

PROGRESS REPORT

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FOREWORD

Happy New Year and we take this opportunity to welcome you all to this year 2022. We thank God Almighty for His guidance, care and protection upon our lives and families. We also thank our donors *Foerderverein Watoto: Afrikas starke kinder e.V*, *Team Dima Global* and *German Regional Scouts Association, BdP* for their unwavering financial support. Thank you too WONESU Board of Directors- members for your continued commitment and support.

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Lastly, we thank our beneficiaries partner schools- parents/ guardians, teachers and children of; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma, Geta, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Oluowa, Nyaduong, Nyakune, Wachara, Sinyolo, Ogongo, Eluhobe and Kambudi Primary Schools. Thank you too our six Agriculture beneficiary groups in Kisumu West sub County for your support and active participation in all our projects.

Thanks and May God Bless you all abundantly!!!

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WONESU continued distribution of school feeding materials to our eight partner schools within Kisumu County and over 4500 children fed on nutritious porridge through financial support from BdP, Team Dima Global and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V. Our adolescent boys and girls aged 9-17 year olds mentorship sessions also continued in Ngege, Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, ogongo, Usoma, and Eluhobe Primary Schools. WONESU mentorship sessions seek to provide avenues for adolescents in slums and rural areas to vent out and freely converse on issues affecting them. Adolescents thereby provide inborn and own grown solutions to their problems hence informed decisions on matters their lives/ parents/ guardians/ teachers and society in general. We also distributed four hundred (400) packets of disposable sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma and Obinju Kanyakwar Primary Schools.

Our nursery art sessions with children in Obinju Kanyakwar, Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery School sections also continued. Christine Onyango – Nursery Art Facilitator engaged the children in drawing, coloring, coloring big pictures and outdoor games like grouping and sorting using small stones. As reported by the teachers' art sessions of drawing, coloring and outdoor activities amongst others enables children focus, think right and also develop their brains.

Molline Akinyi – (Our production officer) also continued production of reusable (*Hope*) sanitary towels in our back office space. We therefore redistributed after sensitization on use, hygiene and storage methods to over 70 adolescent girls in Ngege and Wachara Primary Schools. The project aims to ensure adolescent girls easily access menstrual hygiene management products with longer utility period (eight months). 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”.

We also initiated vocational education on dressmaking course targeting young/ teenage mothers from slums and rural areas in our back office space.

WONESU Agriculture Program also continued to support Korando beneficiary groups- Korando A, B1, B2, C, D and Lela potential Farmers group in Kisumu West Sub County. Our farmer groups therefore produce livestock of goats, rabbits, dairy/ local/ improved breed of cows and chicken in their individual farms. 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 for sale and their families consumption.

Finally, WONESU also engaged Khoya &Co. who conducted audit of our financial accounts for 2021 period. In compliance with regulations governing operations of Non-Governmental Organizations in Kenya we also submitted audited report of our accounts to NGO Board office in Kisumu.

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 over 4000 vulnerable children.

The Government of Kenya introduced free primary education policy in 2003. It envisaged benefiting poor children as they were the ones who were excluded from the education sector. However, findings reveal that free primary education policy still exclude children of the poor of the poorest. These are children of families living below the poverty line thus forced into child labor in order to support their education needs (levies, uniforms, books) and help their families survive. Therefore instead of going to school and getting education for themselves, they make money working as fishermen, sand harvesting, boda boda – (transport industry) or as hawkers selling goods on the streets.



Adelite Abuto- (cook) Manyatta Arab Primary School cook served children porridge in the school compound.

WONESU in partnership with schools in slums/ rural areas in implementing feeding program over the years has ensured more pupils enroll into our schools. Therefore, in this period (January- April 2022); we purchased, milled and distributed dried mixture of millet, sorghum, and cassava (nutritious *porridge flour*) to all our partner schools; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma, Nyaduong and Ngege Primary Schools within Kisumu County. Through this initiative we increased quantity of our monthly porridge flour supplies to our partner schools. In fact four thousand (4000) children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. Reports by the teachers, children and parents in our partner schools confirm that feeding program provides both educational and health benefits for these most vulnerable children thereby increasing enrolment rates, reducing absenteeism, improving overall grades performances and food security at the household levels.



Susan Moraa- (cook) served porridge to children in Kodiaga Primary School compound.



Christine Onyango (WONESU staff) assisted with serving porridge to children in Usoma Primary School. Looking on was the schools head teacher- Mr. Charles Owino.



Jennipher Adhiambo- (cook) served porridge to children in Ogango Primary School compound. Ms. Benter Awimbo –(teacher) also assisted the exercise.



Mr. Kennedy Tuungani (teacher) assisted with serving porridge to children in Ngege Primary School. Paul Tieng'o (WONESU staff) also posed for photo with the children as they enjoyed porridge in their school compound.



