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FOREWORD

On behalf of WONESU fraternity, we thank God Almighty for His guidance, care and protection through this second quarter of this year (April- June 2020). We also thank our donors *Foererverein Watoto: Afrikas starke kinder e.V*, *Team Dima Global* and *German Regional Scouts Association*, *BdP* for their unwavering support. Thank you too WONESU Board of Directors-members for your continued commitment and support.

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Kenya, we reported the first case of the novel corona virus infections around mid-March 2020. The number of infections since then continued to surge throughout this quarter (April- June 2020). The Ministry of Health immediately put in place a raft of standard measures that included encouraging regular hand washing, social distancing and suspension of all public gatherings / events, issuance of all travel restrictions and closure of all learning institutions. As a result, lowest income households in Kenya (slums and rural dwellers) bore the brunt of the negative consequences of both pandemic and the measures to mitigate its spread.

WONESU through our COVID- 19 response measures distributed packs of food supplements of sugar, rice, cooking oil, salt, ugali flour e.t.c. to over two hundred (200) families across our partner schools. This ensured that families fed their children during this challenging times.

The Adolescent Girls and Boys Mentors- Berlyne Ndolo and Paul Tieng'o mobilized adolescent girls and boys for mentorship sessions in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School. This was made possible through support of school administration and local leaders in Manyatta Estate. In the sessions the adolescents (boys and girls separately) shared problems of lack of food at home, lack of sanitary towels, negative peer influence, drugs and substance abuse e.t.c. The situation is compounded by loss of menial jobs, closure of businesses for their parents/ guardians due to effects of COVID-19. WONESU also mobilized adolescent girls and distributed 450 disposable sanitary towels in Obinju Kanyakwar, Manyatta Arab, Ogango and Kodiaga Prison Primary Schools.

Our production officer- Molline Akinyi also continued production of reusable sanitary towels in our back office space. In this quarter (April- June 2020) we distributed after sensitization on use, hygiene and storage methods to 35 adolescent girls in Nyaduong Primary School. The project aims to ensure adolescent girls easily access menstrual hygiene management products with longer utility period. We also seek to reduce number of teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and school dropout among adolescent girls from poor backgrounds who engage in premarital sex in exchange for either money or sanitary pads from their "clients".

The Ministry of Health raft of measures to contain spread of COVID- 19 also included a daily night curfew that further constrained the transportation of food commodities and market operations. The impact on market supply result in an increase in already above-average staple food prices and further reduced household purchasing power. In Agriculture Program however, we continued production of livestock; goats, rabbits, dairy cows and chicken. Our farmers also produced vegetables of pumpkins, spinach, kales, black night shade in their kitchen gardens for sale and families consumption. Production of fruits of passion fruits, grafted mangoes, bananas and paw paws also continued in various beneficiaries' farms. In fact fruits of passion fruits, paw paws and bananas that matured were harvested for sale and families consumption.

Finally, we received funding contribution from our partner *Team Dima Global*. As agreed WONESU channeled the funds to support food supplements distribution to parents/ guardians in Oluowa Primary School in Kisumu West Sub County. The food supplements included packs of sugar, cooking oil, ugali flour and salt e.t.c. Thanks so much to Team Dima Global for the initiative to support our interventions.

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

2.1. WONESU COVID- 19 Response Measures

WONESU interventions targets slum and rural dwellers. These target areas comprise majority of residents who work in the informal sector, casual labourers and daily wage earners. They also include self-employed and the poor who rely on informal business activities for survival. A significant share of the latter are women.

As the number of COVID- 19 virus infections in Kenya continue to surge in this quarter (April-June 2020). Ministry of Health put in place a raft of standard measures that included encouraging regular hand washing, social distancing and suspension of all public gatherings / events, issuance of all travel restrictions and closure of learning institutions. As a result, the lowest income households in Kenya (slums and rural dwellers) bore the brunt of the negative consequences of both pandemic and the measures to mitigate its spread.

