case of malnutrition was reported during the quarter.

8.5. Clothing

Obbitu children has clothes enough to change daily . new clothes were bought on need based, second hand clothes were provided by our volunteers and were issued to them. All children have a pair of school uniforms. They have more than 2 pairs of shoes.

Partner support with 2 sewing machines have assisted children to have their clothes mended or repaired. The mother caretakers were couched on skill to repair and now comfortably use the sewing machine . reducing the cost of repair of children's clothes.

8.6. Maintenance

Repair of tanks and gutters were completed, the watchman toilet roof has not been replaced. The maintenance work has been a slow and delayed by the contractor. The issue was raised in the management. Bonaya should be more sensitive to maintenance than spending more time with new activities at the expense of already responsibilities he signed for.

The generator was running well . no breakdown experienced. The inverter of house number 1 has ceased to function and kalili advised us to replace with anew one.

8.7. OVC management committee meetings

The committee sit once every quarter, they sat lastly in end of September. The main agenda for the last meeting was to deliberate on exiting OVC whose names were presented to them. The many reason for exit included, overage and school drop out, relocation to another place and

could not be reached, OVC hostile and chronic absenteeism to attend health assessment. Some female OVC were married.

The committee approved the list as presented except one child whom they requested time to find him and return back to school. They successfully found the child and enrolled him back in school.

9.0. GREEN HOUSE PROJECT



The green house activities has been impressive and has attracted admirers from Sololo and beyond. The product has penetrated the market of Sololo , the utilization of vegetables from green house has increased in Sololo town. Some of the crops cultivated in the green house were tomatoes, dannaia, water melons, pumpkins, sukuma wiki, spinach, green pepper, Moringa and onions.

Grapes trial has picked and leaves has started to sprout and shoot up, we will transplant it within the period of short rains. Moringa trees have grown big and very leafy, ready for vegetables cooking or preparation of moringa tea.

2 new green house has been installed and ready for cultivation, the additional number of green house would require more human labour than the 2 who are working on the green house.

Bank account has been opened at equity bank and cash from sale deposited. As up to October 15th about 92, 000/= has been deposited.

The beehive project was completed with construction of apiary and beehives installed ready to receive bees, another hives will be fixed at the green house. No bees have yet entered into the hives. Mr Abduba was trained on management of the hives and will lead the team to improve on the approaches and strategies to make bees like and live in our beehives.

10.0. HCBC MEETING

They are OVC guardians and mothers who were HIV positive, they were 30 members 90% women with only 3 men. Children registered were 6. They are registered for care and support. They conduct routine monthly meeting at Obbitu children home in training room. The group was formed as a support group to support each other not drop out from treatment and enhance adherence. They were also organized as a group and OVC care giver forums within their villages. The HCBC members have their CCC clinic at Sololo hospital and they regularly attend to collect their ARVs. They sensitized and educated in every meeting on positive living with virus and not to transmit to others or practice safer sex.

11.0 PROGRESS ON ONGOING PROJECT .



Workshop at gable level



watchmen tower



family 3 house lintel level

With arrival of dr. pino, new project was initiated, the construction of mechanical workshop was started while Dr. pino was in Sololo currently the workshop has reached the roofing level. Trusses were being welded together.

Watchmen tower has been completed to roofing but yet the walling, floors, the bathroom and waste water pit from the bathroom has not been completed. The stairs to climb up the tower has not been constructed. Bonaya will be expected to explain and give us time lines for completion of the same.

Family 3 house was sited while dr. Pino was here with us. The square tubes for walling was inserted in the holes and leveled. Now the house was at lintel level. The kitchen and wash room has not been started up to now.

Planned activities for this quarter.

1. clear bushes on the family 3 compound.
2. to clear and increase cultivatable land near the pan 2 of the green house
3. to procure electrical cable, drip line for open field in the green house, irrigation cans,
4. TV screen and dish for satellite booster, children's shaving machines

5. completion of on going construction activities
6. improve on counseling of the children and involving religious leaders to guide the children on their faith
7. provision of polythene sheets 10M for 30 families with leaking thatch roofs
8. demonstration of moringa vegetable cooking for OVC guardians at Obbitu children and Obbu girls

CHALLENGES

1. frequent a infection of green house crops by microorganisms, worms, and insects
2. inadequate work force in the 4 green houses
3. slow pace of maintenance work and repairs.
4. inadequate water for the green house during dry period

THANK YOU

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