



CULTURE INFORMATION AND PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT

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CHILDREN FIRST



Children service is our responsibility

3rd QUARTER JULY - SEPTEMBER REPORT 2019

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT.

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INTRODUCTION

The quarter was characterized by a severe drought which caused acute shortage of water and food in Sololo Sub County. The program had intervention for drought relief food and water tanks from Sign of hope. Water trucking was done by our beneficiaries had containers for storing water the county government. OVC sololo project activities went on well despite the drought.

The program supported 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.

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. Sign of hope activities
6. OVC management committee meeting
7. Coordination with local authority

1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

Obbitu children provided residential care for 24 children; these were 12 girls and 12 boys. The children access adequate basic needs. They have grown and developed both physical and mentally

1.1. CHILDREN HOUSES

The 3 children houses were in good state of repair, the house were regularly cleaned and washed weekly. There were still bat menaces reported in the children house. There were no any major cracks on the floor or walls were noted. The kitchen and washrooms were grass thatches.

1.2. FOOD AND NUTRITION



Obbitu children had adequate food, well balanced and in different varieties. There was no any form of shortage reported during the period under review. Foods served for the children included rice, githeri, beans, meat camel milk, chapatis, ughali, tea, vegetables and occasional fruits. Food rationed according to time table to avoid monotony and increase good, test, appetite.

1.3. HEALTH CARE

The children were most time healthy and no major disease or symptoms reported during the quarter. Chanasa case was well managed with strict adherence to treatment and time. His health has consistently improved. Paul also conducted weekly monitoring. Obbitu dispensary was well stocked with essential drugs both our children are workers were able to be attended for minor complains. This has reduced work hour lost or reduced school absenteeism

1.4. EDUCATION



19 children attended primary school, 4 children attend nursery school, it was only Chanasa who was left in Obbitu children home. Children were average in performance but 2 of them, Guyatu and Diramumu were among the top 3 in their class. 5 of the girls will complete class 8 and in 2020 proceed to secondary school. School learning materials were issued or replaced as individual need arises. Children were able to borrow and read the library books. It has improved their confidence in trying to speak English. 75% of the children have ready about 20 books each. School bags and shoes were provided



Ruqia and dansa both in Secondary school visited Obbitu while on November - December holidays.

1.5. CLOTHNG



Obbitu children had adequate home clothes they were provided and replaced according to individual needs. Children have grown bigger and clothing them with youthful age fashion clothes was very expensive. 1 child could wear clothes worthy 2800 for boys and 3500 for girls. Each child had 2 pairs of shoes. Obbitu children provided with metal boxes for storing clothes

1.6. CARE AND PROTECTION



The children were cared for with tender care of love and provision of basic needs. Children were counseled together to behave well and incase of misbehavior in omission children were taken through acceptance of their wrong actions or complain amongst their peers. We had challenges of negative adolescence behavior especially from the bigger girls. They refused to take responsibility and roles in the home chores.. There was ganging against the mother care takers but each cases was solved

through dialogue with the girls or individual child. There were no abuses or beating of children.

Orphan children being counseled and advised on adolescence behaviors

1.7. ENTERTAINMENT

Music was the main entertainment for the children over weekend where they sing and dance. The younger ones could play at the playground. They also play football but get punctured by thorns very often, now they play ball made from old socks. Children were very active and also run all over the compound

1.8. WATER



The drought was very severe and we exhausted all our water tanks and survived on water boozers. Children had 4 trips of water boozers and also 4 trips of water boozers for the guest house. Children were able to get water for bathing, washing clothes and cleaning the floors of residential houses. We were able to maintain high

hygienic standards among all the children and the adults. There was no any case of disease outbreak reported.

1.9. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Minor maintenance was done by Borte, no activity was done on major or extraordinary repairs and maintenance.

