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**ACTIVITIES PROGRESS REPORT**

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## **FOREWORD**

Thanks to God Almighty for His sufficient Grace that has seen us through this second quarter of the year (2016). Our sincere gratitude goes to our donors; German Regional Scouts Association, B.d.P and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V for the financial support that has enabled us implement all our activities. We also thank our Board of Directors (members) for their contribution, support and involvement in overseeing the planning and implementation of all our activities.

Our appreciation also goes to our members of staff (Berlyne Ndolo, Eva Andia, Mary Amonde, Nicholas Odhiambo and Christine Onyango) for their commitment and hard work in their various fields of responsibilities.

We also thank our other partners like Kisumu East Sub County Children Office and all organizations working with children- under Area Advisory Council, Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Office, International Centre of Insects Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), East Africa Child Rights Network, Local Administration Offices (Chief, Assistant Chiefs and village elders) for their support in working together with us.

We acknowledge our beneficiaries' schools; school committees, children, teachers, parents/guardians and Korando beneficiaries' groups (Agriculture Project) for their support in implementation of all our activities. Thank you all and May God Bless you.

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our activities implementation in this quarter was guided by April- June 2016 Work plan and Budget approved by Board of Directors. However, our activities were partly affected by demonstrations (between April- June) to protest against Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commissioners demanding their removal from office. In Manyatta Arab Primary School our adolescent mentorship activities for both boys and girls was also affected by changes in school timetable. That is they extended learning time for the pupils (8.00a.m to 4.100 p.m) the children were hence exhausted to consistently continue with our sessions after their classes.

We did feed more than 2000 children from Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Kudho, Olago and Serawongo Primary schools on nutritious porridge. According to the teachers feeding program ensured reduced absenteeism, improved class participation and hence performance. The Board of Directors did resolved in their past quarter meetings to phase out feeding program in Olago and Serawongo Primary Schools to achieve cost effectiveness in implementation of our activities through consolidation of our merger resources.

Children in our partner schools continued to suffer from low self esteem and missed school due to lack of school uniforms. We therefore identified, took measurements and engaged a tailor (Victor Onyango) in sewing for 70 children school uniforms from Kudho, Ogango and Kodiaga Primary Schools. We hope to deliver the school uniforms to 70 children by August 2016.

Our beneficiaries groups in Korando (Korando A, B1, B2, C and D) continued to meet and collected money for purchasing drugs for spraying and deworming both project and individual goats. The goats are in good health since they are protected from disease infections related to poor care and worms. Through partnership with International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Office, Kenya Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises ( USAID funded projects), we procured and distributed seeds of desmodium, molato grass, potato vines, lucern seeds, rhodes grass and NPK fertilizers for production of fodder crops. We also procured a toggenburg buck (Mitsch Mandela) to Korando A beneficiary group after they constructed buck unit and planted fodder crops. Korando B1 and Korando B2 each had their members donating piece of their land for seed bulking. They were trained (demonstrations) and seeds distributed to them by our partners (ICIPE, Livestock Production Office). In the banana project we have increased number of our beneficiaries' to 22 banana plants through pass on.

Nursery art activities also continued with pre- primary (4- 6 year olds; middle and final classes) children and Day care (2-3 year olds; Baby classes) in both Manyattaa Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. We engaged the children in drawing, coloring, printing, color identification using mosaic, playing with toys and outdoor activities like cotton ball picking. We did purchased more toys and other art materials like colors, printing papers e.t.c.

Our adolescent mentors (Berline Ndolo and Nicholas Odhiambo) continued weekly meetings with different age groups of adolescent boys and girls. The meetings involved discussions, use of songs, poems, skit and foot ball activities. We also invited guest speakers (Nurse counselors) who gave health talks on sexually transmitted diseases and drugs and substance abuse.

Through partnership with various child support institutions we celebrated World Orphans Day (7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 ) and Day Of African Child (16<sup>th</sup> June 2016) in Kisumu and Migori.

## 2. GERMAN REGIONAL SCOUTS ASSOCIATION (B-d-P) ACTIVITIES

### 2.1. School Feeding

**Objective: To improve quality of education through provision of nutritive food supplements to 2000 vulnerable children.**

We provided porridge flour, sugar to feed 550 children from Ogango, 500 children from Manyatta Arab and 500 children from Kodiaga Primary Schools. The schools also provided firewood and catered for the allowances of the cooks. From the teachers reports the feeding program continues to ensure reduced absenteeism, improved class participation and hence improved performance.

