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**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER APRIL – JUNE REPORT OVC SOLOLO  
PROJECT**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The quarter experienced long rainfall season, the rain was erratic did not fall in expected intensity and full season. It delayed recovery from the devastating drought where animals died in their hundreds and lack of food experienced among households. The drought was declared a national disaster. OVC Sololo project responded to drought by doubling the monthly food ration and extending food support to Adadi and Gadakorma. The recovery from the drought was very slow; the rainfall was patching and not all area received adequate rainfall. Pasture growth was very minimal which caused over population of survived livestock in one particular area. Immigration from other areas including Ethiopia to Kenya was witnessed. It the drought is extending to the short rainy season to October.

Despite the drought phenomenon, routine OVC services went on uninterrupted and no serious consequences was observed for reporting.

3 new families were enrolled into the program, on from Wayegoda and 2 from Sololo Ramata, 2 of the families are orphans and the other is a single mother with chronic illness.

There were a number of project activities implemented during the quarter which included the workshop equipment, basement, guttering and tanks and the Bay. The main challenge was availability of Kalili when needed.

## **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

### **1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME SERVICES, WELFARE AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.**

Obbitu children home is a home for 13 girls' and 12 boys, there were provided with all the essential needs and lacked nothing. They were able to provide with individual needs as it was requested. Clothing was one item which was expensive and children growth out of it very fast, its demand was very frequent. Children were healthy no major illness was reported and our dispensary was stocked to manage the minor ailments. Children generally behaved well. Noted misbehavior was managed and as it comes to light.

### **1.1. CHILDREN HOUSES**

The houses were in good state of repairs, there were no any defects for repairs children carried out learning experience by painting the kitchen and washrooms. The outcome was impressive. Beddings were repaired by Borte and the houses were cleaned on 2 twice per week. General cleaning was done very Sunday morning together with the children.

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

Obbitu children were provided with balance diet of adequate quantity and frequency. They eat 5 times per day over weekends and 3 times during school days. Obbitu children are growing and developing fast. No case of underweight or malnutrition was reported. The green house provides vegetables like Sukuma, tomatoes and water lemons. The children eat variety of foods like Githeri, rice. Pasta, ugali, Meat, beans. The food ration was provided using a rotational time table. To avoid monotony and given in variety.

### **1.3. HEALTH CARE**

Obbitu children were healthy and no report on any medical condition. The 2 families were enrolled into NHIF which provides both outpatient and inpatient services for our children. One child on ARV is supervised well and regularly follows her treatment plan. We have small dispensary for first Aid. It is stocked with drugs to treat minor ailments. No hospital referral done during the quarter under review. Most common complains are stomach ache and was managed with drugs at Obbitu children

### **1.4. EDUCATION**

Obbitu children attended class regularly up to Saturday afternoon. Tuition was conducted and children come home very late as 7.15PM from Gada academy. They also go to school very early as 5.30 – 5.45AM. Children Performance was on average where they score 250 marks, 3 of the children score top 10 in their classes. We expect Jamal and Jarso to perform very well.

Children were provided with learning materials and replaced when it gets filled up and no writing space left. Text books were adequately provided mostly 1:1 a few of them share a book 1:2. Records of examination is recorded and shared at the end of the term.

Uniforms were provided to children as a replacement for the old and torn. Termly school fees were paid once for all the children.

### **1.5. CLOTHNG**

Obbitu children have adequate home clothes .dresses and shirt; trousers were bought for them. Girls were bought more clothes than the boys. Replacement of clothes for the children was frequent. Replacement of shoes was also frequent and on demand basis.

## **1.6. CARE AND PROTECTION**

Children have not been exposed to any form of abuses, they feel happy, secure and free among the staffs and amongst themselves. Those who are able do support and assist in the house chores. This helps them to develop and prepare for the futures and to do their tusks well. There is no harassment in Obbitu children home. Adults also behave well in front of the children

## **1.7. PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

Obbitu children are advised on to open up their feelings and problems as they grow up so that they can be supported and advised accordingly. They were enlightened against peer influence which will distract them from their studies.