Sylvia Kabei and Mildred Oloo- (teachers) were assisted by Paul Tieng'o (WONESU staff) in serving porridge to children in Nyaduong 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 County



Molline Akinyi- (Production officer) sewed Hope Pads in our back office space.

Our Production Officer -Molline Akinyi continued sewing packs of *Hope* reusable sanitary towels in our back office space. We continued re-distribution of *Hope* sanitary towels to our partner schools and seventy eight (78) adolescent girls in Wachara and Ngege Primary schools benefited. Adolescent girls' also clearly demonstrated procedures for use/reuse, storage and disposal of *Hope* pads. WONESU team shall continue follow up visits and distribution of hope pads to adolescent girls in our partner schools in the next period May – August 2022.



Berlyne Ndolo and Molline Akinyi demonstrated process of washing Hope pads to adolescent girls in Wachara Primary School compound



Adolescent girls in Wachara and Ngege Primary Schools posed for photo together with Moline Akinyi after they received Hope pads in their respective school.

2.3. Vocational Education.

Objective: To enhance skills on dress making course to 50 young mothers in slums / rural areas of Kisumu County.

Since 2018, The Ministry of Education continues to push for 100% transition of pupils who sit for Kenya Certificate of Primary Educations (K.C.P.E) examinations to secondary education. According to data from Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KBS) 2016- 2020 period, there was an 8% increase in number of children who transitioned to secondary schools. However, since March 2020, there has been decline in enrolment rates to secondary education due to poverty. WONESU teams through home visit reported that many parents said they lack resources- (school fees, books/bags, school uniforms e.t.c) to send their children to secondary schools. The situation as explained by the parents has been compounded by the impact of COVID-19 on house hold incomes.

WONESU therefore seeks to enroll young mothers/ teenage mothers and equip them with the skills on dressmaking course, entrepreneurship and reproductive health so that they stay healthy and safe from early marriages and unwanted pregnancies. The training will also give them the best chances in life-opportunities for employment and income generation for improved standards of living.



Molline Akinyi (trainer) and one of the trainee teenage mother in our back office space. She practically gains skills on dressmaking

2.4. Agriculture and Business Development Program

Objective: Improve food security and income to 500 rural households through crop and livestock production in Kisumu West Sub County.

WONESU organized one day meeting with group leaders in December 2022. The meeting aimed to share inters group's progresses/ challenges, identifying group's conflict causes and induct the leaders to set up management mechanisms. In this period – January – April 2022, our groups reorganized the group's leadership structures, reinforced groups rules hence motivation among members. The groups therefore emphasized on expansion of goats' production, chicken, rabbits, banana, paw paw, local vegetables, initiation of group's income generating activities, partnerships, networking and collaboration with like-minded partners in the field of agriculture.

2.4.1 Goats Production



Group buck in Benson Ochieng– Lela Potential member's homestead



Group's buck- Korando B1 and a doe yet to be served in Franscisca Ogonyo homestead



Josephine Ogonyo-Korando B2 member with flock of goats in her homestead



Joshua Onoka- Korando C member with flock of goats in his homestead

WONESU's six small holder farmers groups in both Lela and Korando areas of Kisumu West Sub County continue production of goats. The goats' species in their farms include; local does, F1, F2, F3 generations, Toggen-burg, saneen and Kenyan Alpine. Our farmers consistently employ routine animals' husbandry management practices. These include; weekly spraying, quarterly deworming, ears tagging to new generations of goats, hooves trimming, construction of units and timely goat service. They too ensure goats feed on recommended fodder plants (nappier, molato grass, lucern, boma Rhodes, desmodium, potatoes vines) also produced within their farms. However, in this period – January- April 2022, we experienced long dry spell that reduced quality and quantity of fodder on the farms. We therefore supplemented with exotic fodder growing in the surrounding environments.



Nappier grass plantation on Benson Ochieng- Lela Potential member's farm

Our farmers spread goats' waste also commonly known as manure to their farms to improve soil structure and fertility through addition of microorganisms to boost production. The months of February to May is a season always associated with long rains and our farmers also plant grains, fodder crops, fruits, pumpkins and local vegetables on their farms for their families' consumption and surplus sold for additional income.

WONESU farmers also consume goat milk at their family levels. Goat milk is very nutritious; help improve appetite, digestion and body immunity. The Korando and Lela communities at large also enjoy services of spraying and does service from our groups bucks at a fee in our various groups. These monies are then used to support our groups' project activities.

To effectively achieve our objective, our farmer groups in Korando and Lela areas also continue to dispose buck kids of F1 and F2 generations of goats from their farms. This is to control inbreeding and also ensure additional income to our farmers. For example:

Rose Amondi- Korando B1 member sold two F1 bucks from her flock, Franscisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 member sold an F1 buck, Benson Ochieng – Lela Potential member sold an F1 buck, Magret Oloo and Patrick Nyakwaka – Korando C members also sold F1 buck kids from their flocks and they all used proceeds to pay levies in secondary schools for children under their care.