The feeding program in Olago and Serawongo Primary Schools in Mbuye also continued with 150 and 350 children enjoying the nutritious porridge. However, the feeding program was phased out after a resolution by Board of Directors meeting and further meetings with the head teachers of the two schools. They were indeed very grateful for the support that they reported to have ensured improved enrolment rate within their schools.



*Berline Ndolo, children and head teacher of Olago Primary School when they received feeding materials.*

## 2.2. School Uniforms

**Objective: To increase enrollment and completion rates for 50 primary school children in Ogango and Kodiaga**



*Berline Ndolo posed for a photo with children identified for school uniforms in Ogango Primary School.*

From Ogango and Kodiaga Primary Schools we identified 50 children with the support of the teachers (Mrs Benter Awimbo and Prisca Oloch) for school uniforms distribution. We already engaged Victor Onyango (Tailor) who took measurements of all the children. The children will receive their school uniforms by August 2016. Through provision of school uniforms we ensure that children's self esteem is raised and hence improving their performance and reduced absenteeism.



*Mary Amonde and Prisca Oloch (Deputy Head teacher Kodiaga Primary School) posed for a photo with children identified for school uniforms distribution.*

## 2.2. Agriculture Project

### **Objective: Enhance income of 50 beneficiaries through crop and livestock production**

We hired a Volunteer Agriculture Facilitator- Mary Amonde in May 2016 (Diploma holder in Agricultural Extension and Community Development) who follows up during group meetings on the progress of project activities with regard to goat care, maintenance, crops and fodder production. So far Korando A, meets on Fridays, Korando B1 meets on Thursdays and Saturdays, Korando B2 meets Tuesdays, Korando C Wednesdays and Korando D meets on Mondays. Through the group meetings our beneficiaries continued to make monetary contributions to purchase goat medication and construction of buck units. For example in Korando A, Magdalene Okore was assisted by members in construction of a doe unit in her home (construction underway). Korando D and Korando B1 have are in consultation with SWONESU and Henry Odongo on construction of buck units. However, we planned to organize for an exchange visit for Korando D (new group) to Sidindi Dairy Goat and identified would be contractor for ease in construction of all buck and doe units for the beneficiaries.

Our beneficiary groups (Korando A, Korando B1, Korando B2 and Korando C) continued to spray and deworm their goats during group meetings assisted by Mary Amonde.

We also procured desmodium, molato grass seedlings and potato vines of Vitaa and KABODE varieties from International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) – Maseno Office. Emily Ochola delivered the seedlings and trained 32 members in attendance (Korando A, Korando B1, Korando B2, Korando C and Korando D) on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Kodiaga Primary School on methods of planting, harvesting and storage of fodder crops. From the training the beneficiaries learnt that desmodium is a legume fodder crop that suppresses striga weed, its ninety (90%) rich in protein, helps prevent soil erosion and hence improve crop yield to farmers.



*Emily Ochola (ICIPE representative) training on fodder crops production (desmodium, molato grass) Korando groups beneficiaries in Kodiaga Primary School.*



The potato vines of Vitaa and KABODE variety also delivered to the beneficiaries would serve as fodder and food crops for family consumption. The two varieties were tested by Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) as reported by ICIPE and confirmed to be drought resistance, early maturing (3 Months), fortified with Vitamins A, and acts as an immune booster. Our beneficiaries have since planted desmodium, molato grass fodder crops and potato vines in their various farms.



*Emily Ochola (ICRPE representative) trained Korando groups' beneficiaries on potato vines production in Kodiaga Primary School.*

Korando A beneficiary group also received a toggenburg buck on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 after they constructed a buck unit (Alva Opogo's home) and planted nappier grass, desmodium, lucina, molato grass amongst other fodder crops. The toggenburg named Mitsch Mandela has served two does (Alva Opogo's and Josephine Anyango). We also engaged the services of veterinary officer Geoffrey Ngolo on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 who administered antibiotics cover and deworming drugs to Mitsch Mandela. This was aimed at ensuring that diseases related to change in climate, feeding and worms infections controlled.

