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CHILDREN FIRST



1ST QUARTER JANUARY - MARCH REPORT

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION



The year began with unprecedented drought with high temperatures, drying of water sources, and depletion of pastures and many deaths of livestock. Shortages of food were experienced in Sololo Sub County. Sololo OVC project went through hard times to mitigate the effects of drought. The pick of the quarter was the arrival of Dr. Pino, the president of Mondeco and many other guests. The quarter was a busy one with many activities planned alongside the objectives of the visitors. Notable activities were taking the visitors to the project sites, beneficiary households, health assessments and water and food distribution to hard hit communities like Adadi and Gadakorma, construction and completion of the vocational training workshop and equipping was one other major activity in this quarter. Routine activities for families and children services were implemented smoothly despite the drought. The families received food ration twice per month and were also provided with 100 litres water storage containers

OVC Sololo program provide residential care and protection for 25 children living in Obbitu children home and 260 children at home based care. The household enrolled in the program was 100 distributed in 3 wards of Sololo Sub County.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER

1. Obbitu children home services, welfare and maintenance
2. HBC children and family needs
3. Health assessment activities
4. Green house activities
5. Construction of garage bay and basement for vocational training workshop
6. Project field visits and monitoring for the visitors

1.0 OBBITU CHILDREN HOME SERVICES, WELFARE AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.

In Obbitu there are 25 children currently living, 13 girls' and 12 boys, and Dido wario was exited on the bases of completion of primary education and proceeding to secondary school. The children were healthy and fully growing and development. The children were provided with adequate care and protection with strict observance of the pillars of their rights

1.1. CHILDREN HOUSES

One children compound has residential house, kitchen, and washroom and twin pit latrine.

Girls live in 1 house and the boys live in 2 houses. The houses are in good state of repairs.

During the holidays the children painted the kitchen and washrooms. The beds are now old and were being repaired through maintenance activity.

1.2. FOOD AND NUTRITION

The foods for children were well balanced in terms of carbohydrates Proteins and vitamins. They eat variety of foods. They have 3 major meals and 2 snacks with tea or porridges. Vegetables were scarce due to the current drought but between January and February, 1 greenhouse was maintained to provide Sukuma wiki for the children. Food is rationed and provided using scale measurement. The Sub County office also assisted with cereals when available. We have adequate cereals in our food store. The children eat Ajera prepared with eggs in the morning from the chicken.

1.3. HEALTH CARE

There were no any major diseases reported among our children. Minor ailments were managed with first Aid drugs in our mini dispensary. There was no acute attack of asthma among the children prone to frequent attack. No referral case was done in this quarter under review.

Obbitu children are all covered for medical insurance cover under the house mothers. 1 case of HIV positive child was under medication and on regularly taking ARVs. The viral load was done last year in August which indicated high viral load at that time. The health facility changed the treatment regimen and since the viral

load has gone down and the child's health greatly improved and improved in school performance at the end of this term.

1.4. EDUCATION



24 children in Obbitu transited to the next class, their performance was average, few like Jamal, was doing very well. The children were provided with text books with a ratio of 1:2, adequate stationeries and replacement when it was filled up. Schools were paid in the middle of the term. Being in a private academy we incur extra cost like examination, tuition and activity fees. School uniforms were provided for each of them. They now have a pair of school uniforms. The children have poor quality shoes, open plastic shoes for both home and school which got worn out frequently. Children will require closed shoes to go to school with. 25 bags was bought from Nairobi and distributed for the children

1.5. CLOTHING

Home clothes were provided for 25 children resident in Obbitu, children were well dressed with enough clothes for everybody. Children are growing and developing fast, they outgrow their clothes. Child focus and need driven approach was used to provide new clothes.

1.6. CARE AND PROTECTION

Corporal punishment is not practiced in Obbitu children, children are talked to and made to accept any mistake they did and advised and counseled on consequences of their action or reaction. On birth certificate 24 children have birth certificates.



1.7. PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Gufu and Abduba advising to the girls on self-discipline and communication

Obbitu children have diverse background that requires continuous counseling to accept their situation. Children will be linked to their relatives for faster bonding in readiness for exiting when right time comes.

Adolescence behaviour and peer pressure among the children is very common among the children. External influence from their peers during school time is a challenge. Weekends and supervised talks were organized on topic like values respect, control of adolescence peer influence. Lack of adequate skills and tailored training on adolescences behaviour counseling was found to have a gap. Older boys and girls are now sexually active and have showing interest with opposite sex. It will be a new challenge facing us in near future.

Time table was drawn for the children to take them through their holidays this was done in participation with children where they developed and revised rules that will govern them in Obbitu.