WONESU has established though home visits that indeed many families are going without food, have lost jobs or are on pay cut and unable to pay their house rents among other basic needs.



Berlyne Ndolo and Mary Amonde packed food items in our office in readiness for delivery to households in our partner schools.

Our education calendar for 2020 period has been disrupted as schools remain closed and children sent home indefinitely. Children being at home has also placed a greater burden of care on parents who are under pressure to generate livelihoods amidst economic hardship. Not only are the children missing important learning time since most community schools and households in our target area do not have the capacity for online learning. WONESU partner schools children are also not receiving the daily school meal that provides valuable calories and nutrition for these poor households.

WONESU distributed food supplements of sugar, ugali flour, rice, salt, cooking oil e.t.c to over two hundred parents/ guardians across our partner schools. There is already increased rates of people forgoing food, and experiencing a complete or partial loss of income. Majority of our

beneficiaries also comprised of women and this will help them cope with negative effects of COVID-19 and in turn avoid secondary humanitarian crisis.



Mary Amonde – delivered food items to parents/ guardians of children in Ngege Primary School.



Paul Tiengo also delivered food supplements to parents/ guardians in Ngege Primary School compound.



Mary Amonde delivered food supplements to parents/ guardians in Ragumo Primary School compound.



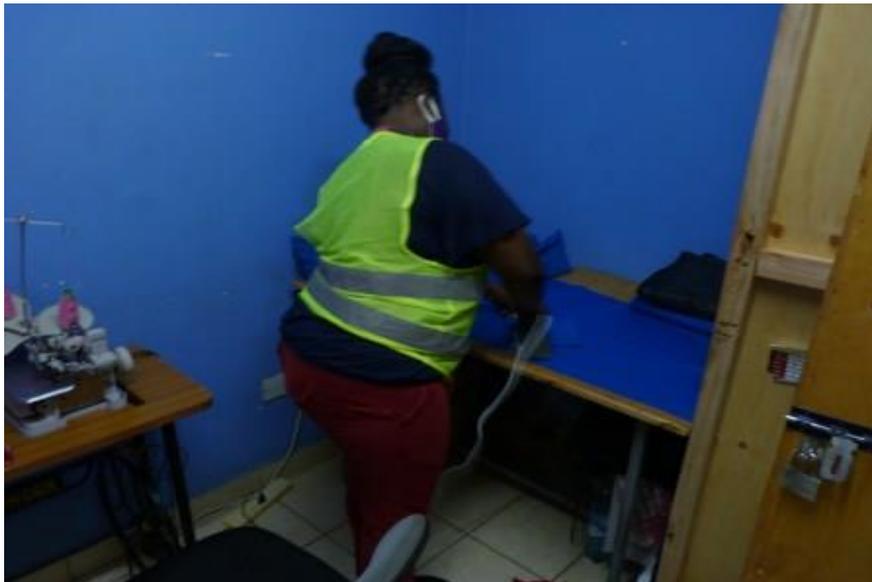
Paul Tiengo – delivered food supplements to parents/ guardians of children in Kodiaga Primary School compound.

2.2. Adolescents Girls: Menstrual Hygiene Management

Objective: To increase access to menstrual hygiene products and education to 1500 adolescent girls in Kisumu

WONESU initiated production and distribution of reusable sanitary towels to adolescent girls. We distributed reusable sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Ngege and Geta Primary Schools in the last quarters. The schools closed in compliance to the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health to contain spread of COVID-19. In this quarter (April – June 2020) however, we contacted the teachers in charge of our activities in the schools to assess the situation. We established that adolescent girls continue use of our reusable sanitary towels- *Hope pads*. In fact parent/guardians have lost their livelihoods- due to outbreak of COVID -19 and several families go without meals. *Hope* reusable sanitary towels has renewed hope for adolescent girls. As reported by an adolescent girl in Ngege Primary School they are no-longer lured by men for sex in exchange for sanitary towels.