Korando C beneficiary group also received Toggenburg buck named Christoph on 16th December 2015 and it is hosted in Jecinter Okongo's home. It has since served three does (Selina Ouko, Jecinter Okongo and Margret Oloo). We therefore expect five cross breeds of F1 from our beneficiaries in Korando A and Korando C.



*Alva Opogo, Magdalene Okore, Leah Okwach, and Evaline Odera (Korando A members) when they received Toggenburg buck (Mitsch Mandela) delivered by Berline Ndolo and Christine Onyango.*



*Geoffrey Ngolo (veterinary officer) is assisted by Alva Opogo when he dewormed Toggenburg buck (Mitsch Mandela)*



*Geoffrey Ngolo (veterinary officer) as he injected antibiotics cover to Toggenburg buck and assisted by Alva Opogo and Christine Onyango.*

We organized for a refresher course for Korando A members after they received a Toggenburgbuck by Henry Odongo from Sidindi Dairy Goat Group. The refresher training conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Alva Opogo's home focused on construction of goat units, proper feeding of the goats, goat spraying and deworming, types of goat feeds, goat servicing and record keeping. The course also involved demonstration on how the goats should be sprayed and dewormed. It was an eye opener to members of Korando A members as areas that needed improvements were highlighted.



*Henry Odongo (Sidindi Dairy Goat Group member) when he facilitated the refresher course for Korando A members in Alva Opogo's home.*



*Henry Odongo demonstrating to Korando A members on spraying technique during refresher course.*



*Henry Odongo demonstrating to Korando A members on double digging technique (kitchen garden) during the refresher course.*

Through partnership with Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Office, Madam Rose Onyango delivered Three Kilograms (3 KG) Lucern seeds and Fifty Kilograms (50 KG) of NPK fertilizers on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Alva Opogo's home. She trained and demonstrated to 28 members in attendance (Korando A, Korando B1, Korando B2, Korando C and Korando D) on methods of planting lucern- fodder crop. Our beneficiary groups have since planted the Lucern seeds in their various homes.



*Rose Onyango (Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Officer) when she delivered lucern seeds and NPK fertilizers to Korando beneficiary groups in Alva Opogo's home.*



*Korando beneficiary groups taken through demonstration on planting methods for lucern seeds, using NPK fertilizers by Rose Onyango (in white apron coat) in Alva Opogo's farm.*



*Rose Onyango (in white apron coat) delivers Rhodes grass seeds (fodder crop) and NPK fertilizers to members of Korando B1( Beatrice Achieng's home). Looking on are members of the group, Geoffrey Ngolo (veterinary officer) during a visit to treat Pheobe Adhiambo's goat.*

Madam Rose Onyango also donated 3 kilograms of Rhodes grass and 50 kilograms of NPK fertilizers to Korando B1 beneficiary groups on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Beatrice Achieng's home. The Rhodes grass seeds would be planted on their group farm immediately the rains are on. NPK fertilizers would also be responsible for initiating development of fodder crops roots.

Korando D beneficiary group (during group meeting with Mary Amonde) were also trained by Lillian Ogolla from Kenya Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises (USAID funded projects) on livestock husbandry with regard to goat feeding, goat examination and treatment.

As the project progresses the beneficiary groups have realized the need to plant fodder crops in bulk – seed bulking. Seed bulking is the production of seeds for multiplication hence for sale, for distribution to other farmer groups and to adequately meet feeding needs of the goats. In Korando B1 for example Wycliff Otieno a member of Korando B1 donated piece of his land for group's seed bulking. They have been trained by Joshua Ouma from ICIPE- Maseno Office who delivered to them three kilograms of desmodium and three kilograms of molato grass on. He also demonstrated the planting methods and management of seeds on their farm. Our Volunteer Agriculture Facilitator, Mary Amonde did assist in planting of desmodium and molato seeds and they have since germinated. The group has also planted kales and suga (local vegetable specie) on their group farm for individual member's family consumption.

Members of Korando B2 also have a group farm donated by Josephine Ogonyo. Mary Amonde also assisted them in planting desmodium and molato seeds.