2.0. ELECTRICITY

The main generator is not function, the solar power in the children houses and fathers house is not working. Only the power in the Abdi's office and workshop is properly working. In the evening the compound is very dark due to lack of security lights. In the children house were installed small 3 bulb solar panels with battery

3.0. COMPOUND

The compound was very bare, vegetation cover was completely finished due to drought. The trees shed their leaves and were dry. The compound was clean with weekly general cleaning by children who collect waste papers, metal waste, containers, debris, animal dung and dispose them in the refuse pit after which was burnt as final disposal method.

4.0. ANIMALS

Obbitu children have 13 cows, due to lack of pasture their body became poor, and we bought hay for them and managed to sustain them through the drought. We have 4 donkeys 2 cows have young ones they have all survived the drought and doing well now.

5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT



The drought affected the rain the water in the pans were all used up and finished, this reduced the activities in the green houses. 2 trips of water booser was poured into the tanks this sustained the irrigation of 1 greenhouse with Sukuma wiki. The fruit like pawpaw survived and occasionally children were able to eat pawpaw. There was weekly supplier of Sukuma wiki to

the kitchen of children.

Pan 2 had holes in its damliner on the floor and also detached itself from the joint and flap on the wall near the inlet due to deposition of sand. The sand heaped and caused tension to pull apart the flap of the liner. Plan to repair and replace the liner with a new cover was underway.

2.0. HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM

2.1. HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food distribution plan to address the nutritional needs of OVC families registered, 94 households continued receiving foods. Various, foods distributed included maize, beans, cooking oil, sugar, tea leaves, and bar soap for hygiene. Food vouchers was provided for 26 households with children who were underweight and malnutrition. Families under this program were well improved and the services was stopped as ta the end of September

2.2. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Nutritional assessment was done on monthly basis for targeted children. It entails measuring weight, MUAC, and doing Z- score the height for weight.

Below is the summary for the quarter under review

MONTH	N° SEEN	NOT SEEN
July	47	0
August	61	0
September	43	0
TOTAL	151	0

Number of underweight seen - 71

The underweight were high, these may be contributed due to the prevailing drought, care givers being away for long time in search of water. Also some genetic factor may have contributed o under weight

Number of malnutrition case seen - 1

2.3. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

Home visit was done to monitor the status of the children and the families. Needs of the children and family were identified and shared through data base where the

need identified were provided. Below is the summary of families and children visited during the quarter under review

MONTHS	Target OVC HH	N°of Families	NO.of Children seen	Not seen
July	11	11	32	0
August	17	17	46	0
September	16	16	42	0
TOTAL	44	44	120	0

2.4. OVC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The OVC management committee meets once every quarter; the meeting was conducted on 27/10/2019. Various activities accomplished were shared which included

1. School uniforms to 50 students this are provided as per the need noted
2. Home clothes provided for 159 children
3. school stationeries provided to 177 children on quarterly basis
4. House hold items Kit Kaza provided for 15 families
5. Repair of houses done for 3 families
6. Built 2 new houses for families
7. Number of latrines constructed were 7
8. Cement provided for repair 26
9. Solar kits for class 8 were 2
10. Heavy duty mattresses 6 inches provided to 30 families
11. Water containers provided for 127 families
12. Reward scheme fees paid for 5 students for motivation
13. Secondary school fees paid to 22 students

The committee was very appreciative and commended the project for touching the lives of most vulnerable families in Sololo Sub County.

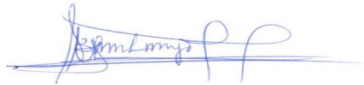
Exit of class 8 children from obbitu was also approved and further 9 HBC families were approved for exit

2.5. GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING

The relationship of obbitu children home and GOK authorities was very cordial. We shared our OVC children admitted to Obbitu children home for their monitoring and reporting

2.6. BEEKEEPING PROJECT

5 beehives have colonies in them. We harvested 800g of honey and sold for 800 kshs. Due to drought honey production was very low, I hope with the rains expected flowers and nectars for bees to make honey. The bee catcher box in Wayegoda received colonies and we managed to transfer to our beehives.



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