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### *CHILDREN FIRST*



*Children service is our responsibility*



## **1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER JANUARY – MARCH REPORT 2020**

### **OVC SOLOLO PROJECT.**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The New Year began with hope for the continuity for support and care for the OVC sololo project. The quarter began with arrival of Dr. Pino bollini. The weather was blessing with short rain extending into December and new year January, we had pumper harvest from green house.

OVC Sololo project was implemented smoothly as the donor representative conducted monitoring and evaluation of the past year performanc

OVC sololo project provide support for 300 OVC where children reside in obbitu children home. 13 new families were enrolled into the program bringing the total households in the program to 92 households.

The quarter was marked by corona pandemic which is causing night mare to the global leaders. Restriction has closed schools and children are at home with parents. Obbitu children were not released for holidays because we believe obbitu children home is better placed to confine the children from the risk of getting infected by corona virus. HBC activities monitoring and health assessment

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER**

1. Obbitu children home services, welfare and maintenances
2. HBC children and family needs
3. Health assessment activities
4. Green house activities
5. Monitoring and evaluation by the donor representative
6. Coordination with local authority

### **1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME**

Obbitu children home continued to provide care and protection .in December 2019, 5 children completed their stay and were exited after they completed primary school. They were enrolled in students program for fees support. Currently there were 19 children 7 girls and 12 boys.

### **CHILDREN HOUSES**

The houses are in good state of repairs; the beddings are old and require replacements. The mosquito net hanger is broken the protector for children not to fall off the upper bed is broken and needs replacements. Blankets and bed sheets worn out and needs change

Lighting is poor due to low battery power output, there was bat menace

### **1.1.FOOD AND NUTRITION**

Obbitu children had adequate food and well balanced. Main foods provided to the children includes githeri (maize and beans), rice, Pasta, Ughali, chapatti, and Ajera (break first) for protein they get beans, and meat, for vitamins and minerals, they receive vegetables from green house and fruits. Children were healthy and growing and developing fast, no case of malnutrition was reported among Obbitu children.

### **1.2. HEALTH CARE**

The children were generally health with no major disease complain. Most illness complained by the children includes the gastroenteritis, respiratory infection and fungal infection. All case were able to be managed at obbitu children first aid dispensary, Chanasa was fine with minor complains of oral thrush. He was once taken to Marsabit for laboratory test and the result was good. The fear and scare of corona virus is very high. We have improved sanitation and personal hygiene of the children and workers. We have increased hand washing facilities



around children houses, father's house and watchmen house. Our workers were strongly advised not to walk around town but confine themselves around their houses and work place. Visitors are not allowed in obbitu. No visiting of children by relatives. Obbitu dispensary has been stocked with drugs to prepare eventuality of

shortages of drugs.

Kule Adan the pictured has dental fluorosis, through the use of local trees tooth brush she was able to remove most of the decay and gaining back the whiteness of her teeth. in Obbitu we promote the use of local tooth brush available in Obbitu compound from indigenous trees.

### 1.3. EDUCATION

18 of obbitu children attend primary school at starehe academy, Chanasa abduba has been enrolled in nursery school at Tumaini nursery in ACK church

Children were provided with school learning materials. Classes 5 - 8 were issued with text books left behind by the previous children who were exited class – 1- 4 new curriculum were introduced and but choices to buy specific publication was a challenge since the ministry did not come up with the proper book titles , there was fear that we might buy non genuine textbooks.

The schools were closed before end term due to fear of spread of corona virus. Therefore examination was not done to gauge performance of the children.

The obbitu library is functioning well, renewing reader books was done every 2 weeks

### 1.4. CLOTHING

Obbitu children were well dressed and have just enough home clothes. They complained of shortage of inner wears for both boys and girl. They were adequately provided for

### 1.5. CARE AND PROTECTION



Obbitu children were cared for with love, they are happy and free on the compound and care givers. They have challenging adolescence behavior and we were managing with counseling and

dialogue. Children meeting was organized to help them discuss and participate in matters affecting them, they were free to air their views.

Obbitu children first aid dispensary has been restocked with drugs which can last the reaming months of this year. The drugs was purchased on advice from Paul Guyo

## 1.6. ENTERTAINMENT

The children had many indoor games to play for entertainment; there were traditional plays and games, indoor games like ludo, snake and ladder. Cinema shows were screened until the generator broke down.

## 1.7. WATER

There was plenty of water in Obbitu. All tanks were full from the last rainfall, until the current long rain coming in bits. We are expecting long rain until the end of May.

## 1.8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Minor repairs were done, de-silting of bumps to protect erosion, de-silting of Terrance to control water runoff and protect the road against gully erosion. Cleaning of gutters to harvest water was done. Guest house was checked and taps, Water closet c, and showerheads checked for blockage. There was evidence of salt deposit and blocking.