## **WATER**

There is adequate water reservoir in Obbitu children home 10 tanks full of water. Water use by children especially girls have increased that the 2 tanks they have was finished. They water we have we last up to the expected short rains. Water is safe for drinking. Filters have clogged that filtration was not filtering.

3 plastic tanks at children's house were leaking, repairs were done but the pressure of water inside push and the leak would start again

## **2.0. ELETRICITY**

Obbitu children are connected by solar panels. The street lights were functioning well except one bulb which blew off. The children houses has less power the weather was cloudy reduces sunrays for charging the batteries. The main generator worked well, but a times stops itself, according to Kalili the red knob switch became loose and cannot be easily be replaced. Guest house generator has broken down; Kalili did not identify the problem so that we can buy another spare.

Fathers house and Abdi's office was working optimum without power failure hence Computer training was on going

## **2.1. COMPOUND**





The compound was green and beautiful it was overgrown; it was cleared around the children's houses and father's house. Cows have been grazing in Obbitu. There was communal general cleaning of the compound where the children collect waste and burn it in the pit

The compound was fenced with traditional fence. The fencing was done along the hill above guest house, also the land behind the green house was fenced, the old Obbitu compound fence was also reinforced with new traditional fence. The tree planted in the moringa place near father house was growing well

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



The green house activities were revived after the rains, Pan 2 was full but pan 1 had less than half water. Sukuma, carrots, water melons and tomatoes were the main vegetables planted in the green house and open field.

Moringa trees were not becoming leafy it shades off its leaves and there was infestation by caterpillars and moths. Chemicals for controls were bought along some fertilizers for foliar growth

The water in the pan can last up to end of September; hopefully the short rains will start early.

Obbitu children have had continuous supply of sukuma wiki in their food and water melons 2 times.

The 2 workers have been working on the green house, sometimes assisted by casual workers during weeding and cultivation o and preparation of the green house and open fields.

### ***HBC PROGRAM***

### ***QUANTATIVE SUMMARY OVC SERVICES***



### *Home clothes for BHC children.*

<b>OVC SERVICES</b>	<b>OVC REACHED</b>
Health assessment	87
Provision of food HBC	290
Social welfare families	23
Solar lamps	1
Mattresses	4
School stationeries for HBC	206
HBC home clothes	43

#### **1. EDUCATION**

This was a core services for the OVC and was a target that all OVC enrolled in school improve their performance and graduate to the next level. To achieve this, the program was able to provide school stationeries this quarter to supplement the GOK free primary education. School uniforms were provided on individual need assessment but not as blanket distribution for all the OVC. Monitoring the performance was hindered by lack of presentation of report forms by the children and close supervision by the caregivers. The message to bring report forms at the end of the term was continuous stressed at the food distribution time and home visit by Abdi.

#### **2. FOOD AND NUTRITION**



107 OVC households were provided with monthly food ration, the food ration was doubled due to the last drought which caused famine in Kenya. Though it was a recovery stage from the drought, the rainfall was very minimal and scanty in most areas. The food was the only source of income for the vulnerable families. The food saved many children and elderly caregivers who would d have been malnourished or died due to lack of access to such monthly food. Cases of underweight were reported but the project was able to

reverse the situation and currently on malnourished case was reported through the health assessment. 23 most vulnerable households were provided with extra food voucher to supplement the blanket food distribution. The food voucher targeted households with children affected with chronic illness to improve their body immunity system.

NO	FOOD ITEMS	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1	Maize	30 kg X 3 months	60 kg
2	Beans	10 kgX3	30 kg
3	Sugar	2kgX3	6 kg
4	Cooking oil	500 X3	1.5 litres
5	tealeaves	2 pktsX3	6 pkts
6	salt	1pkts x3	3 PKTS
7	Bar soap	1/2 bars x3	1.5 BARS

### 3. HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

MONTH	NO. SEEN	Remarks
April	60	
May	27	
june	0	28 Not done
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>	



In the previous quarter 63, OVC were reported to be under weight. The children have improved and recovered. 87 OVC were assessed for this quarter and 28 were not attended, this was a concern their 6 monthly nutritional assessment record was lacking. The case has been reported to Paul to hasten and complete the assessment soonest possible. There were no new cases of underweight reported.