Dairy goats inside a unit in Jacob Ogada-Lela Potential members homestead



Mary Amonde and Jacob Ogada posed for photo with pure kid soon to be disposed



Monica Anyango- Lela Potential member – posed for photo in her homestead with her goats during follow up visit in Lela. The second photo is of a two weeks old F1 buck kid and mother



WONESU in this period (January- April 2022) also purchased Kenyan Alpine buck to Korando C beneficiary group. This is to ensure timely service of particularly the pure does and also inconsideration of their geographical locations. The second buck (Hornless Kenyan Alpine buck) is hosted in Patrick Nyakwaka's homestead. WONESU also employed services of veterinary officers for routine animals (project goats, rabbits and dairy cows) check -up and management to prevent premature deaths.

2.4.2 Poultry Production



Part of local chicken flock in Magret Oloo- Korando C members homestead (husband- Jekonia Oloo) fed the chicken on foods left overs during follow up visit by WONESU team.



Seline Olilo- Korando B1 member also fed part of local chicken flock in her homestead.

WONESU farmers in Lela and Korando areas also continue production of both local and improved breeds of chicken for sale and families consumption. They employ relevant skills and good management practices like provision of standard housing, feeds/ feeding, maintaining hygiene and timely administration of all required vaccines in production. Chicken produces eggs and meat which contributes to the protein nutrition in the household hence help in eradicating malnutrition. Sales from eggs and whole chicken also diversify incomes for the beneficiaries as waste from the chicken is good source of manure for improved crop yields.



Chicken flock in Magdalene Okore- Korando A members unit

For example:

Selina Olilo- Korando B2 member, during December 2021 festive season sold five mature cocks and earned Kshs. 5000. She used the proceeds to pay part of her daughter's secondary school fees and also purchased food items for her family.

Jane Omuodo - Korando A member also sold part of mature chicken flock and earned Kshs. 6500. She will use the proceeds to pay school levies for her granddaughter who will join secondary school in May 2022.

Jecinter Okong'o- Korando C member also sold part her mature chicken flock and earned Kshs. 6000. She used the proceeds to buy school materials like books, uniforms and also paid school levies for her two children in primary school.

In Lela area, WONESU farmers; Monica Atieno- a widow and mother of five children also sold part of her mature chicken during December 2021 festive season. She earned Kshs 22,000 and used the proceeds to pay school levies.



Dickson Omedo- Lela Potential member fed his flock of chicken during follow up visit to his unit in Lela area.

2.4.3 Rabbits Production



Lyton Cheruyot -(veterinary officer) during routine management follow up visits to our farmers in Korando area. The rabbits were treated and farmers also advised on good animal management practices.

According to Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Production report 2020, rabbits' production in Kenya has increased rapidly because of its meat which is the best source of protein. WONESU farmers' therefore continue production of New Zealand White and New Zealand Grey rabbits' species in their farms in Korando area. The farmers also continue use of the rich in nitrogen and potassium rabbits waste as manure for production of local vegetables and other crops alongside the rabbit's urine as insecticide for controlling aphids hence improved production. In this period, Janaury- April 2022 our members disposed non breeding old buck rabbits. The rabbits also kidded more rabbit kids. However, our farmers have experienced delays in constructing new rabbit units due to financial constraints to allow for pass on.



Rabbit kids in Olivia Achieng- Korando A member's unit

2.4.4 Production of Cows



Pamela Ondu- Care taker to Korando B1 with Heifer in her homestead as mother dairy cow grazed at her feeding yard in Korando area.

WONESU farmers continued production of improved and pure dairy breeds of cows in their farms in Lela and Korando areas. They employed routine animals' husbandry management practices among them artificial insemination. In fact in this period, Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2, Susan Ondu- Korando B1 dairy cows were all served through artificial insemination. The cows are again expected to deliver before December 2022. Our farmers' in Lela area improved breed of cows were also served after they hired services (at a fee) of pure breeds of bulls from other farmers in the area.

Our farmers also planted different fodder crops of nappier grasses, molato grasses and leguminous crops like sweet potatoes vines and desmodium. However, we experienced long dry spell season in this period January- April 2022. Therefore the farmers supplemented feeds/ feeding with exotic and drought resistant species of fodder like sesbania, black jack and other exotic grasses in their farms.

As reported by our farmers' production of improved and pure dairy breeds of cows ensure additional income through sale of milk to support both education and purchase of food items for their families. Our farmers also used part of the earnings to purchase commercial dairy feeds. However there was decline in milk production due to low feeds. The cows too have been served and expectant.



