



CULTURE INFORMATION AND PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT

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ACTIVITIES UPDATE

SIGN OF HOPE ACTIVITIES

The number of project activities

A). food relief distribution targeting 120 HH of OVC caregivers enrolled in OVC Sololo project. The first distribution was done in June. County government of Marsabit supported obbitu children home with foodstuffs. Due to fear of spoilage with weevils, we used the food for HBC food relief. Therefore we spent less fund than earlier planed.

B) .distribution of 100 litre water storage container – the containers was bough and distributed to 87 families. 13 families were provided with the 100 litre containers prior to the SOH activities. So they did not benefit

C) 5000 litre water tanks for Obbitu children home, the tanks are 3 in numbers and will replace the leaked tanks in the children house. Replacement has not yet completed. Skilled labouris being sort to complete the activity soonest.

D) Nutritional assessment of the OVC this is an ongoing monitoring activity to assess the level of malnutrition among the children. June assessment has been conducted and a repeat will be done end of August at the end of the project.

The project has increased food availability to vulnerable of Sololo project. Families were able to have constant supply of food, no case of malnutrition case reported also fewer cases of underweight were reported

LIVESTOCK

We have 10 cows 1 newly calved steer and 4 donkeys, 3 females and 1 male. The body condition is poor. There is no grass and there is small foliage for foraging. We hope the compound will sustain the cows up to October the beginning of rainy season. Donkeys are heavy grazers and reduce the vegetation cover to bare ground. May be we can give the donkeys to OVC caregiver families to fetch water and firewood.

Grass from green house was harvested and given to cows and donkeys, we wil not allow the cows to graze in the green house.

3. GREENHOUSE ACTIVITIES

The activities slowed down and were reduced to greenhouses due to water shortage; we tried to plant maize but died due to lack of rain. We were able to harvest Moring seeds and send to Andrea hope it is becoming income generating activity. We have a number of vegetables planted

which include Butter nuts which we have already harvested and eaten by children. We are expecting to harvest Sukuma wiki, watermelons, spinach and long tailed red pepper.

Pan 2 is completely dry and we suspect there is a hole somewhere causing leakage because it did not retain even little water that flowed into it, pan 1 has very little water, we still have water in the tanks from roof harvest, we expect to sustain the vegetables up to end of September.

4. BUSH CLEARING

We had 2 round of bush clearing in May and June, we did not complete the compound as we planned and expected. The area is wide and the bush is very dense. We could not determine the acreage. The area near the children house was been cleared, areas from the bigger boys house to the fence has been cleared. We still have more area to clear. The nature of the bush is thorny trees, shrubs and dense undergrowth; if the area will be cleared we expect to have grass growing and sustain our livestock.

5. BEEKEEPING PROJECT

3 beehives have colonies and we expect to harvest honey during the month of September, the catcher box is still in Wayegoda primary school, we got on job training from African beekeepers technician. We received valuable skills and knowledge, we have been monitoring our beehives after every 2 weeks and re treated it to appeal to the scent of the bees. There are no flowers now hope August and September flowering season will attract more bees in obbitu and green house area.

6. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

New gate was completed, the road leading outside also was bush cleared; the compound is generally clean with all waste bins fixed strategically around the houses. Grass thatching of the 3 kitchen and 3 washrooms was done and completed.

Security Bulbs and house bulbs were replaced and functional.

The solar batteries or The big generator is not working it does not charge the battery. In the evening Obbitu children houses and compound are very dark. The small solar for lighting the house was provided for 2 houses, the girls house and the bigger boys house

We received cable for connecting the workshop generator to the cable from the connection in the room from Andrea. No activities at the workshop. Mzee kobe is working well no mechanical problem but it is underutilized.

The new motorbike is in good condition. Abdi is using on his home visit and also take children to and from nursery.

More update will follow soon

Thank you

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