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1ST QUARTER JANUARY - MARCH, REPORT 2019

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

The quarter under review was characterized with high temperature long dry spell leading to drought. Water and food shortage was experienced in Sololo Sub County where the GOK have started water trucking for communities without water.

OVC Sololo project activities went on without any major hindrance, 13 new families were enrolled in the program with a total number of 47 children. OVC Sololo Program provided car and support for 300 OVC.

As we wait for the rainy season plan to cultivate maize and beans. The green house pans were both dry which has affected irrigation of greenhouse and open fields.

Community integration and bonding program for obbitu children was carried out through holiday permission.

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. Bee keeping project

1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

In obbitu children 2 new admissions were done with consent from children officer, one of the children was later taken by mother and the issue is with the chief and children officer, hence we have 10 girl and 11 boys in obbitu childr3en children home. The dry weather made the ground bare, trees with no leaves there was a lot of dryness' of vegetation cover and trees making the scenery not very pleasant

1.1. CHILDREN HOUSES

The 3 children, houses were in good state of repairs, the floors were clean, and walls have no cracks. The thatch roofs of kitchen, and washrooms were blown off by winds revealing the concrete cone roof. It was not thatched due to lack of grass. 2 new refuse pits were dug since the old ones were full with ashes

1.2. FOOD AND NUTRITION



There was adequate food of varieties in obbitu children the children eat balance diet. Obbitu children eat 3 – 5 times per day, fruits like apples, bananas and mangoes were provided 2 times



per month. Pawpaw was available in our green house and was provided 2 times despite the dry spell, Sukuma and Spinach were available in their main meals on daily basis, and there were no cases of underweight among the children

1.3. HEALTH CARE

Obbitu children did not suffer from any major infection, .1 hospital admission for 2 days for asthmatic attack and 1 outpatient attendance or high fever and chest pain. All cases were cured and well. Chanasa Salo continued to have weekly test for full haemoglobin test at Sololo Hospital. The result has been most case within normal range Minor cases of cough, and gastroenteritis was treated at obbitu children dispensary. Referral of Chanasa to Agakhan Hospital was regularly done almost 2- 4 weeks interval during the quarter under review. The review result has been encouraging and each time gave hope to get Chanasa cured of the kidney problem.

1.4. EDUCATION

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Underage	1	0	1
nursery	2	1	3
Class 1	0	0	0
Class 2	0	0	0
Class 3	3	2	5
Class 4	0	1	1
Class 5	1	0	1
Class 6	2	0	2
Class 7	2	1	3
Class 8	0	5	5
TOTAL	11	10	21

Obbitu children examination performance was average. Despite most children being average, we also had few children among top 10 in their classes. We shall share the performance table soon

form	Boys	girls	Total
Form 1	6	5	11
Form 2	2	5	7
Form 3	4	2	6
Form 4	1	0	1
TOTAL			25

4 girls were transited to secondary school. From previous year
The OVC Sololo program paid secondary fees for 25 children in secondary school.

1.5. CLOTHING

Obbitu children have adequate clothes, worn out clothes were replaced on individual basis. Repairs were done when children report or mother caretakers report. Shoes were also replaced when the first one got worn out. The new admissions were provided with 2 pairs of clothes, metal box.

1.6. CARE AND PROTECTION

2 sessions of external motivational speaker was organized in March. A lady speaker in university volunteered to talk to obbitu children on general motivational and also talked to girls on life skills.

We conducted an ongoing counseling and advices on need based topics. Some topics included modesty, respect and opening up to share their needs and problems with people around them. Integration, relatives and kinship were also discussed. Improve performance was stressed to be successful in life. Puberty and sexual self-control was also topic of interest discussed especially preparing them for holiday permission.

ENTERTAINMENT

Obbitu children enjoyed indoor games like snake and ladder, ludo, cards and toys. Cinema and music over weekends, games and athletics competition were organized at school level where obbitu children home also participated. The children were very active on the compound , there is shortage of balls to play football

1.7. WATER

There was reduced quantity of water in obbitu children home. We exhausted all our water tanks on the compound, 1 water boozer was hired and after completing the water obbitu children home was assisted by GOK water boozer with 1 trip of water boozer. We shall continue to depend of water hire until it will rain.

