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***CHILDREN FIRST***



***Children service is our responsibility***



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**OVC SOLOLO PROJECT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The quarter under review was a busy one for the project, all the section of project activities functioned well. These included HBC home visiting, Health Assessment, Obbitu children care

and protection, green house activities and beekeeping project. CIPAD served 254 registered OVC of which 23 of them live in Obbitu children home.

The quarter was a busy one with many extra ordinary maintenance activities the project received support and collaboration from to government and county government of Marsabit the project accomplished most of planned activities for this quarter.

The services provided included food and nutrition, health care, education, clothing, shelter, psychosocial development and entertainment.

## **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. Routine and extra ordinary maintenance
6. Survey of underground water

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

Obbitu children home strive to provide quality care and protection for vulnerable children. The home collaborate with department of children services for admission and exit of children. Currently Obbitu children have 13 girls and 10 boys. 4 girls have sat for KCPE and are ready for exit after completing 8 years of stay in Obbitu children home.

#### **1.1.CHILDREN HOUSES**

There are 3 residential houses in one for the girls, second for the younger boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> for bigger boys. The houses have 3 rooms each for house 1 and 2 mother caretakers live in the centre room. The houses were in good state of repairs. Bats were a menace in all houses due to holes in the ventilators, wall/roofs.

#### **1.2.FOOD AND NUTRITION**

There was adequate food supply for the children. The quantity was enough and quality was well observed. Children had breakfast with snacks of Anjera , lunches with rice for carbohydrate beans for protein and vegetables od sukuma or spinach, green pepper evening tea was served after

school. supper can alternatively be Ugali with beans, meat and vegetables. During weekends children have 10'oclock tea making five meals per day. special diet of milk was provided for the young one like Chanasa, Boney and Guyo. Qabale also have milk along with the meals in the evening. Children have grown in height, physical development and healthy.

### **1.3. HEALTH CARE**

Chanasa Abduba was diagnosed with kidney problem and was referred to Kenyatta National Hospital where he was admitted for 28 days and discharged on 2/11/2018. He will have a review clinic on 23/11/2018. Most other children were healthy. No major illness reported. Common ailments like stomachache, common cold, headache, ringworms. These conditions were managed through our essential drugs dispensary. Most Obbitu children were covered by NHIF medical insurance and access quality health care. We have challenges for the young 3 children who do not have birth certificate.

### **1.4. EDUCATION**

22 children were enrolled in school 2 of them were in nursery school while 20 were in primary school. Only Chanasa Abduba was left in Obbitu children.

Children performance is on average and we expect all to graduate to the next grade or class. 5 of the children have completed primary school and will join Secondary school next year. The fifth was Abdiraman Gollo who was exited from Obbitu earlier.

### **1.5. CLOTHING**

Obbitu children had adequate clothes they were provided with clothes on individual need basis. Girls have more clothes than boys. The girls were over dressed and have more expensive clothes than boys. Most girls are in their adolescence age of 12 – 17years have more demand than boys.

Shoes were also provided on individual need basis. Each child has one pair of shoes

### **1.6. CARE AND PROTECTION**

Obbitu children were showered with plenty of love and care. Their environment was secure, with adequate security. There was no case of abuses, corporal punishment. Cases of disciplines were dealt with through investigation, acceptance, counseling or warning.