Molline Akinyi (Our Production Officer) continued production of more reusable sanitary towels in this quarter (April-June 2020).



Molline Akinyi iron pressed materials for sewing reusable sanitary towels in our office.



Production of Hope reusable sanitary towels on going in our back office by Molline Akinyi.

Through other partners working with children -we identified and visited Nyaduong Primary School in Kisumu West Sub County. The school has a total population of three hundred (300) children with majority orphaned and live under care of old guardians. As reported by Ms. Rose Amollo-Deputy Head Teacher there is high rate of school absenteeism, early school withdrawal of children largely due to lack of food at home- children also engage in menial jobs, lack of school uniforms amongst others. She also mentioned cases of teenage pregnancies among adolescent girls in the school.

Ms. Rose Amollo mobilized over thirty adolescent girls for meeting with our staffs (Berlyne Ndolo and Molline Akinyi). During our meeting adolescent girls we sensitized them on use, storage of *Hope* reusable sanitary towels. We then distributed 35 reusable sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Nyaduong Primary Schools. We shall conduct follow up visits and liaise with teachers for feedback in the next quarter (July- September 2020).



Berlyne Ndolo held a demonstration on steps to follow in washing Hope reusable sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Nyaduong Primary School, Kisumu West Sub- County.



Adolscent girls in Nyaduong Primary School posed for photo after they received packs of reusable sanitary towels in their school compound.



Berlyne Ndolo – (Adolescent girls mentor) held a special session with an adolescent girls in Nyaduong Primary School after the meeting held in their school compound.

We did establish parents/ guardians, elder sisters to adolescent girls want to share Hope pads with our adolescent girls during their menses. This is against health guidelines on use of reusable sanitary pads. Ideally one pack must not be shared. However, the situation is attributed to hardship from COVID-19 where there is loss of livelihoods. WONESU recommends that we gradually upscale our production and distribute to the women within the communities at a fee.

2.2. Agriculture Project

Objective: Improve food security and income to over 50 rural households through crop and livestock production in Korando area.

As of June 30th, there were close to five thousand (5000) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kenya. To combat the spread of the disease, the government issued movement restrictions, including a work from home orders amongst others. The restrictions affected household income in the informal sector, which comprises 84 percent of the total workforce and reduced household food access. A daily curfew further constrained the transportation of food commodities and market operations. The impact on market supply result in an increase in already above-average staple food prices and further reduced household purchasing power. However, our beneficiary groups continued production of both livestock and crops in Korando area.

2.2.1 Goats Production

Our beneficiary groups in Korando area continued production of goats (indigenous, F1 and F2 generations). From their reports they confirmed that production over the years has enabled them gain relevant skills and general management practices on good animal husbandry. Some of the notable skills included ability to detect diseases, feeding/ nutrition, proper housing/ hygiene, spraying, deworming and service schedule of livestock. Our members also share information-impart knowledge regarding livestock production with their neighbors and community in general. In their reports they have positioned themselves as trainers and look forward to also share their experiences with other farmers in and out of the region.



Patrick Nyakwaka – Korando C member's goats' breed of local and F1 generations in his homestead.

Our farmers' also contributed monies to support weekly spraying and quarterly deworming of all project goats. In conformity with the health guidelines to prevent spread of COVID-19 each group assigned one of their member the responsibility of purchasing drugs, mixing with correct proportion of water. He would then walk from one members homestead to the next and sprayed and dewormed all their goats.



Francisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 member sprayed project doe in her homestead. She then moved to other members homes for same.

We experienced more rainfall in this quarter that favored production of goat feeds. These included nappier grass, mollato grass, potatoe vines, desmodium, caliandra e.t.c. The natural fodder tithonia, sesbania, natural grasses – couch also grow on our beneficiaries' farms and supplemented feeds for our goats in this quarter (April – June 2020).



