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3RD QUARTER JULY – SEPTEMBER REPORT

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT.

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INTRODUCTION

Third quarter experienced dry spell with fear of prolonged drought. The pastoral community was hit by shortage of food, water and pasture. The government has declared the drought a national disaster. OVC Sololo project went on smoothly without any hindrance. This quarter project supported 97 with a 290 OVC children. Services provided were payment of secondary school fees, provision of household needs, school stationeries and welfare program assistance.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER

1. Obbitu children home services, welfare and maintenances
2. HBC family needs
3. Health assessment activities
4. Green house activities
5. Social welfare beneficiaries
6. Coordination and collaboration with GOK and stakeholders

1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

21 children reside in obbitu children, 11 girls and 9 boys. 2 girls are secondary students. The children live under a conducive atmosphere accessing all basic needs. They grew physically and developed emotionally and psychologically.

CHILDREN HOUSES

The 3 houses were in good state repairs. Floor chipped and hairy cracks still existed. Dining tables were worn out due to advance wet weather and it begs for renewal. Bats menace was controlled. Lighting was adequate and

1.1. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Obbitu children home had enough foods , they eat 4 – 5 times per day. The foods was well balanced and varied . children uses time table to vary food on weekly basis. The quantity and quality was adequate. Foods available were rice, maize and flour, wheat flour, pasta, beans, porridge, milk, meat, vegetables and fruits.

1.2. HEALTH CARE

No major illness reported during this quarter. Worms and URTI was most common complain. Treatment was done at obbitu first aid dispensary. Chanasa has completely cured and not taken for follow up during the quarter

1.3. EDUCATION

All obbitu children attend school at all levels. This quarter we had 2 secondary students residing in Obbitu children. Learning was interrupted by outbreak of Covid 19. The first term of 2021

began in August – October while 2nd term began in October to December. Few children performed very well but majority performed average.

| Class /grade | Boys | Girls | Total |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|
| Nursery level | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Grade 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Grade 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Grade 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grade 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grade 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Class 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Class 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Class 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Secondary | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 9 | 11 | 20 |

There is more space to admit 4 more children

1.4. CLOTHING

Obbitu children were provided with new home clothes this quarter and they have adequate clothes to change.

1.5. CARE AND PROTECTION



There was discrimination or any form of abuses among the children, the relationship between adults and the children were very good. The children were treated equally without any biases

1.6. ENTERTAINMENT

Children have various games they play, indoor games like snake and ladder, ludo and spelling completion were played over weekends. Football was punctured. The children also play marbles and bottle tops they brought from outside. TV shows were watched from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon,

1.7. WATER

Water has become scarce in obbitu children home. Water tanks have been exhausted one after the other. All the 19 tanks are functioning but water consumption was high. Currently there is water shortage in obbitu children home. Have drought advances and rain fails we shall soon need water boozers to replenish children tanks.

1.8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES



Bats control by filling spaces between roof and walls, roofs and trusses, ventilation vents. Sewage waste pipe for guest house was repaired,



2.0. ELETRICITY

Solar panels were all working, in children house, father's house, Abdi's office and guest house. The generator is not yet repaired due to lack of good mechanic. The battery of the guest house generator was dead; the generator in father's house was working well. Water pump was working well but needs refreshment id good mechanic will be available in Sololo. The workshop genset not repaired due to lack of good mechanic,

The connection of obbitu children to the public power supply was in progress. They visited us and picked the coordinates and also distance from the nearest transformer. Their last communication was at design and approval stage. We cannot be certain when it will be realized.

3.0. COMPOUND

Bush encroachment was on a large scale, bush clearing was done all round and nearby the children houses along the roads leading to the green house.



Cleaning by children was done every Sunday morning.

4.0. ANIMALS



11 cows were on the compound .we having sold 8 of them and remain with 3 including the bull. We shall continue to sell if traders come by. All our cows were bought by staffs at a friendly cost. The new owners have not taken the cows due to poor vegetation cover outside. But soon they will remove from Obbitu

5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT



Greenhouse activities greatly reduced due to high temperatures and little water. Soil was also depleted of minerals, pests and infections. Beekeeping improvised 11 beehives have bee colonies. We were able to harvest from 10 beehives.



Below table shows the harvest of various vegetables during the quarter under review

| NO | VEGETABLES | QUANTITY | Used in obbitu kitchen | Sold | Unit cost | Total Cost |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Sukuma wiki | 320 bundles | 74 | 246 | 10 | 2460 |
| 2 | Spinach | 330 | 13 | 317 | 20 | 6,340 |
| 3 | pawpaw | 27 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Tomatoes | 240 | 40 | 200 | 50 | 10,000 |
| 6 | Honey | 131.5kg | 0 | 131.5kg | 1000 | 131,500 |
| 7 | Onions | 19kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Total sales | | 150,300 |

TRANSPORT



Mzeekobe was back on the road and has started to transport children to school during lunch time. The motorcycle was also in good state of repair . it has assisted abdi to do homes vists effectivel and also it takes nursery student to and from school every day

2.0. HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM



OVC Sololo project is mainly about serving OVC at home care. The program provides support for 97 households. Family needs were identified through home visits and needs entered in the database and then requested through

monthly budget. The following services were provided this quarter under review

The picture displays home clothes provided for HBC children

1. Home clothes - 98
2. 20 litre jenkins -24
3. Nutritional supplement porridge – 3kg
4. Shelter repair – 6
5. Mattresses – 24
6. 1 pit latrine constructed.

2.1 HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The food ration was provided monthly, the beneficiaries received food based on the number of children in the home. The first category was homes with 1 – 3 children and second was homes with 4 children and above. Food ration has improved the nutritional and social wellbeing of the families. Children have grown and developed well. Few children were underweight and only 2 children were malnourished.

2.2 HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Health and nutritional assessment is a monitoring tool to assess the impact of food distributed to families and also to identify malnourished cases for further management. The monthly activity was conducted at home or school. It entails, weight and height taking, upper arm circumference and calculating the BMI.

Below tables shows the number of children assessed during this quarter

| MONTH | No. children seen |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| July | 49 |
| August | 50 |
| September | 62 |
| | |
| TOTAL | 161 |

The numbers of children who received nutritional assessments were 161. The numbers of underweight were 34 which translate to 21%. 1 case of malnourished was reported and translates to 0.6%. The family was visited and nutritional porridge was provided.

14 children complained of various Infections cases reported during health assessment

1. URTI
2. Diarrhoea
3. Conjunctivitis –
4. Chicken pox

2.2. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISIT

| MONTHS | TARGET OVC HH | NO HH visited | NO. Of Children seen | Not seen |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| July | 12 | 12 | 34 | 0 |
| August | 11 | 11 | 31 | 0 |
| September | 14 | 14 | 50 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 37 | 37 | 115 | 0 |

EDUCATION



The program supports 68 students in high school. Secondary School fees for 29 children paid to different schools. The cheques were distributed by the staffs. Many did not bring their documents and were left out. 1 student changed school and her fees was transferred to another student. One more student dropped out of school. 2 secondary students were accommodated at Obbitu children home

Due to Covid 19 containment measures school calendar was changed and this report covers the first term of the year.

WELL FARE PROGRAM



welfare program beneficiaries were provided with assorted items called the senior kit. The cash transfer was equalized to KShs 3000 each.

GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING

According to our last communication the Obbitu license is ready but it has not yet been dispatched from Nairobi to Marsabit county children office. It can only be collected from Marsabit.

We are still following up on electricity connectivity from public power supply to Obbitu

GUFU GUYO – PROGRAM COORDINATOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gufu Guyo'.

