
WONESU

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FOREWORD

On behalf of WONESU fraternity, we thank God Almighty for His guidance, care and protection. We also thank our donors *Foerdderverein 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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Thanks and May God Bless you all abundantly!!!

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this period May- August 2021, WONESU continued distribution of school feeding materials to our eight partner schools within Kisumu County. This ensured over 4000 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 and Obinju Kanyakwar Primary Schools. WONESU also engaged a volunteer adolescent girls' mentor and extended our meetings with adolescent girls to Eluhobe and Ogongo Primary Schools. Our mentorship sessions seeks to address outcomes of prolonged COVID-19 break (nine months children stay at home) on adolescent girls and boys from slums and rural areas. Mentorship sessions continue to provide avenues for adolescent girls and boys to identify / discuss problems they faced in their day to day lives. They also provided 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 six hundred (600) packets of disposable sanitary towels to adolescent girls in Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga and Obinju Kanyakwar Primary Schools.

Our nursery art sessions with children in Obinju Kanyakwar and Manyatta Arab Nursery School sections also continued. Christine Onyango engaged the children in hand work, drawing, coloring, molding, coloring big pictures and tales. As reported by the teachers' art sessions of drawing, coloring, molding and handwork enables children focus, think right and also develop their brains amongst others.

Molline Akinyi – (Our production officer) also continued production of reusable (Hope) sanitary towels in our back office space. We therefore distributed after sensitization on use, hygiene and storage methods to 86 adolescent girls in Eluhobe and Ogongo Primary Schools. 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”.

WONESU team also distributed school uniforms previously sewed in our back office space to seventy eight (78) children from Ngege and Kodiaga Primary School.

WONESU Agriculture Program 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; 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. In fact fruits of passion fruits, paw paws and bananas that matured were harvested for sale and families consumption.

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 3500 vulnerable children.



Jamal Idi (pupil) joined the school cook Jamila Idi and they both served porridge to children in Usoma Primary School compound.

In this period, May- August 2021 WONESU continued distribution of feeding materials to all our partner schools; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma, Nyaduong and Ngege Primary Schools within Kisumu County. These in turn ensured over 3760 children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. As reported by the teachers, children and parents 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.



Ms. Alice Akeyo (school cook) served porridge to children in Kodiaga Primary School compound



Adelite Abuto- schools cook served porridge to children in Manyatta Arab Primary School



Children served porridge by their teachers.



Children enjoyed porridge in Nyaduong Primary School



Teachers in Ngege Primary school served porridge. Children enjoyed porridge in their school



2.2. Adolescents Girls: Menstrual Hygiene Management

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

WONESU team – Berlyne Ndolo and Molline Akinyi did follow up visits to our partner schools that previously benefited from Hope pads. This aims to assess impact of hope pads uptake, use and also take note of any emerging issues from use of our Hope pads for appropriate reviews. We shall conduct more follow up visits to our other partner schools in the next period- September- December 2021.



Berlyne Ndolo and Molline Akinyi during follow up meeting with adolescent girls in Kambudi Primary School. These adolescent girls previously received hope pad.

Our production officer Molline Akinyi also did continue production of more hope reusable sanitary towels in our back office space. We then distributed *Hope* sanitary towels to eighty six (86) adolescent girls in Eluhobe and Ogongo Primary schools after sensitization on use/reuse and storage procedures. We shall continue follow up visits and distribution of hope pads to adolescent girls in our partner schools in the next period- September – December 2021.



Molline Akinyi cut in to sizes blue suiting material in our back office for sewing of Hope Pads



Berlyne Ndolo introduced Hope pads to adolescent girls in Ogongo Primary School compound



Adolescent girls in Ogongo Primary School posed for photo after they received packs of Hope reusable sanitary towels from WONESU in their school compound.



Molline Akinyi also joined adolescent girls pose for photo after they received packs of Hope reusable sanitary towels in Eluhobe Primary School.

Through follow up visits/ meetings over time with adolescent girls and reports from partner schools teachers, we have established that their young mothers too have expressed interest/ their needs of our Hope pads. We therefore initiated mobilization and made contacts with young mothers/ parents (17- 22 year olds) in Kambudi Primary School. We plan to sensitize them on the importance of the directive not to share Hope pads with their adolescent girls. We also expect to sensitize them on general use, reuse of Hope pads and distribute to them at subsidized costs. As we progress we will work together to equip them with the skills i.e tailor/ dressmaking training, entrepreneurship and reproductive health so that they stay safe/ healthy, giving them the best chance in life and alternatives to early marriages and pregnancies. Our meetings will continue in the next period- September- December 2021.