Joshua Onoka- Korando C member uprooted weeds on potatoes vines plantations on his farm.



Nappier grass –fodder on Josephine Ogonyo farm. Korando B2 member's farm.

Goat units construction among our farmers in Korando area has controlled breeding, improved feeding, control diseases like pneumonia, ease in collection of waste for farm production, disease detection among others. Currently we have 23 units across the groups.



Jared Ouma posed for photo during construction of Korando A buck units in Josephine homestead

In this quarter (April-June 2020), (Korando A and Korando D, Korando B1 and Korando B2) contributed partly resources for construction of group's bucks units in their respective groups. This was also possible through contribution of motivation packages for two groups. WONESU then delivered two pure bucks of Toggenburg species to the groups. Korando A and D has their buck hosted in Josephine Anyango's homestead. Korando B1 and B2 buck hosted at Franscisca Ogunyo's homestead.



Tobias Ocholla and Franscisca Ogunyo- korando B2 members shortly after they received the new buck in the latter's home.



Salmone Okomo- veterinary officer administered antibiotics and treatment to our new bucks in Korando area. This was to help the goats improve immune booster and cope with climate changes.

2.2.2 Poultry Production

Our beneficiary groups continued production of indigenous breed of chicken where members stock between five to thirty birds. The indigenous breed of chicken is believed to be hardy and resistant to poultry diseases. Our farmer groups have the requisite skills on chicken management practices and therefore feed and vaccinate their birds from time to time for improved production. In this quarter our farmers sold mature chicken to meet basic family needs.

For example:

Josinter Okongo – Korando C member and mother of seven children had a stock of twenty one (21) chicken. She sold six mature chicken at ksh. 700 and used the proceeds to supplement purchase of food items for her big family.

Francisca Ogonyo – Korando B2 member and a widow with five (5) total orphaned grandchildren under her care. She also had stock of thirteen chicken. From her stock she sold six mature chicken at between kshs 600-750 and she too purchased food items for her grandchildren.

Our other farmers, Alva Opogo, Wilkister Anyango, Charles Okwach, Leah Okwach- Korando A members, Everlyne Lumumba, Grace Bonga – Korando B1 members, Leonida Akinyi- Korando B2 member also sold mature indigenous breed of chicken and supported their family's needs.



Leotin Bodo- Korando B1 member as she fed indigenous breed of chicken on food left overs in her homestead.



Charles Okore- Korando A member's poultry unit in his homestead.

Our farmers also continued construction of poultry units in their home steads. Therefore, Leah Okwach and Charles Okore completed construction of poultry units in their homesteads. We currently have sixteen (16) Poultry units across our farmer groups in Korando area.



Leah Okwach- Korando A member posed for photo outside the chicken unit in her homestead.

We also continued individual production of rainbow roosters' breed of chicken among our beneficiary groups in Korando area. In the last quarter (January – March 2020) our farmers disposed mature chicken and kept proceeds for restocking.

For example,

Magdaline Okore – Korando A member used part of proceeds from sale of improved breed of chicken to increase stock of fruits. She is a fruits vendor along one of the main street in Kisumu town. She now uses proceeds from sale of the fruits to meet basic needs for her family.

Jane Omwodo – korando A member also used part of the proceeds to start small food canteen. She therefore serves food to local labourers in construction sites within her neighborhood and use the proceeds to support her family's needs.

Our farmers also used part of the proceeds to restock one month old rainbow roosters' breed of chicken in this quarter (April- June 2020). WONESU also increased stock of the chicken for the farmers. However, we continue to lose the stock of chicken to marex infections. The infection as advised by the veterinary officers is caused by non-compliance to vaccination of chicken against marex and gumboro infections by the farmers. Ideally the vaccinations should be done within first weeks from hatching. As a result our farmers apart from losing the chicken they also incurred high costs of treatment of our chicken flock.