*Korando B1 members in their farm making ridges and planting potato vines*

Our staff Berline Ndolo, Mary Amonde and eight (8) Korando A,B,C,D groups' representatives attended a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 with local community leaders (Ass. Chief- John Ndege and sixteen (16) village elders) from Korando Sub- Location (Kodiaga Area). The meeting aimed at introducing the project and seeking inclusion and support of village elders to the project. They would therefore help in addressing challenges reported in areas of non members' goats feeding on our project fodder crops, our beneficiaries not adhering to set project rules of engagement i.e. reluctance in beneficiaries to pass on goats, project goats stolen or sold by beneficiaries amongst others. Our beneficiaries in attendance also shared the progress of the project so far in terms of activities undertaken like group meeting days, spraying and deworming of goats, expectation of F1 generation of goats with the meeting. The village elders pledged their support and thanked SWONESU for implementing Agriculture Project in Korando.





*Mary Amonde assisted by Grace Mboga Korando B1 member in demonstration on types and planting methods of fodder crops to Korando local community leaders (village elders, Assistant Chief) during the meeting.*



*Marsela Adhiambo (Korando A member) shared the activities of Agriculture Project to local community leaders during the meeting.*

We did purchase unnumbered tags for identification, monitoring and controlling inbreeding of our project goats. Mary Amonde has since tagged 21 local does, two toggenburg breeds of

goats for Korando A, Korando B1, korando B2 and Korando C beneficiary groups. However, there are 3 local bucks (Millicent Ombuya- Korando B2, Margret Okore – Korando A and Wilfrida Ochieng –Korando B1) that would be sold and replaced with does once they mature up (One year old).



*Mary Amonde is assisted by Joram Okongo (holding knapsack sprayer), his son and Syprin Nyagudi in tagging Korando C goats after spraying.*

Our beneficiary groups also received 50 record books that highlighted name of goats, tag numbers, date of birth, deworming and spraying dates, service dates amongst others. The goats' records would serve as reference materials and hence improve our project productivity.

To effectively monitor the overall performance of our project we held another joint beneficiaries meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 with 38 members in attendance. The meeting aimed to encourage members to plant more fodder crops, to avoid selling project goats, work as a team improve on goat care and management through consistent spraying, deworming and proper feeding.



*Maurice Okore (Village elder upper kotetni) addressed the beneficiaries during joint groups meeting in Kodiaga Primary School.*

## **Challenges**

- Members selling project goats without consultation. For example Alice Okun – Korando C and Fred Njaga – Korando A separately sold their goats to pay school fees for their children. We did follow up with them and agreed that it was a breach of the rules of engagement and they agreed to replace the goats by end of October 2016.
- Members not understanding the reproductive cycle of the goats and hence low rate of does servicing by the Toggenburg bucks. Mary Amonde is closely following up with members.
- Poor record keeping among our beneficiaries due to literacy levels. Mary Amonde assisting in updating records and also training beneficiaries family members.
- Some members are not consistent in attending group meetings, monetary contributions and slowing down group activities. This is because they are engaged in menial jobs (working as laborers in their neighbors' farms at a fee) or small scale businesses to meet family basic needs (providing food).
- Death of goats as a result of diseases associated with climate change (Mary Adeda-Korando C, Jane Omuodo- Korando A and bees' invasion (Syprose Alaro- Korando C). Syprose Alaro however purchased a doe to replace the project doe.
- Adverse weather conditions that have lowered quality and hindered plantation of more fodder crops. Members are encouraged to plant using two by two farming (Tumbukiza) for ease in watering.

### 2.3. Banana Project



*John Lumumba (Korando B1) dug out suckers from a banana planted in Beatrice Achieng's home as Berline Ndolo, children and other members wait for pass on.*

Members of Korando B1 did pass on of eight banana suckers ( Pheobe Adhiambo, Beatrice Achieng, Rose Auma, Rose Amondi, Grace Anyango, Lewtine Juma, Wycliff Otieno and John Lumumba) in Beatrice Achieng's home. This is one of the bananas that were given to our beneficiaries by Sidindi Dairy Goat Group. The banana suckers once passed on to the members they transplanted them in their farms. We therefore have 22 banana plants in various homes of Korando beneficiary groups.



*Korando B1 members pose with suckers passed on to them in Beatrice Achieng's home for transplanting to their various farms.*

### **3.0. FOERDERVEREIN AFRIKAS STARKE KINDER e.V. ACTIVITIES**

#### **3.1. School Feeding**

**Objective: To improve quality of education through provision of nutritive food supplements to 200 vulnerable children.**

We did provide nutritious porridge to 200 children from Kudho Primary School on daily basis in the months of May and June 2016. The school feeding has ensured that children report to school regularly, are active during class sessions hence improved performance. Parents are also relieved of the burden of providing for the three meals a day which most of them cannot afford. According to the teachers there is increased enrollment of children particularly in nursery section. The children who took porridge at nursery class and have since graduated to classes one and two join those enrolled in the program. This is therefore increasing the number of beneficiaries.

