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**OVC SOLOLO PROJECT**

**3<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2016 REPORT**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

OVC Sololo project continued to provide arrays of services to registered OVC both at Obbitu children home and home based care. The services provided in HBC were identified during home visit and entered in OVC database. These services are child and family specific hence it addresses immediate and priority needs of the family or the child. The management team has been able to meet this requirement within the resources available. Improving the household income for sustainability was the main focus objective to reduce the cost as level of fund is going down. Green house activities continued well with encouraging harvest in the months of July and August

The area is dry and we experienced shortage of water and have started using the donkey transport to fetch water for general cleaning

Obbitu children home have 26 children with 13 boys and girls after 1 child was admitted from Moyale through the district children Officer. The children were friendly and calm to the management and staffs were harmonious with its environment. Hassan Gufu a HBC from Anona whose leg was amputated was enrolled back and provided with 2 pairs of school uniforms

## **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. progress new activities

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

Obbitu children provide residential services for 26 children, 13 girls and 13 boys. The oldest child is 17 years and youngest at 6 years. They have been provided with all the basic requirements and their needs. The services have been adequate, quality and satisfied their needs hence the children were healthy, active, playful. 75% of the children have entered their adolescence age of above 12 years, discovering their physical changes and development.

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

The children were separated by gender and also age this has given the children age and gender appropriate shelter. This has built their confidence, and respect for their right to privacy. the houses were in good state of repairs. the Kitchens and washroom were provided with new grass thatch roof. The latrines in the family house 3 was completed and in use by the older boys.

The beds are weak and loose which requires repairs and strengthening the joints by a skilled artisan. The children beddings and clothing's are in good state and clean. Most children are of age to maintain their personal cleanliness and hygiene.

## **1.2. FOOD AND NUTRITION**

Obbitu children are provided with 5 meals per day. The foods were balanced in diet and were varied according to taste and availability. Main foods provided included rice, beans stews, vegetables, ughali, githeri, chapatti, tea with Ajera as snacks for breakfast, meat twice per week and eggs occasionally. Fruits are provided occasionally. The food is adequate, quality and balanced diet and no case of underweight reported. Children have grown physically and developed mentally and emotionally.

## **1.3. HEALTH CARE**

There are essential first Aid drugs in Obbitu children, common ailments complained by children were all treated at Obbitu children home. Most complained received were head ache, stomach ache and cough. 4 children with frequent asthmatic attack have greatly improved and attack is not as frequent as previous period, we were able to manage this cases. No referral was made to Sololo hospital

## **1.4. EDUCATION**

The performance of Obbitu children was average, most children improved in their specific subject. The boys performed better than the girls. the children were provided with writing materials through the quarter. Fees were fully paid for Obbitu children and 9 others under reward for better performance. School uniforms was provided on individual needs. The challenge is that pieces of uniforms gate finished at different time for example the shirt or sweaters, trouser dresses etc.

## **1.5. CLOTHNG**

Obbitu children have adequate clothing, they were provided with home clothes as need arise and specific to individual child. The cost of clothing children was high with older children require about 3,500/= to be fully clothed from shoes, trouser and shirts. The girls in comparison over dress, meaning the number of pieces they require to dress well are many, therefore are more expensive. They also require fancy clothes and style with, we were able to provide them with clothes. Each child has his box of clothes well packed with clothes.

## **1.6. PROTECTION**

There are no abuses or discrimination among the children, the older children are free and open to the management on issues that affect them. All children have birth certificates except the child from Moyale. The security of the children was provided through watchmen; the compound has been safe on harmful activity has been observed.

Mothers union from CPK church and the Imam from Sololo Mosque visited Obbitu children and provided spiritual counseling for the children.

## 1.7. ENTERTAINMENT

The cinema shows were very active on Fridays and Saturdays, was operated by the older children both boys and girls. weekend afternoon was playing games like swing rope, sliding, blindfold game, eating competition, number search, and acrobatic competition. Other plays were competition was spelling completion, game balls and tug of war. Dancing was also played. The venue was at the playground shade.

## 1.8. ADOLESCENCE AND COUNSELING

Most of the children have attained the adolescence age of 12 years and above, they have discovering their physical development and changes. The oldest boy is 17 years and oldest girl is now 16 years. The adolescence behaviour is very evident as they react to their immediate environment and bullying each other and complain immediately. Attraction to opposite gender is being observed and confrontational language between them. The mother caregivers also complain for none cooperation from the older children. To manage adolescence behaviour all Sunday evening was set for a counseling session on morals and live skills teaching. Some of the topic includes understanding adolescences, HIV, obedience, respect. Academic performance and setting future dreams. it had amazing result of confidences, respect and opening up. Child participation in the involvement to solve dispute among the children and making them understand their mistakes. Consulting for their opinion for improvement of services in Obbitu children was also practiced. The children were satisfied with all the services provided in Obbitu children.

## 1.9. WATER



The main source of water remains roof catchment. The tanks are almost dry and unless it rains pretty soon we have to call for a water boozer for the children house. donkeys are used to fetch water from the pans for general cleaning.

## 2.0. COMPOUND



the compound is very dry; trees have shade of their leaves. The animals and donkeys' grazes on the compound sometimes.