We therefore work closely with veterinary officer and reliable poultry farmer to restock in the next quarter (July- September 2020). Hopefully our farmers will have stock to sell for additional during festive seasons- at end of this year.



Rainbow roosters' breed of chicken in Jane Omwodo- Korando A member's unit.

2.2.3 Rabbit Production

Our beneficiary groups in korando area also continued production of rabbits in their homesteads. We also purchased and distributed more rabbits to our farmers. This was to observe ratio of females to male rabbits in a unit and in our case the ratio is (4 to 1 rabbit). The rabbits were served and they are due by latest early next month. We however lost one of the rabbits to *mange* infections.

The beneficiary farmers practiced proper feeding of the rabbit stocks, maintain proper hygiene in the units for improved production.



Rabbits fed on greens in Olivia Achieng – Korando A member's unit



One of the rabbits outside the unit in Josephine Anyango- Korando A members homestead.

2.2.4 Dairy Cow Production

Our beneficiary group members – Korando B1 and B2 continued production of dairy cows. They ensure provision of correct feeds, drinking water to prevent dehydration, proper sanitation/ hygiene to prevent pests/ diseases invasion, spraying and deworming to prevent parasites. Our farmer – Elizabeth Oliech – Korando B2 members’ dairy cow was artificially inseminated in last quarter. According to government veterinary officer the cow will be due for delivery by end of September 2020.

The heifer under care of Korando B1 beneficiary group is expected to be artificially inseminated at the end of this year (2020).



The Ashire breed of dairy cow fed on fodder in Elizabeth Ogonyo- Korando B2 member’s home



Korando B1 beneficiary group members’ heifer fed on natural fodder

2.2.5 Crops Production

2.2.5.1 Banana production



Banana suck almost due for harvesting in Franscisca Ogunyo- Korando B2 member's farm.

We experienced more rainfall in this quarter (April- June 2020). This highly favored production of bananas. There are close to four hundred banana plants across our beneficiaries' farms in Korando area. More banana sucks also matured and were harvested for families' consumption. The production was heavy and as such excess harvest were sold at between Kshs. 750- 1000. As reported by our farmers the proceeds was used to purchase food items for their families.



Leah Okwach- Korando A member posed for photo as she held ripe banana suck in front of her house.

WONESU also purchased and distributed more suckers of F16 banana species to our farmers in Korando area. This species is said to have originated from farmers in Uganda. As reported by farmers F16 has the following notable benefits

- Resistant to common banana diseases like banana wilt.
- Root fibres are well established therefore resistant to wind erosion.
- Generates more suckers therefore recommended for seed bulking and income generation through sale.
- High production in terms of quality and quantity

2.4.5.2 Production of Orchards

In 2019, we initiated production of different fruits of grafted mangoes, paw paw, avocados, oranges and banana in selected plots of our farmers (orchards). The fruits have so far established. We therefore used *Duduthrin* and *Easy grow fruitors and flowers* to spray the orchards against plant pests and to initiate flowering in the farms. Patrick Nyakwaka- Korando C member harvested first banana suck from his orchard in this quarter (April- June 2020).



Patrick Nyakwaka posed for photo after he harvested banana suck from his orchards farm.



Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member sprayed fruits in her orchards farm .

2.2.5.3 Production of Kitchen Gardens

Production of kitchen gardens involves production of nutritive and healthy local vegetables like black night shade, cow peas, spider plant, spinach, kales and amaranthas on our beneficiaries' farms. The vegetables continue to ensure families' put food on their tables from time to time. Our farmers also sold excess vegetables and catered for other basic family's needs like purchase of cooking flour, salt, sugar and cooking oil.



Charles Okore – Korando A member as he sprayed vegetables against amphids Infection on his kitchen garden.



Salome Atieno- daughter in law to Mary Adede – Korando C member posed for photo on their kitchen garden- amaranthas vegetables.