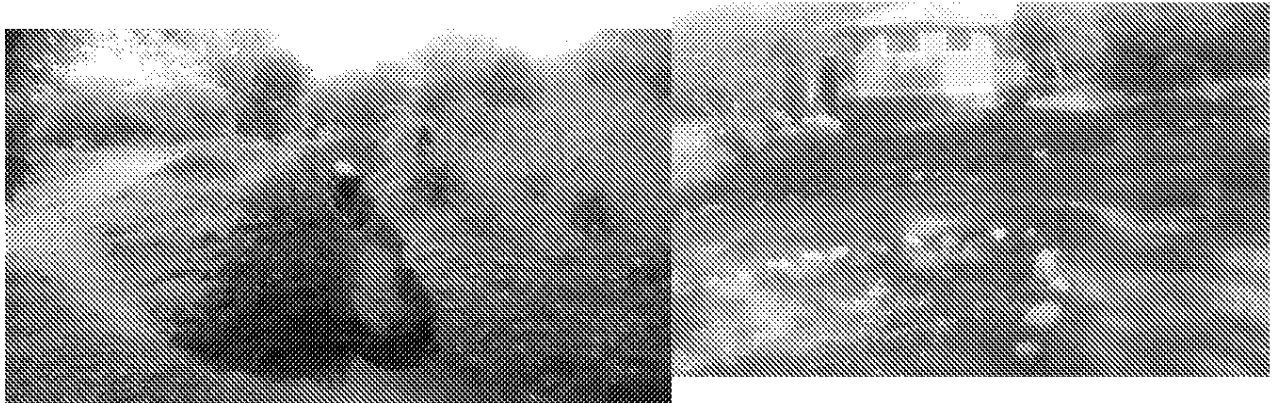
### **1.7. ENTERTAINMENT**

Obbitu children home had various form of entertainment, one major one being the small football pitch, sliding, the swing tyres, Television, Pattern construction and locomotives toys. Cinema show was not done due to break down of main generator.

### **1.8. WATER**

The main source of water was roof harvest; there was enough water on the compound. towards end of September most tanks were finished. Likely in middle of October there was rain which refilled few tanks. The water was not tested or treated, no case of diarrheal or water borne diseases reported. 4 plastic tanks have leaks hence cannot store water

### **1.9.MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**



#### ***Digging of terraces to control soil erosion from raised ground***

Much extraordinary maintenance were undertaken during this quarter and were successfully completed.

Mechanical maintenances – the solar power lines were inspected and repaired by dream Power Company contracted. The guest house freezer and fridge were installed with new batteries. The watchmen house was also installed with inverter. Children house 1 and 2 had the batteries checked and found to be low and require replacement. The green house store was also inspected and new inverter recommended.

The main generator was repaired, the motor was re-winded and now working well. The line connecting to the workshop does not have power. We could not explain the reason.

#### **Building maintenances**

Leakages on the roofs were sealed, gutters repaired, children beds were repaired and loose joints strengthened.

Bats infestation were continuously fought and an ongoing activities.

Control of soil erosion and storm water – an open drain with Foot Bridge between children house completed.

2 long terraces were dug from the generator house to watchmen house control storm water coming from up the hill and guest house



Road bumps were constructed along the road coming from the workshop and foot path coming from guest house near the generator house.

## **2.0. ELETRICITY**

The source light in Obbitu remained solar power. There was major maintenance activities in solar lines repaired and batteries replaced, such cases were guesthouse and watchmen house. The main generator also underwent a major rewinding of the motor and it is functioning well now. Children house 1 and 2 has their solar batteries down and not yet replaced. Security light is all working. 2 bulbs are not working due to disconnection of wire during digging of terraces near the generator house.

## **2.1. COMPOUND**

The compound was generally clean and well maintained no litters on the compound. it was clean once very week. There was 1 routine maintenance work being done. Road bump were constructed to reduce the velocity of storm water during rainy season. 2 terraces were dug to stop soil erosion and gully development. Open drain with a foot path was constructed. Our tradition fence was very old and dry hence easily broken by baboons; the fence was not renewed for quite a long time.

## **ANIMALS**



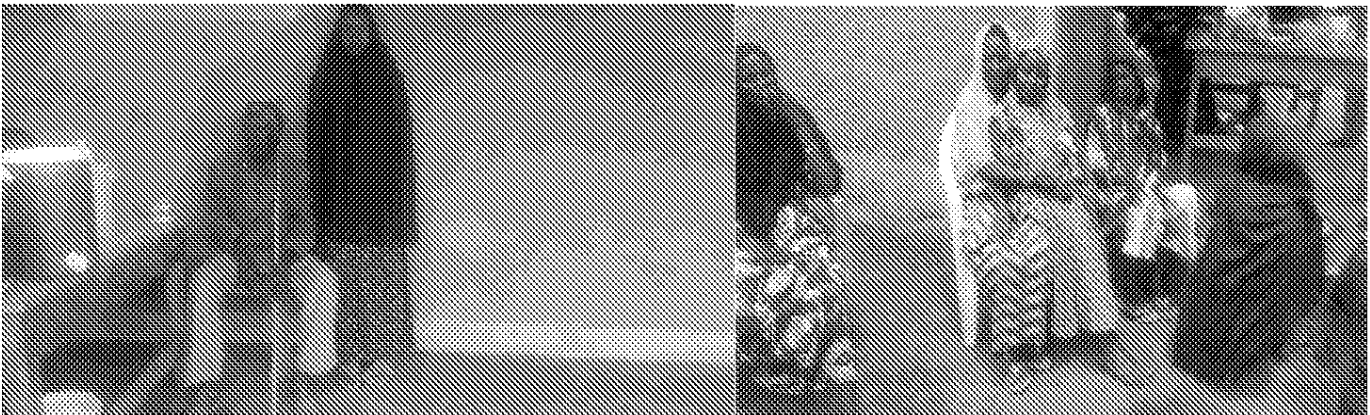
In Obbitu we have 4 female cows, 2 heifers, 1 young male, 3 young calves and 1 bull. 1 old cow was sold and we plan to place with 1 female cow. We also sold our bull and bought 1 younger on which we believe is better breed.