#### **3.2. Nursery Art**

**Objective: To promote learning and holistic development of children aged 2-6 year olds in Kudho and Manyatta Arab Nursery Schools.**

Our nursery art teacher (Christine Onyango) continued weekly meetings separately with children aged 2- 3 year olds (Day care children) and 4-6 year olds (Pre- Primary). To effectively achieve our objective we did purchase art materials that included modeling clay, printing paper, colors pencils, color mosaic and toys that included balls, dolls, cars, kitchen set, ducks, domestic animals amongst other for baby class children (age 2-3 year olds). Our art sessions have also actively been supported by nursery teachers from both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery Schools.

For Pre-Primary children (4-6 year olds) we engaged them in drawing and coloring with themes on both wild and domestic animals. We also did printing that involved mixing water with different colors (green, red and orange) of powder colors, and then the children dip their palms into the color solution and then print on manila papers or printing papers.



*Daisy Amol (Nursery teacher) assisting pre primary children (4-6 year olds) during a printing session in Kudho Nursery School.*



*Millicent Adede posed with pre primary children (4-6 year olds) after printing session in Manyatta Arab Nursery School.*

The children also identified colors using color mosaic. These are shapes and alphabet letters in different colors. The children then arranged them to make shapes of houses, triangles, square, butterflies and cars amongst others. The color mosaic helps the children in understanding different colors and shapes. The children skills in sorting and grouping items are also enhanced.

Our pre- primary children also participated in collecting old newspapers and carton boxes, they cut them into smaller pieces and soaked (for three days) for making paper mache. They then made shapes of plates, cups, glasses, balls and eggs.

We also engaged the children in outdoor activities like singing, rope jumping, playing with balls in all our partner schools. Their skills on speed, concentration, competition were tested through cotton balls picking. This involved making balls from cotton wool, displayed in plates and empty tins availed. The children were paired (two), their noses were applied with jelly oil then they would pick the cotton balls using their noses and place them in the empty tins provided to them.



*Christine Onyango is assisted by Millicent Adede, Lillian Lwakane and Sophia Abdilahi (Manyatta Arab Nursery teachers) during cotton ball picking session.*

The Day Care children (2-3 year olds) were also engaged in playing with different toys during the sessions in both partner schools. As reported by nursery teachers' art sessions helps the children to learn through different approaches, develop their finger muscles, their thought patterns, identify and improve their creativity skills. The children also learn to group, sort items and understand the virtue of sharing.





*Mrs. Caren Otieno (Teacher in charge of day care class) distributing toys to the children during art session in Manyatta Arab Nursery School.*



*A section of day care children playing with toys during art session in Manyatta Arab Nursey School.*



*Christine Onyango during a nursery art session with day care children in Kudho Nursery School.*

### **3.3 Adolescent Mentorship Program**

#### **3.3.1. Knit and Chat Club.**

**Objective: To mentor 100 adolescents' girls through collective responsibility into future adults**

Our weekly meetings continued with grouping of adolescent girls aged (9-12 year olds) and (13-17 year olds) in both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary School. The meetings were guided by Knit and Chat Curriculum 2016 designed in consultation with teachers. In this quarter the adolescent girls aged 13-17 year olds were engaged in discussion on topics like Self Awareness, sexually transmitted diseases, drugs and substance abuse. Knit and Chat club therefore continue to provide avenues for girls to freely share issues affecting them with their peers, teachers, our adolescent mentor (Berline Ndolo) and their parents.

We also did invite a guest speaker (Beatrice Achieng) who is a Nurse Counselor at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital – Patients Support Center. Beatrice Achieng discussed with the girls on topics like HIV/Aids, Drugs and Substance Abuse. The active girls shared their knowledge on causes and effects of HIV/Aids and Drugs and Substance Abuse.



*Beatrice Achieng (Nurse Counselor- Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital) engages adolescent girls (13-17 year olds) in discussion in Kudho Primary School.*

We also did provide 150 sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga and Kudho Primary Schools. This is to ensure that our girls do not miss school during their menstruation days.