2.2.5.4. Passion fruits production

Passion fruits production was also favored by rains received throughout this quarter (April- June 2020). Passion fruit plants across our beneficiary groups fruited and will hopefully mature for harvesting in the quarter. More passion fruit plants also flowered in readiness for fruiting. We hope they will fruit in the next quarter (July- September 2020). Our farmers also did trellising to enable the plants grow to the required direction. This also helps prevent destruction by strong winds due to weak stems.



Joshua Onoka – Korando C member as twined passion fruit on his farm.



Lillian Otieno- daughter in law to Christine Nganya- Korando D member posed for photo by the passion fruit tree in her farm.

2.2.5.5. Paw Paw fruits production

Production of paw paw fruits among our beneficiary farmers ensures our farmers earn additional income from sale of mature paw paw fruits. This is so since they harvest paw paw fruits on weekly basis and sold to nearby markets. From sale of paw paw they earned between Kshs. 550- 900. For example, Jane Omwodo- Korando A member sold paw paw at Kshs. 550 and purchased chicken feeds, Everlyne Lumumba-Korando B1 sold paw paw that fetched kshs. 900 and used the proceeds to meet medication cost for her son who fell ill from malaria infection. Our farmers across the groups reported that they used proceeds from sale of paw paw fruits to purchase food items for their families. To effectively achieve our objective our farmers continued nursery beds production of paw paw seedlings. The seedlings will be transplanted to their farms in the next quarter (July- September 2020) for increased production.



Paw paw fruit tree on Jane Omwodo's homestead.



Patrick Nyakwaka- Korando C member posed for photo by the paw paw trees on his farm.

2.2.5.6. Pumpkin Production

As the rains poured through to this quarter our farmers' harvested pumpkins that matured. The rains also favored generation of pumpkin leaves that our beneficiaries' harvested and consumed with their families. They also sold surplus pumpkin leaves in the market and earned additional income. As a vegetable, pumpkin leaves are recommended for boosting immunity, boosting blood levels for persons suffering from anemia conditions. The pumpkin fruits were also harvested in surplus and sold to the neighbors and proceeds used to meet basic family needs. For example Rosa Oyange- Korando B1 member sold the harvest ksh. 500 per pumpkin fruit. She reported that she used the proceeds to purchase basic food items for her family. Our farmers also planted more seeds of pumpkins in their farms. Some pumpkins plantations have also flowered in readiness for fruiting.



Rosa Oyange- Korando B1 member after she harvested pumpkin fruit from her garden



Pumpkin plantation on Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member's farm.

2.2.5.7. Grafted Mangoes Production

Our beneficiary groups continued production of grafted mangoes in their farms in Korando area. These are fast maturing improved variety of mangoes. We used *Easy fruit fruitors and flowers* drug to spray all grafted mangoes plants across our beneficiaries farms. This aimed at initiating fast flowering and eventual fruiting. We expect the grafted mangoes plants to flower in readiness for fruiting in the next quarter (July- September 2020). Our farmers continued management practices like weeding, addition of manure and fencing for protection against animals and human destruction.



Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member sprayed grafted mangoes plants on her farm in Korando area.



Photo of grafted mangoes tree on Beldine Agumba- Korando D member's farm.

2.2.6. Savings and Loaning Schemes (Table Banking)

In January 2020, our farmers' beneficiary groups- four out five groups (Korando A, B1, B2, and C) engaged in savings and loaning schemes in their respective groups. Korando D on their part started merry go round. This involved weekly contribution of an agreed amount of money to a member then to all members in rotation. There no interest earned on the monies contributed. They planned to gradually initiate savings and loaning schemes as the projects progresses.

Savings and loaning scheme involve member's weekly monetary contribution of shares, loaning of shares and repaying back at 10% interest rate. The savings and loaning scheme then revolved for a period of one year after which members are given back all their shares contribution, savings and interests earned on the savings. Over the years our beneficiary group- Korando C have used the proceeds from savings and loaning schemes to pay school levies for their children, boost their small scale businesses stocks and purchased food for their families.

