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CHILDREN FIRST

Children service is our responsibility

Quarterly summary activity report July- December 2022.

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT.

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INTRODUCTION

This has been the worst year in sololo, 4 consecutives rain season failed causing water and pasture shortage. This resulted in mass death of livestock making pastoralist poorer and dependent on GOK food relief. This drought has been reported waste worst drought in 40 years.

Sololo project has been able to provide intervention in Hay provision to HBC families who had few cows; due to lack of continuity it did not help overcome the extreme hunger. Food relief, water trucking and provision of PUR were done for HBC families for 3 months.

Sololo project was able to continue with its routine services to the children and their families. The number of children who were assessed for nutrition was 300 children.

Obbitu children home provide residential services for 22 children 12 boys and 10 girls.

The green house has been dormant for some period due to lack of water in the pans. Obbitu children were able to get vegetable like sukuma and spinach despite the failed rainy season.

Honey production was reduced with a total of 83 kg of honey harvested.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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

1. OBBITU CHILDREN HOME

	Previous no	current	exited	Reason of exit
Boys	12	10	2	Joining junior secondary school to be transferred to student program Adolescence behavior
Girls	12	9	3	Relocated to family in sololo and mado adi, and completed class 8. To be added to student program

Obbitu children home validly registered and supervised by the department of children services Moyale office. Children are admitted into obbitu in consultation with the children officer moyale. The children are provided with quality care and protection. The children were not released for holiday in the cuase of te year due to drought and shortage of food at home. This December children were released for holidays to their relatives for 3 weeks.

New admission of 4 boys were made 2 of them are from HBC families while the other 2 were children from Harmful and harsh environment . Barak stays with very elderly grandmother but has a father who has a mental disorder while the mother's where about is not known. The second is Halake who is a total orphan and lived with an aunt with large family and poor.

Exit

G. S. was exited due to bad influence and adolescene ce beahiour not in conformity in Obbitu children. Further he will join junior secondary school

A. B. – after his brother was admitted is like they gang against other peers in obbitu and school. He also joining junior secondary school and has negative peer influence from then school.

Services provided include

Nutritional – children were well feed and there were underweight but no case of malnutrition

Home cloth – children were provided with new cloth 2 times this year. Other was provided on need base.

Children Houses

The houses were in good state of repairs. The floor is chipped with hairy cracks and craves its clean. There was bedbug menace in the girls' house and pesticides were being sprayed to control it. The beds are firm and each child has own beds and adequate beddings. They all have mosquito nets

1.1. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Obbitu cildren had adequate, balance diet and variety of foods available to them. Thye have 4-5 meals. Vegetables were harvested from green house , when the drought was extreme andater was finished even from the tanks vegetables werebougth from town, mostly cabbages ad fruitslike mangoes. Children av eincreased in body weight and height . they develop botmentally and emotionally.

1.2. HEALTH CARE

Obbitu children were well and fine. There was no serious illness reported. Common complains reported by children were worms, cough, ringworm, head ache. All cases were managed with drugs in the obbitu dispensary.

1.3. EDUCATION

Class /grade	Boys	Girls	Total
underage	3	0	3
Nursery level	1	2	3
Grade 1	1	0	0
Grade 2	1	1	2
Grade 3	3	3	6
Grade 4	0	0	0
Grade 5	0	0	0
Class 6	1	2	3
Class 7	0	1	1
Class 8	0	0	0
Secondary	0	1	1
TOTAL	10	10	20

One secondary school girl exited own her own request to stay with family relative- still continuing with school

1 class 8 exited on completion of primary level

2 grades 6 exited to join junior secondary school at Sololo primary

1.4. LOTHNG

Obbitu chidren have adequate home clothes and personal effects. They were bought new clothes 2 times. Other were provided on individual, needs basis

New admission provided with a metal box and personal effects

1.5. . CARE AND PROTECTION

Children wellness is well observed, equally treated. were 4 security personnel on the compound. Children were advised one on one and also communally every month. Children pick peer influenced behavior adolescence negative behaviour was observed among both girls and boys. Especially attraction to opposite sex, children now are active age between 13 – 17 years posed risk of indulging unprotected sex and may be become pregnant while residing in Obbitu children home. The earlier they are exited the safe and good reputation for the home.

1.6. ENTERTAINMENT

The children watch television, playing playground, playing with tyres. Indoor games like forming partners

1.7. WATER

Due to the current drought water was exhausted from all the storage tanks. 4 water boozers were drawn for the children. 2 water boozer for the HBC beneficiaries and the staff and 1 water boozer for the guest house.

Little was harvested from the roofs into the tanks. Cleaning of 6 tanks was done due to baboon's contamination, foul odour and colouration. Obbitu children have maintained general cleanliness and personal hygiene.

1.8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVTIES

This was a routine monthly activity mostly done by the local skill available on the compound. In instance external skilled person was hired.

1. Fathers house – coffee wire was fixed on windows to protect from bats
2. Guest house – coffee wire, pipes repair in the washrooms, sealing of holes in the roofs and PV over windows to protect from rats, bats and snakes.
3. Children house – fixing the ceiling nets to control the bats
4. Gutters- replacement of broken gutters, down pipe, laying it back to the roofs after boons damages and wind blowing
5. Repair and maintenance of father house generator
6. Repairs of drains, terrace for controlling soil erosion,
7. Repair of main gate, washrooms door of children house and obbitu farming letters.
8. General maintenance of compound by the children during weekends
9. Repair of taps of the tanks
10. Replacement of worn out plastic waste bins on the compound

2.0. ELETRICITY

Obbitu children are dependents on solar light, 6 batteries were both and replaced at Abdis office, fathers house, children houses and guest house.