Evans Ojwang- Lela Potential member examined crossbreed cow in his homestead



Samwel Oguna- Lela Potential members cows in their feeding unit

2.4.5 Fish Ponds Production

Aquaculture has globally been recognized as a fast growing source of the highly demanded fish foods since the capture fisheries is on decline. According to Ministry of Agriculture report 2020, Aquaculture in Kenya has made contributions to food security/ nutrition, creation of employment and income generation. Further, improving livelihoods and enhancer of social well -being as well as providing the best way to make use of idle resources such as idle/ agriculturally unproductive lands and waters. Additionally, it also enhances use of locally available resources like wastes (manure) from goats/ chicken as fish feeds, so as to enhance profitability of fish farming enterprises.

In 2021, WONESU partnered with fish pond production expert (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Department) and linked our farmers in Lela for technical support on fish ponds production. This was after we established availability of idle fish ponds, flowing streams of waters and lands/ members farms. Therefore, in this period –January- April 2022, three fish ponds were restocked with tilapia and mud fish in Lela area. In May- August 2022, period will follow up with more farmers in the area for access to quality/ affordable fingerlings and training to our farmers.



Jacob Ogada - Lela Potential group member, Mary Amonde and Berlyne Ndolo toured two fish ponds (tilapia and mud fish) during follow up visit in Lela area.

2.4.6 Crops Production

2.4.6.1 Banana production



Peres Otieno – Korando C member pose for photo during follow up visit in her banana plantation farm. The banana suck almost due for harvesting .



Grace Bonga- Korando B1 member also posed for photo shortly after she harvested mature banana suck from her farm in Korando area.

According to Ministry of Agriculture report 2020, banana production in Kenya has gradually changed from subsistence to cash crops. As demand rise, many farmers especially smallholders (WONESU farmers included) apart from growing the native variety they have gone for the improved varieties; *fear 16/ fear 17, Ngombe* and the tissue cultured bananas amongst others. These improved varieties mature fast, high production in terms of quality and quantity. Banana is also a staple food consumed for its high nutritive values, can be used to make wine, jam and other beverages. Therefore, with a production span of up to three years banana production provides the much needed income for rural households. The market is also growing rapidly due to increase in population, changing consumption habits and lifestyles.

For example;

Benson Ochieng- Lela potential group member sold twenty mature banana sucks in his farm. He earned Kshs 14,000 and used the proceeds to pay school levies for his children in secondary school.

Evelyn Lumumba- Korando B1 member sold ten mature banana sucks she harvested from her farm. She also earned Kshs 7000 and plans to pay school fees for her daughter who joins secondary school in the month of May 2022 from the proceeds.

Our farmers in Korando area allocated part of their farms to expand production of banana in this period- (January- April 2022). This will help in sustainability of the production and also boost income to our beneficiaries. They include: Josphine Anyango, Wilkister Anyango (korando A), Fransisca Ogonyo (Korando B2), Patrick Nyakwaka and Jecinta Okongo (Korando C). However, we experienced long dry spells that delayed digging holes for planting.



Fransisca Ogonyo – Korando B2 member posed for photo by the banana plantation on her farm in Korando area.



Wilkister Anyango – Korando A member banana banana on her farm



Everlyne Lumumba- Korando B1 member plantation



Phillip Ojwang- Lela Potential members banana plantation almost due harvesting on his farm,

2.4.6.2 Production of Local Vegetables



Pamela Awuor- Jacob Ogadas wife- Lela Potential member with Mary Amonde during follow up visit to their vegetables farm in Lela area

Vegetable production in Kenya contributes a lot to the growth of our economy. WONESU farmer groups in both Lela and Korando areas continued production of local vegetables; amaranthas, black night shade, spider plant, spinach, kales and cow peas in their farms. In the month of February 2022 we experienced little rains and our farmers planted drought resistant local vegetables of cow peas, spider plant and amaranthas. Local vegetables consumption at household levels has ensured improved food security and reduction in risks of malnutrition particularly among children below the age of five years. Consumption of local vegetables also ensures the human body is supplied with important nutrients and vitamins thus help boost body immunity for our farmers/ families. Our farmers also continue to sell surplus local vegetables from their farms to nearby markets/ at farm gates. From the sale of vegetables they purchase other food items for their families that include flour, sugar, cooking oils and soaps for their families use. Through sale of vegetables from their farms they have used proceeds to partly pay school levies for children under their care in Primary, Secondary and College levels of education.

In this period January- April 2022, WONESU purchased and distributed hybrid seeds of vegetables of kales and black night shade that can be harvested for more than a year (up to twelve months) to our farmers in both areas. We then established nursery beds. However, long dry spell delayed the establishments of nursery beds. We shall establish new nursery beds in May- August 2022 period.



Kales vegetables on Musa Awuor- Lela Potential members farm.