## 2.0. ELECTRICITY

The main generator has not been repaired yet and the main mechanical problem not conclusively confirmed. Solar battery of father's house and children house were all dead. The workshop generator also has broken down. Guest house and Abdi office has solar in good working condition. The workshop solar was in good working condition.

## 3.0. COMPOUND

The compound was overgrown due to recent rainfall. The gully erosion was well controlled. The compound was not littered. Once weekly the children conduct general cleaning of the compound.

## 4.0. ANIMALS

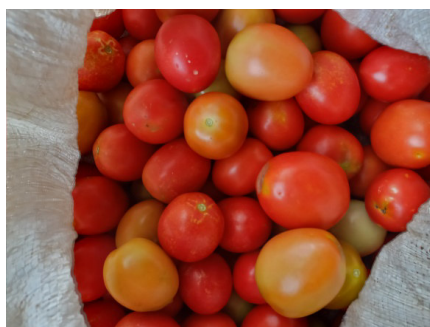


2 cows were sold, now 10 are remaining. 2 of them were given to Guyo Gollo and Halkano Salo. The animals were healthy and in good body condition. Our main reason for keeping were to train children to like herding and own cows in future, secondly to breed them and give them to Obbitu children who can be able to do herding.

Donkeys were all sold out and we have none at all.

## 5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT

The greenhouse was very active with increased production in the farming area. We harvested 100kg of beans, 25 kg of green gram,







20kg peas. 20kg of black beans were also harvested. This reduced our legumes purchases from the market between November, December, February and half of March.

Tomatoes were doing well this season, onions, sukuma, spinach, green pepper were continuously harvested until the end of February. Obbitu children were able to eat vegetables and surplus were sold to the local market.

Water quantity was increased by major of both pan 1 and 2. Water channel collecting water from the green house to pan 3 for trial was constructed. The water runoff from the green house was much that there will be need to increase the capacity of pan 3.

The installation of 4 new 10 m<sup>3</sup> plastic tanks was completed with its guttering systems. The 3 old tanks were also repaired and installed as to harvest water from overflow from the new tanks.

## GUEST HOUSE

Guest house has leakages in Dr. Pino's office, kitchen, the veranda and corridor. The net has come off the wall due to weak timber fixed to the wall. The taps were running but it has signs of salt corrosion. Then cleaning was done for 15 days by tume and spreading bedsheets and blankets outside for heat treatment to remove odour and germs.

I have consulted Bonaya to do minor repairs on the leakages and fixing the net. For other extraordinary maintenance we consult for more funding.

## 2.0. HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM

### 2.1 HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

HBC monthly food distribution has been going smoothly; the program serves a total of 110 families. They received assorted food stuffs which include maize, beans, cooking oil, sugar, tea leaves, salt and a bar of soap. The food ration provided nourishment and improved nutritional status of children and caregivers. The beneficiaries solely depended on the food provided by Sololo project. Most were elderly caring for grandchildren.

### 2.2. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Summary of children assessed during this quarter

MONTH	NO. children seen	NO. not seen
January	43	0
February	51	2
March	30	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2</b>

Number of underweight children identified –61

The malnutrition is alarming and requires follow up by Paul to understand the predisposing factors. The feedback reported was high poverty level that the food ration is not adequate and does not run the full month until the next distribution.

52 children were tested for HIV and all non-reactive.

### **2.3.MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS**

<b>MONTHS</b>	<b>TARGET OVC HH</b>	<b>NO OF FAMILIES</b>	<b>NO. Of Children seen</b>	<b>Not seen</b>
January	29	11	29	0
February	39	15	39	0
March	31	16	31	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>

Family visited and needs identified and requested by the caregiver were

- Home clothes – 38
  - Uniforms – 7
  - Sewing machine – 2
  - Cements bags for 3 families – 28
  - Chicken wire – 3 rolls
  - Black Polythene sheet – 8 M, for bathroom to warped around the walling to improve privacy. It is very temporary way since ti does not last
- The nneeds has not yet been provided but it will be done soon funding would be received

### **SHELTER CONSTRUCTION**

The program has constructed 10 houses and 10 pit latrine for families living in deplorable living conditions.

8 new houses are in plan 2 were at finishing stage

### **2.4.GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING**

We have very supportive relationship with department of children service. We organized inspection of obbitu children for the purpose of renewal of license for 2020 – 2023. He department involved were health, education, county government, DCC and children officer moyale . The team were impressed with the facilities provided in obbitu children and recommended obbitu children home to be renewed.

## 2.5.BEEKEEPING PROJECT



We have 11 beehives with colonies, all the hives we have were full. We harvested 2 times this quarter from one beehive each. A total of 6.6kg of honey was

harvested and sold

The money generated was deposited in Obbitu children home account in equity bank as income generating activity we purchased packing containers from African beekeepers ltd.

The sale of moringa seeds and dried red pepper to father kizito of Kivulini for quite long time but payment has not been done. Part of the money was used for Abdi's training at their Centre but any balance should be refunded to Obbitu children home.

**BY GUFU GUYO – PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

