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Quarterly REPORT JANUARY – JUNE 2023

OVC SOLOLO PROJECT.

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INTRODUCTION

The first quarter of 2023 was a continuation of the severe prolonged drought. It was a devastating drought where livestock and livelihood was killed. Water shortage was seriously experienced after all sources had dried up, except for boreholes. Water was the most precious commodity sort by the community. The high demand shot the cost of 20 litre to 50kshs.

CIPAD Sololo project responded to the emergency through supply of water to households and extra food distribution for the HBC families. Purchase of Hay'

Health assessment showed loss of body weight. But there was no serious malnutrition observed among the children in home based care.

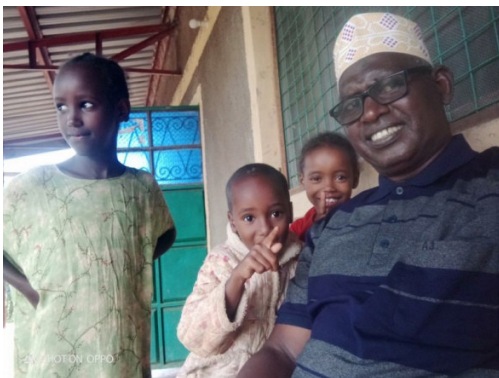
The first rained was received on 16th and 17^t of March 2023 and the vegetation started to change from bare ground to sprouting of green leaves, the journey of recovery began. Hope was restored. Crop farming was started in a small scale in residential plots.

Obbitu farming units pans were refilled and activities in the green houses open fields started

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



Obbitu children home have 3 residential houses; each house has a compound with a separate sanitation blocks. The number of children accommodated is currently 21

	Previous no	current	Admission	exit
Boys	10	11	4	3
Girls	11	10	2	3

4 new admissions were done through the department of children and the court. 2 cases were identified by CIPAD and requested admission they are both orphans and vulnerable. The children live in 2 houses. The houses are in good condition despite requiring minor repairs. The aspect of the floors and veranda have crack which needs to be redone with cement knell and red paint.

The walls are clean; the windows panes are broken in 1 house. Bats have been controlled. The roofs have faded the blue paints due to ageing and heat from the sun.

The kitchens have high coat of black smoke soot. The roof thatch have worn out and getting finished. Wash rooms are in good condition and well use.

Beds are in good state of repairs, beddings like mattress and blanket have been provided for the children. The bed sheet have worn out .and only very few and older children have bed sheets

1.1. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Provision of nutrition is a primay rught of each child. Due to the prolonged drought the cost of commodities sky rocketed. The death of livestock cows, camels and goats redcued the supply of milk. The droifght dried our our water pans making it impossible to grow greens vegetables. Despite all the above challenges the was enough food for the children, they eat to their fill. An din good ration of carbohydrates and proteins. Children were provided with 4 – 5 meals per day. There was slight drop in body weight durong holiday permission but , they soon regained back in obbitu.cabbages and potaoted wer bought from down kenya to supplemnt vitamins.

1.2. HEALTH CARE

There was no disease outbreak among children. Common complain were frequent **attack of** cough which was managed at obbitu children dispensary. 3 children were referred to health facilities. 2 of them expense were paid through NHIF. 1 boy who was admitted into obbitu temporary due to court case of the mother suffered from scrotal hernia, surgical procedure was performed and the operation was successful. He was exited for mangment at home by the mother.

Most common illness complain from the children were respiratory infections, Ringworms and gastroenteritis.

We have 1 case of who is under ARV, there is defaulting of treatment due to continued stigma. It has been a challenge for us to support her reduces the stigma.



1.3. EDUCATION

Class /grade	Boys	Girls	Total
underage	0	1	1
Nursery level	4	2	6
Grade 1	2	1	3
Grade 2	1	0	1
Grade 3	0	1	1
Grade 4	4	2	6
Grade 5	0	0	0
Class 6	0	1	1
Class 7	0	0	0
Class 8	0	1	1
Secondary	0	1	1
TOTAL	11	10	21

Children learning levels was not impressive. There was teaching problem in public schools. May be over enrollment of class or teacher contact with learners is a problem. Obbitu library is still very active where children borrow on monthly basis Students were provided with learning material and school uniforms

1.4. CLOTHING

Obbitu children have adequate home clothes and personal effects. They were bought new clothes 2 times. Each child received a pair of dresses for the girls bikers, tops, skin tight trousers and pants, the boys received shirts, trousers, vests and pants Other items were provided on individual needs basis like a pair shoes New admission provided with a metal box and personal effects like blankets and Mattresses

1.5. CARE AND PROTECTION



Children wellness is well observed, equally treated. Children were protected by 4 security personnel on the compound. Children were advised one on one and also communally every month. Children pick



peer influenced behavior adolescence negative behavior 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

Obbitu children enjoy different forms of entertainments in the filed like pitch, swings sliding and climbing. They play and learn word games like spellers, scrabble, pattern formation and watching television. The cold and cloudy weather interrupted solar battery charging and therefore lacked power for TV watching.