2.4.6.3. Passion fruits production



Joshua Onoka and Jeconia Oloo- Korando C members twinned passion fruit stems on their farms

WONESU farmers in Lela and Korando areas use rails and strings to twin passion fruits on their farms to grow to desired direction. They also prevent human/ animal destruction and rotting of fruits. Passion fruits of purple variety that WONESU distributed to our farmers in Lela and Korando area established, vegetated but shade off the leaves during long dry spell experienced in January- April 2022. The passion fruits also flowered however they dropped off the flowers due to long dry spell, we expect the plants to regenerate the leaves and produce flowers in readiness for fruiting in May- August 2022 period.



Dickson Omedo twinned passion fruit stems at the rails on his farm.

2.4.6.4. Tree Tomato Production

Our farmers in Lela area also produced tree tomatoes on their farms. They employ crops management practices like timely weeding, spraying against aphids/ fungal/ bacterial diseases, manure addition and watering during dry spells. In January- April 2022 period we experienced long dry spell. However tree tomatoes survived the harsh weather, therefore are at different stages of growth and development; vegetative, flowering and fruiting. Mature fruits were harvested for families' consumption. Tree tomatoes basically are rich in vitamins, carbohydrates, proteins, fat, calcium and potassium – thus helps in immune boosting. It also helps in controlling diabetes since it contains chlorogenic acids which help lower sugar content in human body amongst others.



Tree tomato on Dickson Omedo and Monica Anyango- Lela Potential members' farms

2.4.6.5. Paw Paw Fruits Production



Paw paw fruit trees in Leonida Akinyi-Korando B2 member's farm.



Paw fruit tree on Evans Ojwang- Lela Potential Member's farm

According to the Ministry of Agriculture report 2020, pawpaw farming is also increasingly becoming attractive to farmers who are keen to tap into new opportunities in the Agribusiness sector. WONESU farmers in both Lela and Korando areas therefore continue to produce different varieties of paw paw fruits like *Malkia F1*, *Papaya solo* and *solo sunrise* on their individual farms. These varieties have longer production lifespan of three to four years. They also produce bigger fruits that fetch slightly higher in the markets due to their nutritional and medicinal values.

Our farmers continue to harvest mature paw paw fruits in their farms, consume in their households and sell surplus for additional income at the farm gates. They use the proceeds to purchase other food items of sugar, flour and cooking oil for their families' consumption and also contribute school levies for their children.

However, in this period paw paw production depreciated due to long dry spell experienced. Our farmers have preserved more seeds for planting immediately the rains falls in the next period- May- August 2022.

2.4.6.6. Pumpkin Production

WONESU farmers produce pumpkins which are consumed as vegetables and fruits on their farms in Korando and Lela areas. Pumpkins leaves are cooked as vegetables due to their nutritional values i.e boosts human body immunity system. Additionally pumpkins fruits serve as breakfast snacks and can be cooked with other ingredients to prepare chapatti, mandazi and cakes. Our farmers majorly engage in production of pumpkins during the grain planting season/ long rains seasons – January- April periods. Our farmers conserved seeds from the previous harvest to plant during the season but the areas have been experiencing long dry spell with little rains being experienced in the late march 2022. They have planted the seeds for harvesting in the next period –May- August 2022.



Pumpkin plantation on Benson Ochieng- Lela Potential member's farm

2.4.6.7. Grafted Mangoes Production



Jecinter Okongo and Joshua Onoka- Korando C members all posed for photo during follow up visits on their farms in Korando area.

Growing mangoes by seeds takes longer up to five or more years to produce fruits. Therefore grafted mangoes are preferred method of production as trees do not cover a bigger area, the production is fast, and the fruits are also sweet. Our farmers continue production of *Apple* and *Ngowe* species of grafted mangoes in their farms in Korando and Lela areas and have since harvested twice in four years. *Apple* variety matures faster than the *Ngowe* variety. In this period, however grafted mango fruits trees flowered in readiness for fruiting but due to harsh weather (dry spell experienced) they shed off all the flowers. We plan to spray for flowering and fruiting immediately the rains are back –May- August 2022 period.



Grafted mangoe tree on Everlyne Lumumba- Korando B1 member's farm

2.4.7. Savings and Loaning Schemes (Table Banking)



Korando A beneficiary group meeting in Josephine Achieng's homestead



Korando C members in past meeting held in Joshua Onoka's home stead.



Korando C beneficiary group's dairy goats in their unit in Joshua Onokas homestead.



Members of the group posed for photo after weekly groups meeting.

WONESU farmer groups shared out in December 2021 as per the guidelines of groups' savings and loaning schemes. From their reports, some of them used the proceeds to pay school levies for their children in primary, secondary and tertiary colleges in January 2022. Members who also engage in small scale businesses also increased stock of their businesses. They also purchased food items for their families from the proceeds. Our groups Korando B1, B2 and D planned to buy more local goats and plastic chairs for hire. However, due to financial constraints the members of the groups did not return all their loans. They promise to do so end of this year 2022.