Children were introduced to training like painting the kitchen and washrooms where they competed between girls and boys.

WATER

Our water source were roof harvest, due to the current drought we exhausted all our water tanks and hired 4 water boozers for the children and 2 for guest house. Fetching water using donkeys was used to supplement additional water for general cleaning. If the rains will fail then the demand for more water boozers will increase until the short rain in October

2.0. ELETRICITY

The source of light in Obbitu children is mainly Solar which is supplemented with generator at night. Extra panel for solar was installed by Mauro on Abdi's office and the Vocational training workshop. Security light on the compound was added during Mauros electrical work here in Obbitu. The light is adequate; power was enough for both printing services and computers. The generators were in good state of repairs

2.1. COMPOUND

Obbitu compound was clean with no litters, it is cleared once every week like every Sunday the children conduct communal general cleaning day. The traditional fence was repaired frequently to keep of animals to come and graze in Obbitu compound.

Obbitu children have large parcel of land behind the greenhouse the fence was traditional and has dried out. The cows from neighbors also break in to and graze within it. There is need to do a re-fence of this land to maintain its borders and have our cows graze in in case it rain sand the grass grows on ti we need to preserve for our cows.

3.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT

3 greenhouses were not cultivated due to shortage of water in the pans. This was caused by failed rainfall in the last 2 seasons. We managed to continue with 1 green house with the little water left in the pans to support vegetables in the diet of Obbitu children to sustain the requirement of balance diet in Obbitu children. By end of February we had completely finished the water and the all activity was stopped until it rains.

Currently with the little rain we received in April the entire 4 green house have been planted with the open fields. The saving made from the previous sell was used to pay the salaries of the greenhouse workers.

HBC PROGRAM

QUANTATIVE SUMMARY OVC SERVICES

OVC services	OVC REACHED	Remarks
Health assessment	148	63 underweight
Birth certificate processed	5	
Provision of food HBC	286	
Social welfare families	18	
Solar lamps	3	For families with class 8 children
Mattresses	5	
100 litre plastic water container	105	Mitigate effect of drought and increase water storage in the HBC families.

1. EDUCATION

School stationeries were distributed for children in school where they were issued with 7 exercise books, 2 pens, 2 pencils and erasers. For children in public schools text books was provided free through free primary education program.

8 children continued to benefit from school fees at various academies under our reward scheme for good performance. The scheme has impact on improved performance by children in their examination.

12 children sat for class 8 examination 10 of them joined secondary school. Dido was awarded equity bank wings to fly scholarship with Daki Dalacha supported by sponsorship. 15 students in secondary will receive fees support from Aphiaplus.

2. FOOD AND NUTRITION



105 HBC families continued to receive monthly food ration, due to the current drought and shortage of food, through Dr. pino the food distribution was doubled and provided at the end and in the middle of the month. This will continues based on

monthly updates and approval from Dr.Pino. There was lack of and shortage of cereals in Sololo. The available food was very expensive. The food has improved the quality of life of the beneficiaries despite the acute ravaging drought which has caused malnutrition among the children in general population.

NO	FOOD ITEMS	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1	Maize	60 kg X 3 months	180 kg
2	Beans	20 kgX3	60 kg
3	Sugar	2kgX3	6 kg
4	Cooking oil	2litre X3	6 litres
5	tealeaves	4 pktsX3	12 pkts
6	salt	2pkts x3	6 PKTS
7	Bar soap	2 bars x3	6BARS

3. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

MONTH	NO. SEEN	NO. underweight
January	65	
February	47	
March	21	

April	90	
TOTAL	223	63

Of the 223 children who had nutritional assessment 63 of them was underweight, accounting for 29% of OVC being underweight. This was mainly contributed to by the current drought which the government has declared a national disaster. We have mitigated this through doubling food distribution among our HBC families. Unimix porridge from the GOK was provided for the underweight.

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

NHIF medical cover continued to provide access to quality health care of beneficiaries were receiving both outpatient and inpatient services. This has improved the health status and quality of life for those who have chronic illness and were frequenting the health facilities. Government health facilities also provided free outpatient services. 91 beneficiaries were enrolled in the NHIF medical insurance

4. LEGAL PROTECTION

5 birth certificates were processed and issued out to the beneficiaries. The number of children who lack this vital document has greatly reduced to 21. The program will continue to follow up those without birth certificate to acquire it. No case of abuses of OVC reported to us or to the authority. Corporal punishment has been made illegal and children were reprimanded through engaging them on the offence and taken them through the offence and its consequences. They are then counseled not to repeat. Among the HBC care givers we noted poor parenting when children were less supervised; this mostly led to poor performance in school and even dropout of school.

5. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

Home visit was the routine collection of child and family information by which children's needs were identified and provided. The field officer visits targeted households each month to collect information on the family and children's needs. The information is entered in a database and shared with donor and analyzed for child and family specific needs. The project was able to respond to these needs and the number of visits is tabulated below.

MONTHS	TARGET OVC	NO OF FAMILIES	NO. Of Children seen	Not seen	Reason for absence	Coverage rate %
January	43	17	43	0	0	100%
February	54	20	54	0	0	100%
March	61	21	61	0	0	
April	80	23	80			

6. FOOD VOUCHER

23 families continued to receive food from identified shop to supplement monthly food ration. With even the doubling of food ration they continued to buy food from shops. These food targeted very elderly caregivers with OVC, families with OVC who is HIV positive.

7.0. MAINTENANCE

General maintenance of the compound was regularly carried out. There was scheduled compound cleaning every Sunday morning by children where they collect litters plastic.

Whitewashing of the road marking stones was done, minor repairs of beds, of children was regularly done when need arises.

CATTLE

Obbitu have 7 cows, 3 of them have calved and 1 was donated by the government for slaughtering. The cow was emaciated and we maintained in Obbitu instead of and have started to grow fat. There is no grass in Obbitu since the rain was very little. The animals were general in poor body condition.

CHICKEN

There 43 chickens, Obbitu children receive an average of 8 eggs per day they eat the eggs with Anjera during breakfast. The chicken lacked adequate feeds to support laying more eggs. Chicken will require layers marsh to grow and lay many eggs. We request for little budget to maintain the chicken in Obbitu

GREENHOUSE ACTIVITIES



The green house was not in use since end of February due to lack of water for irrigation. When rains showers was received in the middle of April, the activities was revived with 4 greenhouse fully planted with tomatoes spinach and also sukuma wiki.open filed were also planted with sukuma and onions. Sukuma wiki and tomatoes were flourishing well as upto

now but incase the rain stop then the success rate of this agriculture is very minimal. Moringa in the greenhouse was recovering from leaf less from the severe drought.

OBBITU STAFF

The project have 17 staffs and Mondeco representative, the staffs performed their tusks well. 1 quarterly meeting was conducted. The staffs requested upward revision of salary during the meeting but they were informed the economic hardship the project was going through and they were contented with the reply. They staffs through Dr. Pino were provided with Bonus of 1 month salary which was a very high motivation for them. The staffs were also supported with Tax, NHIF and NSSF support on top of their salary. With this initiative they are delivering on their responsibilities.

NEW PROJECT VOCATIONAL TRAINING MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

The digging of service bay and construction was completed together with the 2 basement for 10,000 litres tank. The tools and equipment have been procured awaiting delivery in 1weeks time. The equipment was bought from Machinery tools through a competitive tendering.

GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING



The director of children services paid a monitoring visit to Obbitu children home together with the county coordinator of children service Marasbit County. They were accompanied by sub county

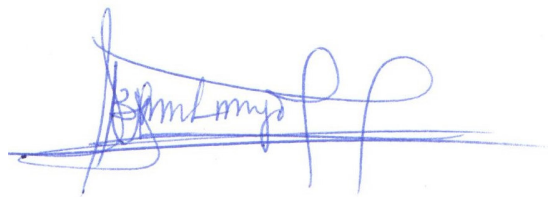
children officer from the 4 sub counties of Moyale, Marsabit North horr and laisamis. They were impressed with the facilities, provided for the children welfare for care and protection. They promised to collaborate with Obbitu children home. We discussed the partnership with the government to provide funding for Obbitu where Obbitu children will serve as a rescue Centre.

The team agreed to initiate a dialogue between the two parties to come up with an agreement to be studied for suitability for partnership. CIPAD was charged with initiating it request for partnership. The process is on going

CONCLUSION

The visit by the director of children services showed strong collaboration between Obbitu children home and the government. The government has requested Obbitu to taken in children like Boni and we accepted. The vocational training mechanical workshop is at the last stage of completion to be operationalized and that Kalili has agreed then it will be opened for services soon.

The current drought seriously affected the community livelihood; there was mass death of livestock. Vulnerable families were most affected, OVC children showed high number of underweight. The twice distribution of food to the families will increase food quantity and improve the nutritional status of the underweight children.



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PICTURE GALLERY

Sukuma-wiki in the open field



Greenhouse planted with



OVC MANAGMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



Obbitu children issued with school bags





Textbooks distributed for Obbitu Children



Counseling meeting for Obbitu children

HBC Food 2 monthly ration





Kononians community and Mondeco president.



Computer training session



Meeting between CIPAD

Easter clothes gift from Christians well-wishers