6 tanks were cleaned and all gutters were cleaned in readiness of anticipated rainfall. Obbitu children home got assistance from FH Marsabit with Water cleaning PUR

1.8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES



Various maintenance activities were undertaken during this quarter

- 1 main generator - It was serviced by Kalili, oil and filters changed. Wiring inspection was done by Kalili's representative; it is yet to be complete. The generator was working well.
2. CINEMA transformer - It got electrical short, it was taken to Meru for checking, it was found out that the relay, and wires got burnt. It was renewed and repaired. Also later the adaptor cable for power from the main socket did not work .it was also replaced with a new one and all are working well.
3. Main gate. The lock on the ground broke and was welded back
4. Doors of girl's house, all kitchens and 1 wash room were broken and were welded and fixed.
5. Down pipe for gutters, 4 new down pipe were bought and replaced
6. Refuse pit at children house – it was full with ashes and other waste like plastic, metallic tins and scrape metals. New refuse pit were dug an din is. What is now left will be to open up the bushes behind the pit latrines
7. Security bulbs – 4 of the bulb were blown off and were replaced with balances in the store
8. 7 waste bins on the compound were also replaced after the old ones were worn out due to adverse weather

2.0. ELETRICITY

1 battery for guest house was purchased to be installed for the fridge in the kitchen. The old 100watts battery was installed at the girl's house. The main generator was working well and provided light at night. Solar panels working well, there were issues with batteries but all house have adequate lighting, the food store, the green house store requires inverter and batteries. There is no power from main generator to the workshop. Kalili will follow up to identify the cause and remedy it.

3.0. COMPOUND

The compound was very bare due to lack of vegetation cover paper litters from children books were noticeable and general cleaning conducted every Sunday by the children. Waste behind the refuse pit piled up on the trees surrounding all were cleaned and burned, there is a plan to do sorting of recyclable waste like tins to plant flowers, vegetables on the compound and green house once it will rain. Trees on the compound have dried and all shaded off their leaves. Animal dung was very visible on the compound now that there was no vegetation cover. Through weekly general cleaning of the compound cleanliness was maintained. Waste bins on the compounds were all replaced with new ones.

4.0. ANIMALS

The number of cows remained 10 and the donkeys were 5 from previous 7, we issued out 2 of them to HBC families. The cows were getting weaker due to drought and lack of forages. The donkeys were heavy grazers than cows. The donkeys were not used in any way, even for water fetching or firewood. We shall share way forward on the donkeys in my subsequent communication

5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT



There were many lined up activities in the green house during this quarter and review, the main issue was to open up the areas behind the Moringa trees and pan 2 for cultivation of maize and beans.

The pans were dry reducing irrigation activities; we reduced the irrigation to 1 green house to sustain vegetable production fir obbitu children.

The open field and green house were prepared in readiness of the long rain which turned out to be failed season. The nursery beds were prepared in readiness too.

The areas behind the Moringa were cleared extending cultivation areas. A ploughing tractor was hired and 3.34 acres were ploughed. The same were planted with maize and beans awaiting the anticipated long rainfall season non sprouted due to lack of moisture in the ground.

Various seeds were purchased which included, tomatoes, onions, Sukuma, Spinach, water melons and pumpkins.

The net of the nursery shade was repaired but it was weak and easily torn due to adverse temperatures.

The water channels were cleaned to harvest all the storm water runoffs from the hill.

There was high morale to rejuvenate the spirit and increase greenhouse activities and harvest from various seeds planted in the green house compound. The lack of rainfall and prediction of failed rainy season was practically grounded the green house activities.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERMISSION



Obbitu children were released for 2 weeks integration and bonding experience with their relatives. Halkano Salo also we have reached out to their relatives in Waye goda. We saw the

Grandmother and an uncle. Both showed acceptance. We hope they will visit him in obbitu. We are aslo planning to add the uncles family to HBC program so that the other siblings can benefit from the program and hence bonding with Halkano more faster



Halkano greeting hiss uncle



HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM

QUANTATIVE SUMMARY OVC SERVICES

The home based activities included home visit and health assessment where the information were shared through database. Monthly food distribution is the main visible activity recognized by the community and the leaders. There was high appreciation for this activity especially now that shortage of food was experienced in Sololo. Other services for HBC were identified through data base and provided under budget approved activities. Below is the summary OVC data. The total number of OVC as per data base

MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
144	136	280

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

LEVEL	NUMBER OF CHILDREN
underage	43
NURSERY SCHOOL	37
CLASS 1	15
CLASS 2	13
CLASS 3	35
CLASS 4	18
CLASS 5	19
CLASS 6	21
CLASS 7	22
CLASS 8	15
Out of school	21
In secondary school	25
Total	285

NB: Orphan children were not included in the above data

1. EDUCATION

Education being an equalizer it remain the most targeted services provide by the program. Children were provided with stationeries, school uniforms, solar kits, shoes and home clothes. Secondary school fees were paid for in various schools and nutritional support monitored by nutritional assessment. These services were aimed at school attendance and retention and improved performance. Therefore the outcome of child support will be the level each child reached in education. With high school dropout it impact negatively on the performance of the program.

OVC SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2019



NO.	ITEMS PROVIDED	QTY
1	School uniform	44
2	Home cloths	77
3	Food voucher	25 HH
4	Solar kit	2 kits
5	Mattress	30
6	Water container 100 ltrs	12
7	Water container 20 litres	17
8	Reward scheme (school fees)	6
9	Secondary school fees	21

2. HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food distribution continued to be provided for HBC families. 26 families were provided with extra food voucher every month. There was general lack of food in Sololo where nonmembers of HBC families come to beg for food during food distribution. There could be sharing with relatives when the food reaches home. The food was expected to last for 2 weeks hence if there was no food from another source the food distribution was not enough to last until the next food distribution. This may explain the high percentage of underweight among the OVC.

3. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Health and nutritional assessment is a core services offered for OVC enrolled in the program. It is a monitoring tool to the outcome of the nutritional support provided for the OVC. The MUAC measurement and body weight revealed that 37.3% were under weight and 1.1% of the children were malnourished. This depicts the reality on the ground in the light of the current drought and shortage of food in the area. Long hours in search of water could be another reason that food was not prepared in good time for thence children go hungry for long hours. The food relief program from national and county government was yet to be seen.

MONTH	NO. SEEN	NOT SEEN
January	75	0
February	74	0
March	36	2
TOTAL	185	2

Number of underweight seen – 69

Number of malnutrition case seen – 2

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

The families were served and monitored through health and nutritional assessment done for targeted household on monthly basis. Each child will be assessed twice per year. The program paid NHIF medical cover for 92 families. Sololo hospital was the facility of choice for all the families and they continued to get free outpatient and inpatient services. The data on the number of families who benefited from NHIF was a challenge we shall address in future report.

4. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

This was monitoring services and also a needy assessment services for families in the program. Besides providing targeted services the visit reported on counseling and advices the families and children. The visit also observed utilization of services provided for example 2 families were seen selling food stuffs provided. 1family sell food voucher items in exchange for money which most

likely used to buy drugs like miraa. Through home visited we were able to get feedback on the performance of the program.

MONTHS	TARGET OVC HH	NO OF FAMILIES	NO. Of Children seen	Not seen
January	21	21	73	0
February	16	16	48	0
March	17	17	45	5
TOTAL	54	54	166	5

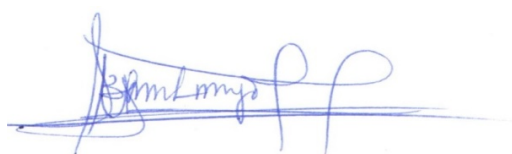
GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING

Obbitu children have been collaborating with all arms of GOK, the children officer being the Key person under which obbitu children home falls. We have consulted the office an all occasion when legal requirement was required. The 2 children admitted to obbitu were done with consultation and approval of children officer, the county Government has awarded contract to fence obbitu children for 700 metres. The ward administrator and area chiefs are members of OVC management committee,.

We are expecting more service from the county Government under the department of culture and social services. We had good cordial relationship with all relevant GOK ministries and community members.

BEEKEEPING PROJECT

5 beehives have colonies; harvest was not done, due to in adequate skills and knowledge. The ministry of livestock officer in Sololo was consulted on capacity building to train us on harvesting, processing and packing. Otherwise we fear to lose the colonies unless handled technically. The catcher box was still in wayegoda but it has no colony since it is dry and not the season for migration of bee colonies.




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