For adolescent girls aged 9-12 year olds we also continued with our weekly meetings in both partner schools. We did hold discussions on Self Awareness to enable the children understand themselves, build their self esteem and find inborn solutions to issues affecting them.



*Berline Ndolo posed for photo with (9-12 year olds) after a meeting in Kudho Primary School.*

### **3.3.2. Kick and Chat Club**

**Objective: To mentor 100 adolescents' boys through collective responsibility into responsible future adults.**



*Nicholas Odhiambo during a discussion with adolescent boys (13-17 year olds) in Manyatta Arab Primary School.*



*Raymond Nyakiti (Nurse Counselor- Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital) engaged adolescent boys (13-17 year olds) in discussion in Kudho Primary School.*

Our adolescent boys mentor (Nicholas Odhiambo) met different age groups of adolescent boys from our partner schools. The boys also discussed different topics based on their age groups. For 9- 12 year olds they discussed topics on Self Awareness with focus on building their self esteem. This was also done through songs, dances, dramas, sharing his life experiences as a teenager and outdoor activity like football games. By initiating activities to build their self esteem, some boys (9-12 year olds) are able to cope and provide inborn solutions to issues affecting them both in school and at home. For example during weekly discussions the boys shared their experiences living with and in environment where local illicit brewing was very high. They expressed the high chances of them using drugs at heir tender ages due to influence. The boys did admit that they have used drugs like bhang, khat given to them by their age mates (school drop outs) in Obunga slums. Nicholas Odhiambo therefore discussed with them the types, reasons for engaging and effects of drugs and substance abuse.

Meetings with adolescent boys (13-17 year olds) also continued with discussions on drugs and substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases. This age group in both partner schools (Manyatta Arab and Ogango Primary Schools) did admit to having used drugs like bhang and khat from influence from their peers (school dropout). Some of their parents also brewed and engaged them in selling illicit brews and hence they are exposed to use of the drugs.

We also invited Raymond Nyakiti (Nurse Counselor) who discussed with adolescent boys (13-17 year olds) on types, effects of sexually transmitted infections, drugs and substance abuse in

Kudho Primary School. He shared the knowledge based on his training and experience to active boys during the session.

### **3.4. Sponsorship.**

**Objective: To increase enrollment and completion rates for 20 primary school children in Kudho.**



*Nicholas Odhiambo (Adolescent boys mentor) posed for photo with children identified for school uniform distribution in Kudho Primary School.*

We did indentify 20 children in consultation with teacher (Madam Elizabeth Olilo) for school uniform distribution in Kudho Primary School. Victor Onyango (tailor) took the measurements of the children. The children will receive the school uniforms in August 2016. Through provision of school uniforms the children self esteem is improved hence improvement in school attendance and performance.

We also paid school levies to Macreen Atieno (class 7), Rosemary Akoth (class 6) and Alloys Steven Omondi (class 8) from Kudho Primary Schools. The children were identified by teachers and Berline Ndolo and Nicholas Odhiambo separately conducted home visits to ascertain their situation. Through payment of school levies the teachers have reported improved school attendance and performance from the children.

### 3.5. Awareness creation

#### 3.5.1. World Orphans Day celebrations

**Objective: To promote and protect children rights issues through awareness creation**



*Madam Mildred Gimonge (Kisumu East Sub County Children Officer) flagged off procession as host for World Orphans Day National celebrations at Kisumu Sports Ground.*

Together with other (Child Support) organizations under the Area Advisory Council (Consortium of organizations working with children), different government ministries, we commemorated World Orphans Day National celebrations on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Lions High School. The celebrations was graced by Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labor and East African Affairs,

In line with this year's theme *"Embrace peace in Africa, safeguard all the children's rights"* over 2000 children from various parts of the country, caregivers, different government institutions attended the celebrations. The children entertained guests with various songs, poems, skit and dramas in relation to the theme. Caregivers and community members were sensitized on the importance of upholding children rights within their environments.

We provided transport means for 11 children and a teacher (Mrs. Elizabeth Otiko) from Kudho Primary School to attend the celebrations. The children had the opportunity to interact with other children from various parts of the country and gained information on child protection issues.