The compound has been fenced with traditional fence of thorny tree branches, the lower side up to the green house is

completely fenced, the land behind the green house was also fenced on 2 lower sides

### 3.0 GREENHOUSE



The activities were good and the harvest was very impressive. Water for irrigation was adequate through pan 1 is now completely dry. Pan 2 is half full. Tomatoes did very well

Water in pan 2 has dropped, with very little water left. Hoping the rain will start soon. Otherwise the activities will likely stop

#### SUMMARY OF HARVEST

MONTHS	SALES
JULY	39,870
AUGUST	47,430
SEPTEMBER	11,990

The harvested greatly reduced in September mainly due to old plants and infection started in the tomatoes.

Purchase of seeds was 20,000/=

The salaries for 2 green house workers was budgeted from the green houses sales, a total of 60,000/= was paid for the quarter.

### HBC SERVICES PROVIDED

#### 1. CHILDREN AND FAMILY NEEDS

MONTHS	ACTIVITY	Quantity	No children	No Families
July	Mattress	5		5
	blankets	10		10
	Mosquito nets	18		18
	School uniforms	6	6	
	Home clothes	12	12	
August	mattresses	4		4
	Home clothes	17	17	
	20 lit. Jerkens	2		2
	School uniforms	1	1	

#### 2. EDUCATION

Schools fess was paid on quarterly basis for 9 children transferred to academies for reward scheme. Their performance is good and encouraging. school uniforms were provided on needs

base as finding during home visits. School stationaries was not yet distributed but procurement have started

### 3. FOOD AND NUTRITION



NO	FOOD ITEMS	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1	Maize	30 kg X 3 months	90 kg
2	Beans	10kgX3	30 kg
3	Sugar	1kgX3	3kg
4	Cooking oil	1litre X3	3 litres
5	tealeaves	2 pktsX3	6pkts
6	salt	1pkts x3	3 PKTS
7	Bar soap	1 barx3	3 BARS

### 6. HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

The objective was to make follow up on general health status and nutritional status of OVC general in the program as an indicator of quality services provision. This was a monthly activity for targeted number of children. During the quarter, Ramata 1, Ramata 2 and Madoadi/wayegoda was visited. General health assessment and nutritional assessment was done for children.

MONTH	CHILDRN TARGET	NO. SEEN	NO. NOT SEEN	NO. MALNOURISHED	% OF COVERAGE
July	42	30	12		71%
August	68	41	27		60%
September	49	25	24	1	50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	159	96	63	1	60%

### HEALTH CARE SERVICE

NHIF outpatient services have started at Sololo mission hospital, our OVC have started benefiting from the outpatient services. Virial load for the HIV positive children was done which indicated very high number. Either there is poor adherence or the regimen of ARV could not

control the virus. Hussein Guaracha's health deteriorated after even completing TB treatment, his body weight has drastically dropped to 23 kg. the management plan to increase the amount of food voucher from 2,000 to 3,550/=

## 7. LEGAL PROTECTION



14 Birth certificates were processed during the quarter under review, the number of OVC without birth certificates have reduces 22 children. We shall continue agitating the caregivers to bring to us the signed application forms for processing the birth certificate

## 8. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISITS

Home visit was the routine collection of child and family information by which children's needs were identified and provided.

<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>
July	42	16	42	0		<b>100%</b>
August	51	21	51	0		<b>100%</b>
September	68	22	68	0		<b>100%</b>

## 9. FOOD VOUCHER

Supplementary food voucher is an additional food on top of the HBC monthly food ration. 23 families receive food voucher. The food is meant improve the nutritional status of children underweight or provide extra food which is not available in the households

## 10. MAINTENANCE

### BUILDING



Bat removed from the fathers house through removing the ceiling nets and clearing the bats Thatching of kitchen roofs and washrooms were done with fresh grass, this has given the kitchen , the fireplace was repaired to improve cleanliness and consumption reduced firewood's

## **MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE**

The main generator has been serviced by Kalili based on the last agreement that he should complete his previous agreement. This has not been the case with the other small generators, the Guest house generator is still not completed

The 2 Yamaha motor cycle and the Haojin are currently being repaired by the mechanic from Marsabit. He is better than the one from Uran.



We are negotiating with Kalili to consider to carry maintenance for us on request and he can charge u for the services. The challenges were the same about time. Bu still we understand him better for the quality instead of introducing a new person and trying out.

## **CATTLE AND DONKEYS**



We have 6 cattle, they are healthy and fat,3 of them have conceived of which 2 may deliver in by November. Pasture for cows has finished, even long distances are there are no grass. The pasture farm we hired is finished. We also have 5 donkeys which help us to transport water from the pans now when outranks are dry

### **1. STAFF SUPPORT**

The employees worked in harmony amongst themselves and us the management. We conducted our staffs meeting where we discussed to adhere and follow the rules and regulations on time, Adult food was discussed that tea break is for all staff so the compound and that breakfast was only for the those who report at 6.00pm.

The day watch men to draw water with donkeys and clean the compound and carryout minor maintenance of building and to assist skilled fundi when hired. The watchmen work is flexible depending on the demand of work at that specific time.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND COMPUTERS



16 children were enrolled into the computer class. The learning started in late August. They use the old laptops which were refurbished. The new lap tops were not used are intact. The learners now come over weekends to learn computer skills. They are happy and exited

**BY GUFU GUYO**

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

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## PICTURE GALLERY



**Abdi providing school uniforms and Bag for Hassan**



**Abdi training learners on computer skills at Obbitu children home**



**Boniface with mother care takers**



Green house activities showing nursery and level of water in Pan 2/