INSPECTION REPORT OF OBBITU CHILDREN HOME SOLOLO

1. INSTITUTION PARTICULARS:

NAME: Obbitu Children Home

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PHYSICAL ADDRESS - Sololo

1.2 **PROPRIETER-** Manager – Mr. Gufu Guyo, public health officer by profession.

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1.3 SUB COUNTY- Sololo sub county – Marsabit County

WARD- Sololo ward

 ${\color{blue}LOCATION-Sololo}$

ZONE- Ramata

1.3 TYPE OF INSTITUTION

An Obbitu children home is a charitable children institution, providing residential services for Orphans and vulnerable children. The home was registered under the certificate number CS NO 000636 issued on 18/12/2012 and will expire on 18/12/2015.

1.4. MANAGEMENT – the institution is managed by the management team program coordinator, Mondeco representative, donor and OVC management committee drawn from the community

1.5. DATE OF ASSESSMENT- 20/5/2015

1.6. PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT- Renewal of registration certificate for 2016- 2018

1.7. PREAMBLE: The assessment need was identified in the AAC meeting held on 19/5/2015 at the DDC boardroom, where five members were chosen: Education, Provision administration, Public health Officer, Children officer and OCS Sololo. The team arrived at the institution at 10.00 am and welcomed by the officials (the manager, donor representative and the village supervisors). At the time of assessment all the children were away to various schools for learning, all the support staff were present and the silence and green environment impressed the assessors.

LOCATION OF OBBITU CHILDREN HOME – In Sololo ward, 2km south of Sololo town and DEOs office. The institution vision mission and motto were available and displayed on notice borad.

No. of children accommodated in the home

BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
12	11	23

The children were mainly total orphans and few with single needy parents.

TITTLE DEED/ ALLOTMENT LETTER- the land on which Obbitu children was constructed was registered under the old Moyale county council allotment letters was available and land rent paid on regular basis.

3.0 ACCESSIBILITY

- 3.1 Road- quite accessible
- 3.2 **Sign board** placed strategically at the gate.

3.3 **PATHS WITHIN THE COMPOUND-** Well marked to the various structure destinations.

4.0 COMPOUND

4.1 Land size-Vast about 20 acres

4.2 **FENCING**- Mainly fenced in the traditional way but the part of greenhouses chain linked.

4.3 **ETHOS**- The whole compound was protected (preserved with the traditional natural green bushes/trees well established, making the environment so attractive/conducive for human habitation.

4.4 GATE- Metal gate locked for 24 hours and also guarded for 24 hours.

4.5 **PLAYING GROUND**- Available with adequate playing facilities in place. However there is need for expansion and bush clearing.

4.6 **CLEANLINESS-** Quite good with the bush cleared near the buildings and maintained for preservation purposes away from buildings.

5.0 **STRUCTURES-** Adequate in number permanently built, maintained, with enough sitting facilities in place.

5.1 **MAIN OFFICE**- Accommodated 3 officials' coordinator, supervisor and donor representative with bathroom/toilet and two small stores.

5.2 **OTHER OFFICE**-Includes OVC field officer, Support staff, library room and a small dispensary room, well furnished (adjacent to each other)

5.3 **CHILDREN HOUSES**- There is 3 houses all identical with their own fenced compound and facilities. One house was not in use which was newly constructed, the other two houses were in use for the last five years; containing three sections each for children and their mothers. One house accommodate twelve children; six one side and the other second wing with their mother living in the middle room all the rooms were lockable with standard beddings. The premises also had adequate sanitation facilities each. The two houses in use one accommodate girls and the second boys each with the mother caretaker and a house helpers.

5.4 **OTHER BUILDINGS** – Private Guest house for the donors. Generator house, food store, hardware store, fire wood store, sheltered playing ground, work shop, hall and a room for educational use and two watchmen houses. All permanent in nature, well maintained, spacious equipped with the relevant adequate facilities.

6.0 IGA FOR OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

6.1 **GREEN HOUSES**- Four functional houses provide tomato, sukuma wiki, onions, water melons, pumpkins, peppers and moringa plants. Two pans provide water regularly used for irrigation. The crops provide adequate nutritional food with surplus sold at sololo market.

6.2 BEE KEEPING- Ten Beehive boxes installed but no harvest yet.

6.3 **WORKSHOP**- it provide for skilled Training for school leavers under the program and The workshop not yet equipped, hence not in use.

7.0 **WATER**

7.1 **ROOF HARVESTING/CATCHMENT**- this is the main source of water for Obbitu children home. 34 functional plastic tanks provide storage facility as following capacities 15@10,000ltrs, 17@ 5,000ltrs and 2@ 8000ltrs. The tanks were placed under the various houses and can be refilled by water bowsers during the dry season.

7.2 The two pans with a capacity of $360M^3$ for irrigation of green house project.

8.0 LIGHTING SYSTEM

8.1 Obbitu children use Solar panels for lighting and standby Generator during the night. The light is adequate.

8.2 **GENERATOR**- A big generator (4 strokes) used as an alternative light when solar not functioning.

9.0 FOOD STUFFS

9.1 **MEALS**- Children were fed five times a day breakfast with snacks, 10.00am tea with snacks, lunch, 4.00pm tea and supper. Children eat a well balanced diet.

9.2 **FOOD STORE**-Spacious food store, with adequate food stuffs and well kept on the shelves and racks.

9.3 MENU- Githeri, Chapati, Rice and twice a week meat.

10.0 CHILDREN WELFARE AND CATERING

10.1 **Feeding**-Up to date diet and regular.

10.2 **EDUCATION**- All the children were taken to the public academies providing the best education in Sololo. Due to the nature of the individual child poor back ground, the academic performances were noted to be below the expected standard.

10.3 **ENTERTAINMENT**- The institution had adequate entertainment facilities, playing facilities and cinema shows.

10.4 **SPIRITUAL**- the home is nondiscrimination of all religion. Children were allowed to practices their faith freely; religion leaders were invited to teach children on their faith. Speakers were invited to give relevant guiding and counseling session (from time to time). Various denominations were also invited to the institution to give the relevant input to their followers. Christian visits were felt more effective than others.

10.5 **LEADERSHIP**-Children selected their leaders and were allowed to give their opinion on matters affecting them and they are allowed to participate in decision making.

10.6 **HEALTH CARE**- The small dispensary had basic essential medicines to cater for the minor ailments. Major cases of illness were referred to the right institution hospitals. All children know their HIV/AIDS status and are covered with NHIF medical cover.

10.7 LIBRARY SERVICES- Study room provided, and was equipped with books.

11.0 STAFFING

11.1 **COOKS/MOTHERS/MAIDS**-Each house had a mother and a maid. The mothers stay with children 24 hours, while the maids operate from their respective homes. Their major roles includes, cooking, washing and general home management activities.

11.2 WATCHMEN- Seven men three night and 2 during the day. .

11.3 SUPPORT STAFF- One girl was doing general domestic chores.

11.4 GREEN HOUSE- 2 Men were deployed for the care and maintainances.

12.0 **OTHER ASSESTS-** Two functional vehicles, used for transport and four motor bikes two defective and two functional for officers daily mobility.

13.0 CHALLENGES

13.1 FUNDING

13.2 Community attitude- Minimal participation

CONCLUSION- The institution has a lot of strengths to progress, with current existing adequate facilities and the IGA plans affected.

RECOMMENDATION

This office recommends the renewal of certificate for Obbitu children home.

ASSESSOR:

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AG DQASO SOLOLO For DEO Sololo 20/5/2015