*Christine Onyango with other stakeholders during a procession to mark World Orphans Day National celebrations in Kisumu.*

SWONESU also had the opportunity to interact with various government and non governmental organizations and discussed possible areas of partnership for success of all our projects. For example we joined East Africa Child Rights Network (Network of organizations in East Africa) planning committee to get forum for sharing information, resources with other organizations for successful implementation of our activities. We have also discussed on possible partnership with Kisumu Urban Apostolate (KUAP) Catholic Non Governmental Organization in Kisumu to share information and resources towards training on reusable sanitary towels for our adolescent girls (Adolescent Girls Mentorship Project) in 2017.





Mrs. Elizabeth Otiko, children from Kudho Primary School and Berline Ndolo posed for a photo after World Orphans Day National celebration.

### 3.5.2. Day of African Child Celebrations



*Children from Hope for Victoria Children Orphanage (HOVIC) entertained guests during Day of African Child celebrations in Ogango Primary School.*

We also celebrated Day of African Child celebration on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Ogango Primary School together with various organizations in Kisumu East Sub County. Over 1000 children from various children homes/ orphanages, primary and secondary schools over 200 caregivers/ guardians were in attendance. The children showcased their talents through songs, poems, skits and drama in line with the theme ("*Conflict and crisis in Africa; Protecting all Children's Rights*"). We did contribute 200 loaves of bread that fed 400 children during the occasion.

Through our participation our staff in attendance (Mary Amonde, Nicholas Odhiambo and Christine Onyango) had the opportunity to share activities with different stakeholders. In fact St. Vitalis Primary School Head Teacher (Mrs. Monica Okote) - Kisumu East requested for expansion of Adolescent Mentorship activities to their school. Tido Primary School teacher also requested for expansion of feeding program to their nursery school children.

In partnership with East Africa Child Rights Network and Migori County Government, supported by Canadian High Commission, Berline Ndolo attended Day of African Child celebrations in Migori. Based on the theme of the day, various partners sensitized the communities, over 3000 children in attendance, local community leaders, caregivers/ guardians on the need to end child marriage in the area. The communities need for sensitization on upholding child rights and training on their roles in ending negative social norms – female genital mutilation. We therefore had the opportunity to share information and possible partnership on implementation of child protection projects.

## 4. SWONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

### 4.1. Financial Management System

We did hire a part time accounts assistant (Eva Andia) to update our accounting systems. Our transactions have been separated and are now done in line with different donors (Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V and German Regional Scouts Association, B.d.P) budget lines. The payment vouchers, surrender forms and all receipts and reports (support documents) have also been separated and filed in different files (per donor). We also continue to make payments using cheque like payment of rent, statutory deductions (Pay as you Earn (P.A.Y.E), National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