In Korando area, our groups in this period renewed their engagements in savings and loaning schemes. They continued weekly monetary shares contributions, loaning of the shares and repaying back at 10% interest rate on monthly basis. WONESU also supported our Korando groups with the motivation package- (monies allocated in the budget 2022 to help groups realize further steps in their projects). They ploughed back into their savings and loaning schemes for the 2022 period.

Over the years, our groups have expanded production of dairy goats' breeds and purchased plastic chairs from proceeds- motivation package. For example:

Korando C purchased the second groups an already served pure saneen doe from proceeds of savings and loaning scheme- 2021 period. The doe then kidded a doe kid early this month- April 2022 and together they are hosted in Patrick Nyakwakwa homestead after they completed construction of a new unit. The doe will be passed on to another group member (yet to be identified) by September 2022. Korando C beneficiary group also earn monies from hire of plastic chairs and they plan to purchase more plastic chairs after they share out in December 2022. Monies from the chairs help them in supporting the group development activities i.e veterinary services, costs of repairs of goat units' e.t.c.



Pure doe breed of saneen (white in color) and Kenyan Alpine hornless buck in Patrick Nyakwaka- Korando C members homestead. He also posed for photo with the doe kid (one month old) in the unit.



Mary Amonde also posed for photo with the pure doe kid during follow up visit in Patrick Nyakwaka's homestead.

Korando A beneficiary group also purchased pure Kenyan Alpine specie of goat and is hosted in their new unit constructed in Magdalene Okores homestead from proceeds of motivation package 2021. The pure doe has since been served by the group's pure buck hosted in Josephine Anyango's homestead. Korando A also had two local does they bought with the money that they got from the Kisumu County Woman Representative office. They are expected to deliver by next month- May 2022. Our farmer groups are again expected to share out in December 2022.



Magdalene Okore- Korando A member posed for photo in front of the groups newly constructed doe unit in her homestead. The unit hosts the group's pure Kenyan Alpine doe (purchased from proceeds of savings and loaning schemes 2021).

On the other hand, Lela Potential farmers group (WONESU sixth group in Lela area) conducted funds drive in December 2021. They raised a total Kshs. 35,000 and have since saved with Ukulima (Farmers) Sacco account. Members also continue monthly contribution of Kshs. 200 therefore group's monthly savings of Kshs. 3400 from all the seventeen members. The group plans to borrow loans from the sacco to purchase poultry feed machine and pure goat for some members by the end of this year 2022.

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

3.1. School Feeding

Objective: To improve quality of education through provision of nutritive food supplements to over 500 vulnerable children in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School.



Children in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School enjoy a cup of porridge each in their school compound. They were served by the school cook- Morvin Atieno

As population of children in our partner schools continue to grow, WONESU in this period (January- April 2020) purchased, milled and distributed dried mixture of millet, sorghum and cassava - *porridge flour* to our partner school; Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School within Kisumu East Sub County. We therefore increased our porridge flour monthly supplies and enrolled more children into the feeding program. Thus over 500 children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. As reported by the teachers, school feeding program provides both educational and health benefits for these most vulnerable children thereby increasing enrolment rates, reducing absenteeism, improving overall grades performances and food security at their household levels.



Children posed for photo after they served porridge in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School compound.



Children of ECD classes in Obinju Kanyakwar also enjoyed cup of porridge in their classroom

3.2. Nursery Art

Objective: To promote learning and holistic development of over 250 children aged 3-6 year olds in Kudho, Obinju Kanyakwar and Manyatta Arab Nursery Schools.

WONESU continued nursery art sessions with children aged 3- 6 year old in our partner schools; Manyatta Arab, Kudho and Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery School sections. Christine Onyango- (Nursery Art Facilitator) engaged over 300 children in indoor/ inside classrooms sessions of drawing/coloring, coloring big pictures/ other shapes and grouping / sorting using small stones as part of outdoor activities.



Children in Obinju Kanyakwar and Kudho Nursery school sections enjoyed outdoor activities in their respective school compounds.

From our partner schools teachers our art activities promote school attendance, enables children focus, think right and promote physical and mental development. Our nursery art facilitator- Christine Onyango will continue art activities in the next period- January- April 2022 in both partner schools.



Children in Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery school sections engaged in sessions of grouping and sorting using small stones in their respective school compounds.



Obinju Kanyakwar nursery school children also engaged in sessions of grouping and sorting using small stones in their school compound.



Manyatta Arab Nursery school section engaged in drawing and coloring in their school compound.

3.3. Adolescent's Mentorship Program

3.3.1. Knit and Chat Club.

Objective: To mentor 500 adolescents' girls through collective responsibility into responsible future adults



Lillian Aoko (Adolescent girls mentor) held mentorship sessions with adolescent girls in Ogongo Primary School compound.



Adolescent girls in Eluhobe Primary School during mentorship session, Lillian Aoko guided the sessions.