1.7. WATER

The last drought affected water availability in obbitu and the community at large. Obbitu depended on water trucking by water bowsers. Obbitu children received total of 8 trips of water was delivered in obbitu children home. 4 trips were also received in obbitu to provide water for HBC families. Obbitu children were safe from disease attributed outbreak due to lack of water. Since the rain started in last March there has been adequate water on the compound from various tanks harvesting water from the roofs.

1.8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES



Maintenance was a daily activity done as minor maintenance. It was carried out as it occurs and observed. The children houses ceiling was repaired, the toilet floor which developed a hole were closed with concrete and cement. Solar Batteries for children houses and father's house were replaced. Clearing bushes on the compound was done after the rains. Repair of gutters and draw pipes was also

done. All the activities local skills were used. In the green house pan 3 was repaired after animals fell in it, padlocks was provided for pans to protect from accidental fall in. beehives damaged by honey burger and mongoose were repaired. Water pipes 2 inches 1 roll of 30 metre was purchased for greenhouse to pump water from the pan to the elevated irrigation tanks.

The land rover is not yet repaired due to lack of competent mechanic in Sololo since Kalili was mostly absent in Nanyuki. Children were assisted by my car or the bikes doing 2 trips to nursery school.

Children kitchen and washrooms roofs were thatched with fresh grasses from the green houses. All the 3 houses were thatched

2.0. ELETRICITY

Obbitu still depends on solar lighting, he cloudy weather hindered sun rays to charge the batteries. All the houses have functional batteries despite the cold and cloudy weather. The hope for public power connectivity did not die and we are expecting one day to be connected

3.0. COMPOUND

The compound lost all vegetation cover, the trees dried and broken some fell down. After the rains the grass grew, weeds and shrub bushes grew. All were cleared to make it safe from scrawling snakes and make the compound more friendly and clean environment.

The dust bins stand were broken some due to ants. It was repaired and functions. Waste management was done through general cleaning on all Sundays where the children collect waste papers, metallic waste cans and plastic bottles. Wastes were taken to disposal pits and burnt.

4.0. ANIMALS

During the drought obbitu children had only 1 bull. After the rains 4 female cows were bought and added to the compound. Currently obbitu has 5 cows. The aim of purchase was to breed them and also to be in touch with the borana culture of pastoralism. There is a plan to sell the bull and replace with a younger bull for breeding. Good price was not offered yet.

We have agreed to sell if we get good price. There is now a buyer up to now. The bull has not lost its body size and weighs approximately 350kg



5.0. OBBITU FARMING UNIT

After the rainy season the greenhouse activities came back to life. Land preparation, tilling the farm. The greenhouses were prepared planting rows were done and nursery beds were started in greenhouse to protect from floods and rains. The open fields were prepared and ready for planting. The farm area



was tilled using casual labours where beans, green gram and peas were planted. Water channels were clean of all obstacles hence water was harvested in all pan 1, 2, and 3.

In 2 greenhouses tomatoes were planted and in the other 2 spinach was planted. In the open fields kales or Sukuma wiki was planted. Pumpkins and watermelons were planted too, the output was not good due to attack from squirrels maize was poor due to poor quality seeds and poor soil.

Harvesting of spinach, sukuma and tomatoes was started in May and showed good income, from the open farm the legumes harvests have sustained the children's kitchen from late May to June. This has cut the cost of purchase of beans and meat. Reducing the overall expenditure of obbitu children's home. Our colonies reduced from 11 to 6



currently. There is no movement of bees swam around. In this quarters under review we harvested 8kg of honey only.

NO	VEGETABLES	QUANTITY	Used in obbitu kitchen	Sold	Unit cost	Total Cost
1	Sukuma wiki	693	156	537	10	5,370
2	Spinach	715	131	584	20	11,680
3	Honey	8	0	8	1000	8,000
4	tomatoes	583kg	63	520	50	26,000
5	Beans	25kg	50kg	0	0	0
6	Green gram	18kg	20kg	0	0	0
7	Cow peas	22kg	25kg	0	0	0
					Total kshs	51,050

TRANSPORT

The main transport available was the motorbike. It is solely used by Abdi for field work. Mzee kobe is still not repaired. The only functional workshop is Sololo Hospital and John Kalili has been absent. Recently involved in an accident and has not reported back. There is no alternative mechanic as good to be used.