Korando C beneficiary group initiated production of pure Sannen breed of goats from proceeds of savings and loaning scheme. They purchased a nine months old sannen doe. The pure doe has since kidded a buck and is four months old. Korando C beneficiary group plan to sell the kid buck come end of the year (2020) and purchase another pure doe to expand group's production of pure breed of goats. The group's sannen doe was taken for service but unfortunately it missed conception. The doe will be reserviced after a duration of 18 days after the first failed attempt (in the next quarter – July- September 2020 period).



Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member as she posed for photo with the group's pure goats in her homestead. Also in the photo at the units entrance is F2 doe also expectant.

This group- Korando C beneficiary group also purchased plastic chairs from proceeds of their group's savings and loaning scheme early this year (2020). The plan was to hire out plastic chairs at a fee for any public function (gathering) for additional income to the group. They also planned to purchase more plastic chairs come end of the year (2020). However, with the outbreak of the novel Corona Virus where all public functions and gatherings were suspended by Ministry of Health- Kenya, to control spread of the virus. Our groups Korando C beneficiary group has not earned any monies from hire of the plastic chairs. Korando B1 and Korando B2 also suspended their plans to share out. The groups' monies though are safely kept in their groups respective bank accounts.

As we wound up this quarter- (April – June 2020), our groups irregularly collected their shares (monies) contribution with the groups treasures for banking. The irregularity in their shares contribution has been as result of loss of income from their small scale businesses.

2.2.6 Expansion plans – Agriculture Program 2021

Objective: To promote food security and income to 100 rural households in Kisumu West Sub-County.

As part of our exit plan from Korando area and expansion of beneficiary groups to other areas, we identified one farmer group in Lela- Kisumu West Sub County. We identified the farmers through office of the chief of the area who referred us to Benson Ochieng (renown banana, moringa farmer, he also formerly kept dairy goats) and he became our entry point. The area comprise of subsistence farmers who produce both livestock and crops.

Our buck (*David*) in Korando D was due for replacement to control inbreeding. We transferred him to Benson ochieng's homestead (he had ready unit)- new group. The group members' local does are served by the buck. We plan to hold more meetings and visits to individual member's farms in July- September 2020 period and compile a report on the gaps to enable design an intervention come 2021.



Berlyne Ndolo and Mary Amonde visited Benson Ochieng's homestead in Lela area. The unit that hosts their buck- David.

3.0. FOERDERVEREIN WATOTO: AFRIKAS STARKE KINDER e.V. ACTIVITIES

3.1. WONESU COVID – 19 Response in slum area of Manyatta

Obinju Kanyakwar Primary school is located in Manyatta a peri-urban estate (neighborhood) on the eastern outskirts of Kisumu. The residents range from low-income to the unemployed, with a few scattered mid-income earners also living in the slum. Few residents have access to piped water. Considered in this context of COVID-19 feels like a ticking time bomb. Social distancing is impossible, public latrines are shared by tens of residents. In the face of a daily night curfew most of these residents have lost their jobs. The women who offered daily services as house-holds are unable to find work now because people are afraid that the disease (COVID-19) may spread to their homes. “With no income, the situation is getting tough for the families” as reported by Alice a guardian to one of the pupils during home visit by WONESU team. We therefore distributed food supplements of sugar, ugali flour, rice, salt, cooking oil e.t.c to parents/ guardians in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School. We plan to distribute food supplements to more families in the next quarter (July –September 2020).



Paul Tiengo distributed food items to parents/ guardians in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School in Manyatta Slums.



Christine Onyango posed for photo after they distributed food items to parents'/guardians in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School.



Parents/ guardians of children in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School posed for photo after they received food items in the school compound.