Animals are healthy. We control ticks through period spray and cleaning the cow shed periodically. We also have 7

donkeys; they are heavy grazers than cows. A total of 18 livestock on the compound .there is overgrazing and resulting into soil erosion.

Our boys guyo, abduba and Halkano have shown love and care for livestock

### **MEETING OF RELATIVES OF OBBITU CHILDREN**



Relatives and mothers bonding with their children in Obbitu children home. The grandfather of Qabale from Golole who is a blind old man has developed strong bond with her that he availed himself despite his disability. He even understood the medical condition of qabale. The grandmother of Insene also showered love to her. All the relatives came and had many hours with the children. It was memorable day in Obbitu. The mothers were satisfied that their children were well taken care of.

### **3.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT**



The farming unit had low out, the soil urn sandy and loose; it was depleted of minerals in the soil. There were more sukuma and spinach. Green pepper, long tail red pepper and Pawpaw did very well and were consumed in Obbitu children home.

Pan 2 water was completed and it was full of silt and debris. The pan was de-silted to reclaim the depth of the pan and collect more water. Moringa did well though being attached by insect

Obbitu children continued to receive consistent supply of green vegetables and fruits like pawpaw. Pan 1 has water and short rain is not very promising. The main problem we had in green

house was diseases in the soil which affected plants at maturity stage. Appropriate treatment has not been found yet. This lowered our harvest and reduced our varieties of crops grown in the green house compound

## **HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM**

CIPAD support 231 children in Home based care program. The children were assessed through home visits on monthly basis. Children and families were assessed for needs identification where their information is entered in a database from which needs were summarized and budgeted for.

Health assessments were also done with a monthly target to be reached. Below are the summaries of services offered during the quarter under review.

## **QUANTATIVE SUMMARY OVC SERVICES**

<b>OVC SERVICES</b>	<b>OVC REACHED</b>
Health assessment	147
Provision of food HBC	254
Social welfare families	25
School stationeries for HBC	201
HBC home clothes	36
School uniforms	45
Mattresses	19
20 litre jenkins	6
Household items	4 families
Solar kit	3
100 litre plastic drum	2

### **1. EDUCATION**

There were 9 class eight students who sat for this year's KCPE examination through which they will transit to secondary schools.

Children performances were below average with English and math being the poorest. We continued to provide quarterly school scholastic materials like books, pens, pencils and erasers.

8 children continued to benefit from reward scheme. Currently the program support 16 children in secondary school.

School stationeries were distributed for all the primary children in the primary school. school uniforms were provided on need basis through home visit identification.

### **2. HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

CIPAD provided food ration for 106 households with varieties of foods. There was no case of malnutrition reported through health assessment. The food would last the families at least for 2 weeks of the month. Beside food ration 26 families were provided with supplementary food vouchers assigned to shops. The food has improved the nutritional status of the families

### 3. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Nutritional health assessment was carried out with a monthly target generated from health database. Each child would be assessed 2 twice per year. MUAC assessment, weight and height were measured. Children showed growth in height and development. Cases of underweight were followed up and provided with food voucher to supplement and recover weight loss. Below is number of children who were seen and assessed within the quarter.

MONTH	NO. SEEN
July	48
August	50
September	39
October	58
TOTAL	195

### HEALTH CARE SERVICE

92 families continued to benefit from NHIF cover; there was 1 case of referral for repair of prosthesis. No cases of disease outbreak among the families were reported. The NHIF medical cover provide access to both outpatient and inpatient services. All our beneficiaries had Sololo hospital as their preferred health facility of choice from which they can get referral to another more equipped hospital.