The guest house generator is in good state and operational but the workshop generator is still not functional. The main generator was abandoned with faults not yet identified

The public power connectivity is still in progress though the level of approval and how soon we shall be connected is not understood.

3.0. COMPOUND

The compound has lost the vegetation cover due to the drought. We shared the forages with staffs that have cows.

Bush clearing was done between workshops, behind the playground and toward the road leading to the greenhouse. The compound is clean. Many indigenous trees dried up shaded leaves. The children maintained the white stones along the roads in obbitu

The waste bin strategically placed on the compound are available and in use.

4.0. ANIMALS

Obbitu has 1 fat. Bull, we hav eagreed to sale if we get good price. There is now buyer upto now. The bull as not lost its body size

5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT

The green house has been idel for some months due to shortage of water in the pans an dthe tanks. Currently there were light raain swhere we harvested little water in the pan 2 ,pan 3 an dpan 1. W epumped pan 3 wate rinto pan 2. The tanks hav ealso sonme water but not full.

We have revived the greenhouses . all the 4 greenhouse has vegetable son them. Sukuma and spenach. We shall harvst the vegetable si 1 weeks from now.

Beekeeping is ow we have 10 bee colonies. We wer ableto harvest 83.25kg during the year. Thed rought has affected then honey production and movement of bees to start a new colonies in the green house.

NO	VEGETABLES	QUANTITY	Used in obbitu kitchen	Sold	Unit cost	Total Cost
1	Sukuma wiki	250	98	152	10	1520
2	Spinach	159	45	114	20	1140
3	Onions	55	5	50		
4	pawpaw	15	15	0	0	0
	Honey	71.25kg		71.25kg	1000	71,250

TRANSPORT

Mzee kobe and the motorcycle provided transport for activties. Mzee kobe assisted children to return to school after lunch. Also collect manure for the green house and local transport of good and services from town to obbitu or food store.

2.0. HOME BASED CARE PROGRAM

No of families	Children	Secondary school and colleges	NHIF	Health assessments
101	302	72	104	302

Families exited – 4

New admission this quarter - 4

Services provided includes

1. Solar kits provided---------- 9
2. Home clothe for the children---------- 168
3. School uniforms ---------- 206
4. 20 litre jerkens provided ---------- 438
5. Bucket provided ---------- 109
6. Water storage 100litre ---------- 25
7. IGA support for small business:
    a. 2 families supported with fund to boost their small scale business.@ 40,000.
8. Shelter repair ---------- 8
9. Kit casa ---------- 25
10. Mattress ---------- 6
11. Blankets ---------- 176
12. Beds ---------- 10
13.

2.1 HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

OVC Sololo project has registered 101 families who routinely provided monthly food ration. The families come for distribution in the second week of the month on a date arranged and sensitized to them. The food has gone a long way saving lives reducing malnutrition during this period of famine

experienced in Kenya.

Relief food was provided 10kg of maize meal, 1 litre of cooking oil and Water Purifying PUR

S/ No	Items descriptions	Family with 1 – 3 children	Families with 4 children and above
1	Maize	18kg	24kg
2	Beans	5kg	7kg
3	Cooking oil	1litre	1 litre
4	Sugar	1kg	1kg
5	Tea leaves	2pkts	2pkts
6	Salt	500g	500g
7	Bar soap	1 barsoap	1 barsoap

Despite the drought the was no case of malnutrition reported

2.2 HEALTH CARE AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Health assessment monitors nutritional status of children in the program 2 times each year. This quarter a total of 135 children were assessed. The number of underweight for this quarter was== while malnutrition cases were 2. There was no major illness reported during the period under review.

The table below summarizes the number of children reach on monthly basis.

78 children were underweight
6 children were malnourished
Action taken

1. 2 children admitted to admitted to obbitu children home
2. 78 children referred to supplementary feeding program at health facilities through Paul Guyo. Follow up by Paul.

MONTH	**No. children seen**
July	55
August	49
September	49
October	54
November	76
TOTAL	**283**

Common illnesses reported during health assessments

- Fungal infections -------- 7
- Respiratory infections -- 9
- Common cold ----------10
- Epilepsy ----------1

2.2. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISIT

Homes visits was the main approach to identifying needs of families enrolled in OVC Sololo project. The needs identified was provided in subsequent months. Below were homes visited and services provided.

MONTHS	TARGET OVC HH	NO HH visited	NO. Of Children seen	Not seen
September	14	14	42	0
October	21	21	65	0
November	43	43	123	0
TOTAL	78	78	230	0

Education

The number of children who complete class 8 and plan to join form 1 in 2023 -------22

The children completing grade 6 and plan to join grade 7 in 2023 ----------28

We are yet to learn the requirement of this cadre of learners.

Children in secondary school currently ---------- 67

In university ---------- 2

Mid level colleges ---------- 3

The OVC sololo supported secondary and university fees. There 3 school drop out where 1 girl from family 018 was married. Only 50% of students bring their reprot forms while others delay with the forms hinderig monitoing the progress and planning.

WELL FARE PROGRAM

The number of elderly beneficiaries are --- 28

New admission are----------2

Those benefiting from NHIF are ----------12

Seniot kit provided ----------2

Major complain of the elderly were low vision, arthritis, chest pain. The cash transfer has greatly impacted on their health and nutrition which improved access to health care and quality of life lived.

GOK COORDINATION AND MONITORING

The department of children service has been very supportive in terms of admission of new children and access to birth certificate for 1 child.

Department of health donated 20 litre jerkens and buckets for HBC families and the elderly.

The office of sub county commissioner includes the organization in the stakeholders' forums. The area chiefs are members of the OVC management committee

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