My small car has been supportive during taking children to school and back. Also to sell tomatoes in town and hospital. Abduba motorbike also assist in procuring goods for obbitu children home. Gufu duba to support in selling of vegetables to the market. This was purely voluntary at their own cost of fuel.

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-----2
2. Home clothes for the children----- 45
3. School uniforms ----- 5
4. Shelter repair - 2 provided 1 door, 2 windows, 10 bags of cements
5. School stationeries – 200 children benefited
6. Payment of Secondary and colleges fees – 53 students

2.1 HBC FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Monthly food distribution aims to improve nutritional status of the children registered in OVC Sololo project. The project served 100 families up to July 2023. 3 families were exited as from August. 282 children in primary school and below benefitted from the monthly food ration. Despite the drought and floods there was no case of severe malnutrition except underweight where there was 55 children were reported. Therefore the nutritional support had a positive impact on the families who are in the program. No malnutrition case

reported and no death reported among the beneficiaries. Extra 49 families were provided with food to save life. Due to extreme drought additional food was distributed for HBC and other 49 needy families

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

HEALTH CARE AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT:



Health assessment was a monitoring tool for nutritional support provided for the OVC children. This activity was carried out 2 times per child per year. It's also a follow up assessment for children who were underweight or malnourished. Further it's a health assessment where any signs and symptoms of diseases are observed, reported and checked.

During the drought chronic illness patient were identified and treated in Golole dispensary, wayegoda, madoadi, damballafachana and Ramata. The photos shows patient being attended by Paul at Mado Adi dispensary

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

MONTH	No. children seen
January	62
February	62
March	39
April	53
May	91
June	0
TOTAL	307

Some cases were repeated assessment this the number exceed the target children.

2 children were absent – they relocated to Nairobi child no. 0542 and 0321

55 children were underweight – not significant

3 children were malnourished

Common diseases treated

1. URTI – 8
2. Fungal infections – 2
3. Wounds – 1

1.2. MONTHLY OVC HOME VISIT

Home visit was the core activity of the OVC Sololo project. It entailed visiting all beneficiaries' families to understand the social status of the households. Identifying of the needs and reported through a database. The database helps in sharing information with donors and also approval of funds to be provided for needs identified. Pictorial evidence of child visited was taken and shared along with the database. This was a routine monthly activity.

Below are the number of households visited during the half year activity.

MONTHS	TARGET OVC HH	NO HH visited	NO. Of Children seen
January	17	17	45
February	15	15	46
March	13	34	34
April	17	17	61

May	32	32	91
June	0	0	0
Total	94	94	277

EDUCATION

The program support access to education

In primary and nursery level the program supported 200 children.

In secondary school level the program supported

Level of education	No of children supported	
Form 1	14	
Form 2	25	
Form 3	13	
Form 4	12	
TVETS	1	
Colleges	3	
University	2	
TOTAL	70	

Other level of education support

Level of education	Continuous support	One time support
University education	1	1
Secondary level	1	2
Primary	2	1

This was a big contribution to improve the social economic standards of the community . Sololo OVC program has not dropped any child from payment of school fees unless the child her/him self dropped out of school at their own wish. The payment of fees per child was the highest among the other development partners. We paid 17,000 for day scholars and minimum of 20,000 for secondary students while for university we paid a minimum of ksh 50,000 per year.



WELL FARE PROGRAM

The number of elderly persons supported through cash transfers is 26. Most of them are very old and ailing. They suffer from different forms of disability from blindness, legs failing them due to arthritis. 3 elderly were provided clothes and household's items. The cash transfer has improved the quality of life lived by the elderly. 11 of the elderly were registered

with NHIF medical cover and were able to access quality health care when they fall ill. Some of them also were registered under the GOK sponsored NHIF program

GOK COORDINATION, MONITORING AND COLLABORATION



The department of children is the greatest stakeholder and collaborator. Review and extension of court order for lawful custodian of Boni Muchuki for 3 years.

There was no monitoring visit to obbitu children home. The department readmitted 2 children from Moyale in Obbitu children home. Waqo Abdikadi and Nasibo Abdikadir whose mother was arrested and remanded for over 1 month, the 2 children were taken from the mother and temporary custodian was given to Obbitu children

home

SND a local organization based in Moyale provided foods staffs and counseling for the children. There is objective to establish partnership with Obbitu children home.



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