3.2 Adolescent's Mentorship Program

3.2.1. Knit and Chat Club.

Objective: To mentor 200 adolescents' girls through collective responsibility into responsible future adults

WONESU has established in our past mentorship sessions over the years that poverty pushes adolescent girls into activities that expose them to sexual exploitation - having sex in exchange for money and food. In such situations, adolescent girls are often at risk of teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/ Aids and violence such as rape. According to Kenya Health Information System (KHIS) close to three thousand (3,500) school girls were impregnated during the March to June 2020 COVID-19 lockdown in Kisumu County.

Ordinarily in informal settlements, schools are safe havens and protect vulnerable girls from a lot of social injustices. However, schools closed late March 2020 after outbreak of the novel corona virus in Kenya. The situation has since cut off girls from teachers who can sound the alarm in suspected cases of abuse at home.

There are increase on reports of rape and defilement while some girls are engaging in prostitution just to get a source of income. The additional fear is that gender-based-violence is on the rise with restrictions on movement and girls confined to their homes. With adolescent girls behind closed doors during the curfew, they are more at risk of abuse, and most of these instances of violence will go unreported.



Berlyne Ndolo in past mentorship session meeting with adolescent girls in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School.

Our Adolescent Girls Mentor (Berlyne Ndolo) liaised with teachers who mobilized adolescent girls in our partner schools. These schools included, Manyatta Arab, Ogango, kodiaga, and Obinju Kanyakwa Primary Schools. WONESU also distributed the much needed sanitary towels after we found out (during home-visits and meetings with adolescent girls in our partner schools) that most girls have no food, basic supplies like sanitary towels or the resources to study from home.



Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School adolescent girls in one of the classrooms after they received packets of sanitary towels.



Adolsecent girls in Ogango Primary School after they received packets of sanitary towels in their school compound.



WONESU also distributed sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Manyatta Arab Primary School Compound.

3.2.2. Kick and Chat Club

Objective: To mentor 200 adolescent boys through collective responsibility into responsible future adults



Paul Tiengo during past mentorship session with adolescent boys in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School.

The first case of the novel corona virus was reported in Kenya on 14th March 2020. Schools were immediately closed and since then learners have remained at home. Our adolescent boys mentor (Paul Tiengo) mobilized adolescent boys for meetings in our partner schools. During one of the mentorship sessions with the some of them aged 12- 17 year olds most of the boys shared the challenges they faced at home. These included missing meals at home as most of their parents/ guardians lost their sources of livelihoods. Adolescent boys are also suffering from negative peer influence which has made some of them to get involved in drug abuse, premarital sex, loitering in the streets of the town and some are doing manual labor work in order to get food.



Adolescent boys during past mentorship session in Nyaduong Primary School, Kisumu West Sub County.

During this period of covid-19 in Kenya, we found out that numbers of street children are increasing and the high percentage of them are boys. This is happening because of domestic violence at home, family breakups and poverty. Unfortunately some of the adolescent boys are also losing their focus on learning and this means that a good number of them might not go back to school when the schools will be reopened in early 2021.

4.0. TEAM DIMA GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

4.1. WONESU COVID – 19 Response



Part of classrooms building in Oluowa Primary School

WONESU also received funding contribution from Team Dima Global. We did agree to direct the monetary contribution to household support. Through partnership with stakeholders in Kisumu West Sub County we identified Oluowa Primary School with a population close to five hundred (500) children. Our team then sampled and visited homes of some children before we delivered food items to them. Thank you Team Dima Global and we look forward to fruitful partnership.



Berlyne Ndolo distributed food packs to parents/ guardians in Oluowa Primary School. The head teacher and senior teacher also helped with the exercise in the school compound.



Paul Tiengo also distributed food packs to parents/ guardians in Oluowa Primary School. The head teacher and senior teacher also participated in the exercise.

5.0. WONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

5.1. Website

In this quarter (April- June 2020) we engaged *Rich Minds Consultants* for design of our website page- www.wonesukenya.org. We shall update the page from time to time.

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