### HEALTH CARE SERVICE

93 households continue to benefit from NHIF medical cover, rural health facilities provided free treatment for general public. The referral to Sololo hospital was covered by the insurance body both outpatient and inpatient. OVC affected with HIV/AIDS were supported to monitoring of their ART plan. Viral load count was conducted at Sololo hospital late last year, at that time there was increased viral load among the 6 children who were positive. Their health now has



improved, including Guracha Hussein. We shall conduct close monitoring of them and provide frequent update

#### 4. LEGAL PROTECTION

No birth certificate was processed during the quarter under review. No case of abuse was reported or observed among OVC children. Culture continued to influence the behaviour of children upbringing. FGM was a general practice among the community and their fore OVC households was not any different

#### 5. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

Collection of children and family information was the main business of OVC Sololo project. It was through home visit that services were identified and priorities. It was also a monitory tool for the impact of service provided. It was also a source for data sharing for the donor through which planning and budgeting. Below were the tabulated home visits for the quarter.

<b>MONTHS</b>	<b>TARGET OVC</b>	<b>NO OF FAMILIES</b>	<b>NO. Of Children seen</b>	<b>Not seen</b>	<b>Reason for absence</b>	<b>Coverage rate %</b>
APRIL	80	23	80	0	0	100%
MAY	48	19	48	0	0	100%
JUNE	4	1	4	0	0	100%
TOTAL	132	43	132	0	0	100%

#### 6.0. MAINTENANCE

Buildings in Obbitu are in good state of repairs. Minor repairs of roads where gullies eroded were refilled back with soil.

Children beds were repaired when it becomes loose. The Obbitu fence was re-fenced with traditional trees and strengthened. Drying line for the family 3 house was constructed

#### CATTLE





The Obbitu cows remained 7 big cows and 3 young calves. 1 is expectant and 2 are yet to start gestation period. The body conditions are healthy and fat. Bi – weekly ticks control was conducted by use of acaricide sprays. No major disease symptoms were reported. Pasture growth in Obbitu was very little. The leafy shrubs have dried up shading of its

### **CHICKEN**

The chickens were well and have free range roaming the compound. They lay few eggs due to lack of adequate food. They have many predators who hunt them during the day. The mongoose was the commonest. We still have 38 chickens left in Obbitu. We sold 2 to the public. The house requires improvement; the resting place requires new poles and the fence strengthened. Food supplement and treatment of chicken should have some allocation for higher productivity.

### **OBBITU STAFF**

The project staffs have improved their performance, there lateness has reduced. There was stricter supervision on reporting time and checking on them during the day. There was no case for discipline. Now permission granted except for sickness or death of immediate relatives. Case of indiscipline, negligence handled immediately it was observed and confirmed. The staffs have job satisfaction to date. No complain from their side .

### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING MECHANICAL WORKSHOP**



The vocational training workshop activities were complete, the equipment have all arrived, the tanks and gutters fixed. The shelves inside have been constructed. Kalili also have arranged the equipment on the shelves.

### **GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING**

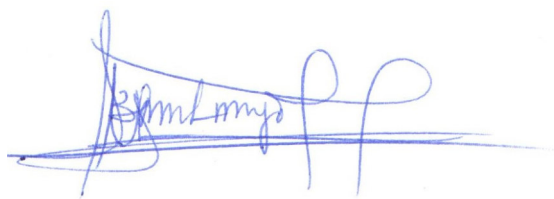
The district children officer Mr. peter has been transferred to upcountry. The new officer Mr. Dirangu has not visited us in Obbitu but we have established dialogue and he has been updated on Obbitu children and OVC services carried out by CIPAD. The admission of the child from Abduba Tures sister was not done due to the incoming children officer who have not familiarized with the sub county. The Sub County coordinator Sololo has been supportive and has shared with Obbitu some cereals

## CONCLUSION

The vocational training is ready for operationalization, it is high time Kalili moves in to stay in Obbitu children and commence the training. We are currently sensitizing children to join the vocational training.

I'm concern with the slow pace Kalili is taking to be on our side the sign of Hope project have been rolled and registration completed.

This year 2 children from Obbitu children will complete their primary level education and will be exited from Obbitu children home.



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## PICTURE GALLERY



***Water tanks installed at the workshop***



***workshop equipment***