### 4. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

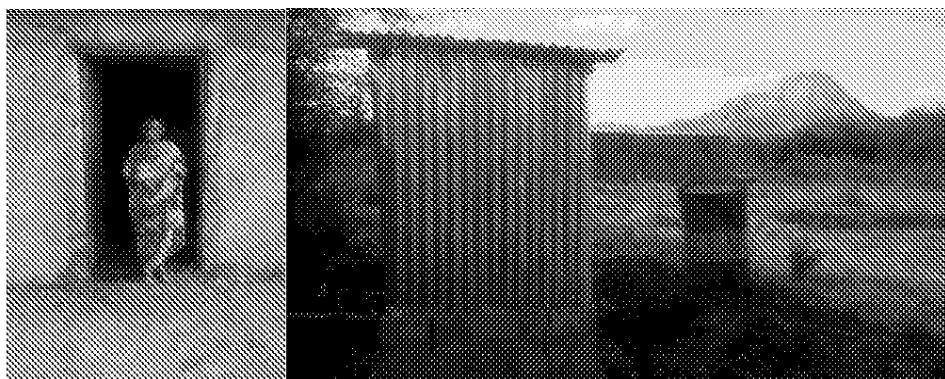
Home visit was done on monthly basis. Each month has a target number of households and children to be visited and assess for needs, welfare safety, and income generating activities children school attendance and guidance and counseling. Below were the summary of the number of homes and children seen during this quarter.

MONTHS	TARGET OVC HH	NO OF FAMILIES	NO. Of Children seen	Not seen
July	10	10	30	0



August	16	16	49	0
September	18	46	46	0
October	21	21	78	0
TOTAL	65	65	233	0

**SHELTER IMPROVEMENT**



This quarter 4 houses and 4 toilets were completed, the houses are 2 roomed and have sloppy roof 3 families have already moved in

and had care and protection from adverse weather and security. 2 houses were constructed in Sololo makutano, 1 in Madoadi and 1 in Sololo ramata. The one in Ramata has not yet moved in despite completion

**OBBITU STAFF MEETING**

We have 16 staffs and Mondeco representative, we regularly conducted quarterly meeting. Each meeting was minuted and shared. Our main agenda were support collective responsibility for good care and protection of children, observance of time, children welfare and services provided. Guidance and counseling of children.

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING MECHANICAL WORKSHOP**

The workshop was closed most of the time; few vehicles were repaired with John Kalili and his representative. It provided excellent tools equipment and space for mechanical services. The vehicle owners were very appreciative and recommended for good facility. The only set back was lack of regular mechanic to motivate vehicle owner to bring their vehicles

**GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING**

Obbitu children enjoyed overwhelming support from national and County Government. Many dignitaries visited Obbitu children home. Private well-wishers also visited Obbitu and donated clothes to children,

Obbitu children home was identified in the County integrated development plan to construct chain link along the perimeter fence. The department of social service promised to provide food , roofing of the half playground roof.

Inspection of Obbitu for renewal of its license was done by AAC members and application forwarded to director children services Nairobi. This process took long but now is complete as we wait for approval and license for the coming 3 years.

### **BEEKEEPING PROJECT**

There were 3 beehives with colonies in the green house, 1 colony in Obbitu compound not well established. We are monitoring whether it will remain or move out. There are 2 more colonies in hollow holes of trees in Obbitu children compound, we are observing whether they will live or move out. The catcher box is still in Wayegoda primary school we did not receive news of entry from the school boy whom we identified. There are good signs of improvement

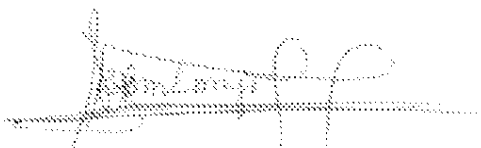
### **BOREHOLE DRILLING**

This activity commenced with prior underground survey for water, the geologist found water at 80 metres and advised to drill to a depth of 120m. a contractor was identified after sorting from many other interested companies. The JB drilling company was awarded the tender to drill. The company reached Obbitu and commenced drilling upto 122.7M the outcome was a dry borehole.

The drilling was witnessed by local leaders, youth and women leaders of Sololo also witnessing was a representative of WARMA from Marsabit sub regional office. I hope the project does not have another interest in the borehole for closure and regulatory requirement authorization. Warma require a letter from CIPAD to close this project or if there will be other intention to drill again due to the Authorization enforcement.

### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER**

1. Construction of 2 shelters with latrines for the beneficiaries
2. Provide routine services for the OVC children
3. Coordination with local authority and other stakeholders
4. Provide routine HBC OVC services
5. Improve on Bee keeping project
6. Improve on greenhouse activities



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