WONESU mentorship sessions continue to provide avenues for adolescent girls (in slums and rural areas) to vent out and freely converse on issues affecting them. Thus provide inborn and own grown solutions to challenges they face during adolescence stage, a key phase of their life as they rapidly transit from childhood to adulthood. Adolescence phase for girls from slums/ rural areas is associated with critical shocks or negative events that alter the course of their lives; getting pregnant/ early marriages or dropping out of school.

WONESU mentors/ social workers Berlyne Ndolo and Lillian Aoko therefore continued mentorship sessions/ meetings with adolescent girls -aged 9 to 17 years olds across our partner

primary schools; Manyatta Arab, Kudho, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Usoma, Ogongo, Wachara, and Eluhobe. Reports from children, parents/ guardians and teachers in or partner schools confirmed that there are reduced cases of truancy, improved communication between girls/ parents/guardian/ the teachers, behavior and improved overall grades performances among adolescent girls.



Berlyne Ndolo in past mentorship session with adolescent girls in Ngege Primary School



Lillian Aoko also conducted mentorship session with Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School

In Kenya, adolescent girls in slums/ rural areas often get pregnant at early ages (low as 12 years) thus resulting to early school withdrawal /dropouts. Most of these girls are either unable to continue their education or they have to give up on it altogether because of the stigma that is associated with being pregnant. In this period, January- April 2022 Lillian Aoko continued identification, tracing and offering counseling support to pregnant/ teenage mothers in and out of school. WONESU previously facilitated three teenage mothers back to school – (2 girls in Manyatta Arab and one in Ogongo Primary Schools). In fact the teenage mothers successfully sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) examinations done in March 2022 and two of them proceeded for secondary education. We also continue to visit them at their homes and also encourage their parents/guardian to continue supporting their teenage girls and their babies.



Adolescent girls in Ogongo Primary School in past mentorship session in their compound, the session also involved one teenage mother sharing her experiences with adolescent girls as Lillian Aoko (WONESU Mentor) helped carry her baby.

According to WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program, 2012: Menstrual Health is achieved when *'Women and adolescent girls use clean menstrual management materials to absorb or collect menstrual blood, that can be changed in privacy as often as necessary for the duration of a menstrual period, using soap and water for washing the body as required, and having access to safe and convenient facilities to dispose of used menstrual management materials. They understand the basic facts linked to the menstrual cycle and how to manage it with dignity and without discomfort or fear.'*

WONESU continued monthly distribution of sanitary towels to adolescent girls in our partner schools; Kodiaga, Ogango, Manyatta Arab, Usoma and Obinju Kanyakwar Primary Schools. Lack of sanitary towels contribute to them engaging in premarital sex with men in exchange for pads/ or get money to buy pads, further exposing them to teenage pregnancies, other sexually transmitted infections amongst others.



Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School adolescent posed for photo in their school compound after they received sanitary towels.



Adolescent girls in Usoma Priamary School girls posed for photo after they received sanitary pack



Adolescent girls in Manyatta Arab Primary School posed for photo after they received packs of sanitary towels in their school compound.



Kodiaga Priamary School adolescent girls also posed for photo in their school compound after they received packets of sanitary towels.

WONESU in partnership with WASH United under the umbrella of Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day) movement will celebrate Menstrual Hygiene Day on 28th May 2022. Using the hashtag **#WeAreCommitted**, WONESU will join other organizations' to publicly announce our concrete commitments towards creating a world where no one is held back because they menstruate by 2030.

3.3.2. Kick and Chat Club

Objective: To mentor 500 adolescent boys through collective responsibility into responsible future adults



Paul Tieng'o engaged adolescent boys during mentorship session in Ngege Primary School



Adolescent boys in Ogango Primary school during mentorship session

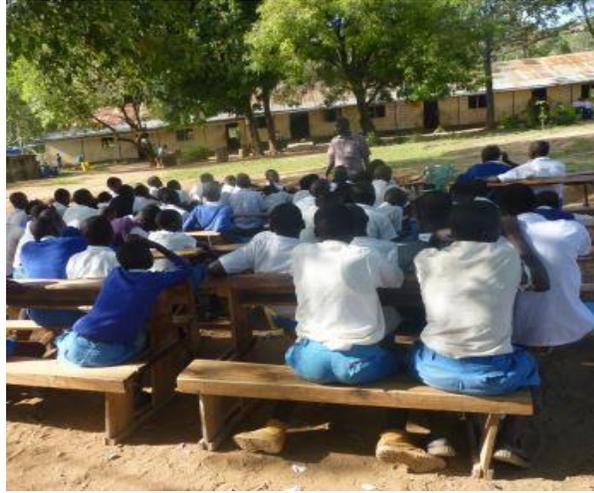
In slums/ rural areas in Kisumu County, adolescent boys experience many issues which push them to illicit behavior such as drug abuse, riots, rebellion and general indiscipline. These factors make them vulnerable to contacting HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and other social problems like negative peer influence, school withdrawal/ dropout. Adolescent boys also faces challenges associated with child labor, lack/inadequate parental care, lack of food at home and weak family institutions/ structures.