### 4.2. SWONESU Staff

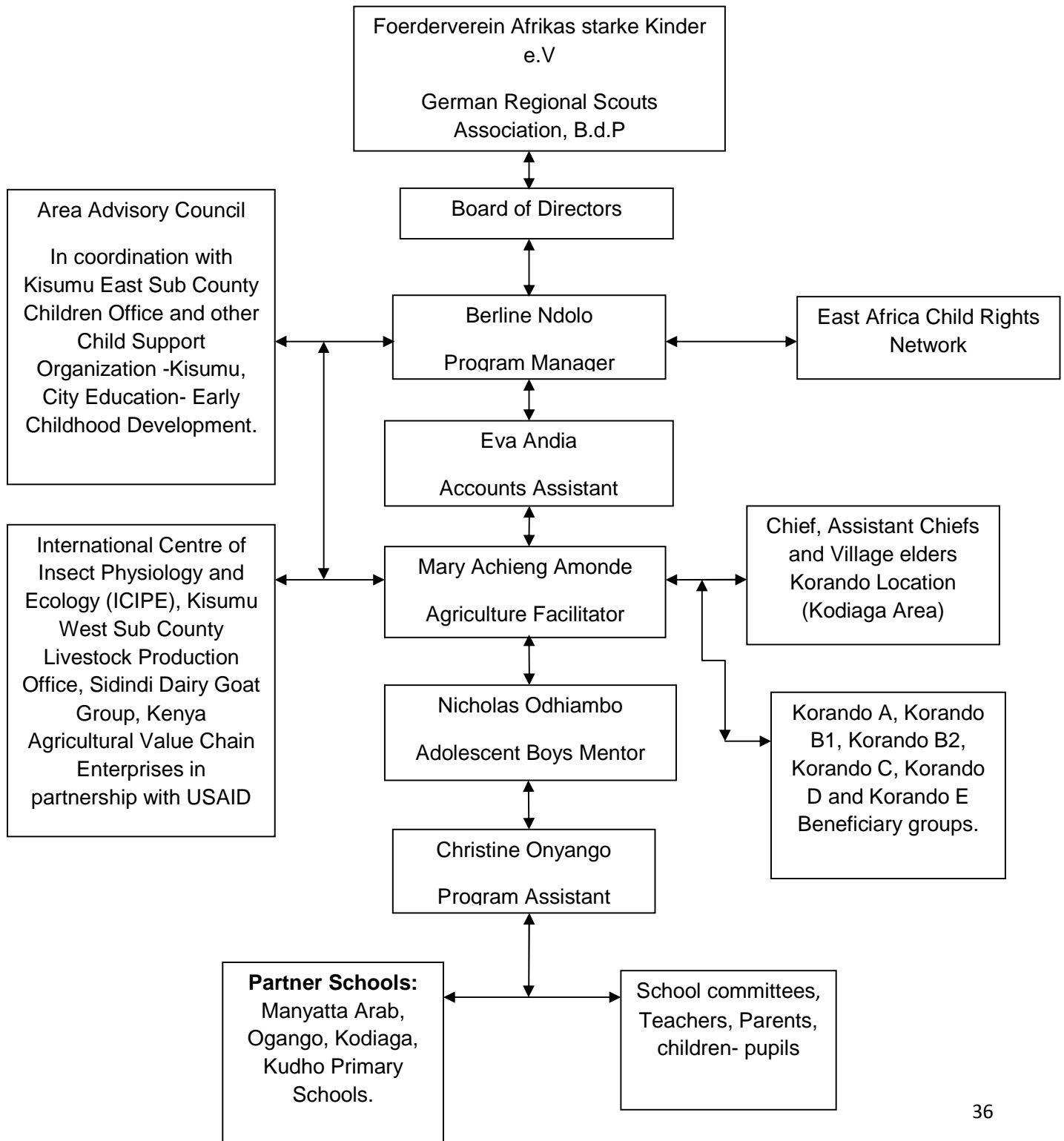


*Christine Onyango, Eva Andia, Mary Amonde, Nicholas Odhiambo and Berline Ndolo posed for staff photo in the office.*

Our team comprise of Berline Ndolo (Program Manager) who holds a diploma in Adult Education and Community Development and also pursuing Degree in Project Planning and Management all from The University of Nairobi. Eva Andia (Part time Accounts Assistant) is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA3) holder from Kenya College of Accountancy Kisumu. Mary Achieng Amonde (Agriculture Facilitator) is a Diploma holder in Agricultural Extension and Community Development from Bukura Agricultural College. Nicholas Odhiambo (Volunteer Adolescent Boys Mentor) has a certificate in Social Work and Community Development from Siaya Institute of Science and Technology. Christine Onyango (Programs Assistant) is a holder of Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. The diverse education and experience

qualification in our team forms the basis for motivation, commitment and passion in executing our duties.

### 4.3. Organization chart



## 5. SWONESU Board of Directors



*Jeremy Oloo, Grace Adoyo, Tabu Anginya, Berline Ndolo and Heike Hoeffler who joined a past Board of Directors meeting through Skype call.*

Our Board of Directors membership (Tabu Anginyah, Grace Adoyo, Truphena Diang'a, George Obara, Fredrick mariwa, Jeremy Oloo and Heike Hoeffler) continued to play a vital role in the planning and implementation of our projects activities. They have also played an oversight role in ensuring that all our activities are implemented as per work plans and budgets (done quarterly) as approved during the boards' quarter meetings.

Based on their diverse education backgrounds and experiences they have ensured that we have qualified members of staff. This has been achieved through professionally recruiting (Interview panelists') qualified members of staff to fill up positions as has been necessitated by needs of our projects from time to time.

They have also contributed financially to ensure that some relevant project related activities objectives (not budgeted for) are achieved. For example Fredrick Mariwa contributed for cost of printing business cards for effective communication and follow up with like minded partners.



*Mary Amonde during a past interview session conducted by Board of Directors (Tabu Anginya, George Obara, Jeremy Oloo and Berline Ndolo in our office.*