WONESU mentorship program for adolescent boys is key and establishes foundation to discover who they are, learn to cope with their emotions/ changes during adolescence, resist negative peer pressure influence and be able to resolve their differences amicably, make effective choices and decisions. It also gives them platform to air their views hence create broader perspective of handling their personal challenges.

Paul Tieng'o (Adolescent Boys Mentor) continued mentorship sessions with adolescent boys aged 9-17 year olds across our partner schools: Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Usoma, Ogongo and Eluhobe Primary Schools within Kisumu County. Additionally, adolescent boys who previously dropped out of school, after counseling by Paul Tieng'o they are back in school- Ogongo Primary School.



Wachara Primary School adolescent boys during mentorship session in their school compound.



Ogongo Primary School adolescent boys also engaged in mentorship sessions.



Paul Tiengo in past mentorship session with adolescent boys in Ogongo Primary School compound

3.3.3. Advocacy and Awareness Forums.

Objective: To reduce in percentage (%) teenage pregnancy cases among adolescent girls through community outreach and sensitization in Kisumu County.

WONESU seeks to ensure parents and caregivers are aware and positive about their parenting roles to effectively meet their children's developmental, growth and safety needs. We therefore continued partnership with families, communities and other stakeholders in attempts to promote safe and nurturing environments for adolescents to reach their full potential. Our adolescents' boys/ girls' mentors -Paul Tieng'o and Berlyne Ndolo held open forums with parents/ guardians in our partner schools; Manyatta Arab and Wachara Primary Schools in this period- January-April 2022. Through the forums we reached out to over one hundred parents/ guardians. In the forums we also address the risks of not providing adequate care and protection to children through skill full parenting. Also reinforcing positive parenting practices, empowering parents/ caregivers to address the challenges they face in upbringing their children. We shall continue our meetings with parents/guardians across our partner school in the next phase- May- August 2022.



Paul Tieng'o and Berlyne Ndolo (WONESU Mentors) engaged parents/ guardians in skill full parenting techniques in Manyatta Arab Primary School compound



Berlyne Ndolo and Paul Tieng'o (WONESU Mentors) also engaged parent/ guardians on skill parenting in Wachara Primary school compound

4.0. TEAM DIMA GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

4.1. School Feeding

Objective: To improve quality of education through provision of nutritive food supplements to over 500 vulnerable children in Oluowa Primary School.



Children served porridge by the school cook- Jane Akinyi in Oluowa Primary School compound.

WONESU in this period (January- April 2021) continued purchase, milling and distribution of dried mixture of millet, sorgum and cassava- *porridge flour* to our partner school; Oluowa Primary School in Kisumu West Sub County. This ensured over 500 children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. As reported by stakeholders school feeding program provides both educational and health benefits for the most vulnerable children thereby increasing enrolment rates, reducing absenteeism and improving food security at the household levels.

4.2. Adolescent Girls: Menstrual Hygiene Management.



Berlyne Ndolo engaged adolescent girls in Oluowa Primary School compound in a short mentorship session. On the plastic chair are boxes of sanitary packs shortly before they were distributed to them.

WONESU also distributed the much needed sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Oluowa Primary School. Lack of sanitary towels contribute to them engaging in premarital sex with men in exchange for pads/ or get money to buy pads, further exposing them to teenage pregnancies, other sexually transmitted infections amongst others.



Adolescent girls in Oluowa Primary School posed for photo with Berlyne Ndolo after they received sanitary towel in their school compound.

Team Dima Global is working towards supporting construction of three doors standard toilets in Oluowa Primary School in May- August 2022 period. This will help children save time for learning by avoiding long queues when visiting the few toilets in their school compound. Additionally, accidents related to collapsing of toilet floors or walls will be controlled considering the dilapidated state of their currents toilets. Adolescent girls will also have safe and convenient facilities to change their sanitary pads whenever they are in school.

5.0. WONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

5.1. WONESU Financial Management System

In this period- January- April 2022, we discussed and agreed on budgets and work plans 2022 for both BdP and Foerderverein Watoto: Afrikas starke Kinder e.V projects. We then received funds disbursement from the donors. *Team Dima Global* also sent part of their funds contribution for school feeding program and distribution of sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Oluowa Primary School. They promised to send in more funds towards the same and also in supporting construction of three door standard toilet.

Khoya & Co. (audit firm) was engaged to undertake audit of WONESU financial books of accounts for the period January- December 2021. In compliance with regulations governing operations of Non-Governmental Organizations in Kenya we also submitted audited report of our accounts to NGO Board office.

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For WONESU