Berlyne Ndolo accompanied by Molline Akinyi and Lillian Aoko for the young mothers mobilization meeting in Kambudi Primary School compound.

2.3. School Uniforms

Objective: To increase enrolment and retention rates of school children in Kodiaga and Ngege Primary Schools.



Molline Akinyi sorted out school uniforms in our back office space for distribution in Ngege and Kodiaga Primary schools.

WONESU team in this period May- August 2021 distributed seventy eight (78) school uniforms to children in Ngege and Kodiaga Primary Schools. As reported by school teachers' school uniforms distribution boosts children's self-esteem thus raises their confidence to actively participate in class work. Additionally, school uniforms distribution reduces truancy/ absenteeism among these vulnerable children hence improvement in their grades overall performance.



Ngege Primary School children posed for photo in new school uniforms in their school compound.



Molline Akinyi- handed over new school uniforms to Ms. Prisca Oloch (deputy head teacher) of Kodiaga Primary School. Looking on were beneficiaries of the school uniforms.



Molline Akinyi posed for photo with children in their new school uniforms. Also in the photo is Ms. Merseline Okey (teacher).

2.4. Agriculture Program

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

2.4.1 Goats Production



Korando A beneficiary group buck



Korando B1 and B2 group's buck

WONESU farmer groups in Lela and Korando areas (Kisumu West Sub County) continue to produce goats of; local does, F1, F2, F3, Toggenburg and sannen generations of goats in their homesteads. They employ routine animals' husbandry management practices like weekly spraying, quarterly deworming, hooves trimming, construction of units and feeds / feeding goats on recommended fodder plants also produced within their farms and supplemented with natural fodder growing in the surrounding environments. Goats' waste also commonly known as manure is continually spread to the farms and has improved soil structure and fertility through addition of microorganisms, hence boost production of grains- (maize, beans, millet) and local vegetables on our members' farms within the region. Our farmers' consistencies in adhering to good animal husbandry ensure reduction on overall cost of production.



Seline Ollilo- Korando B1 member's F1 goat has kidded F2 twins of a doe and a buck in her homestead



Korando B2 members flock of goats (Local, F1 and F2 generations of goats) in her homestead.



Magdalene Okore tended to the goats in her unit. She posed for photo with the twin F2 goats



Lela Potential Farmers group new buck in Benson Ochieng's goat unit/ homestead in Lela area

To effectively achieve our objective we disposed Lela Potential Farmers former buck- *David*. This is due to decline in productivity as result of age. The buck was also very hostile and required strict confinement into the unit- also posing a danger to the farmer's family members. We therefore used the proceeds from its sale topped up and purchased the buck in Korando C beneficiary group. The new buck is also hosted in Benson Ochieng's homestead. We also observed that the new buck (seven months old now) by maturing up when already hosted within the community, will also alley fears that the "pure buck is too big to serve some of their local does"- (local does are usually smaller in size compared to pure goats-fatty, meaty and big in size) and the community at large will finally embrace and support the project.

As the project progress, our farmer groups in Korando area continue to dispose buck kids of F1 and F2 generations of goats in their farms. This is to control inbreeding and also ensure additional income to our farmers. For example in this period Patrick Nyakwaka- Korando C member and Olivia Achieng- Korando A member sold buck kids from their flock and used proceeds to pay school levies for their children who transited to secondary schools in August 2021.

2.4.2 Poultry Production



One day old chicks in brooder inside Dickson farm in Lela area. Two weeks old broilers also in Dickson's farm

According to a report by Ministry of Agriculture, 2020, "Chicken production contributes significantly to socio- economic development and nutritional requirements for poor rural households. Therefore the enterprise is recognized as a strategy to exit poverty among these rural households. WONESU farmers in Lela and Korando areas therefore continued production of local, improved and pure breeds of chicken in their farms. They employ relevant skills and good management practices like provision of standard housing, feeds/ feeding, maintaining hygiene and administer all required vaccines to their flock to boost production of chicken. This has in turn reduced losses of their poultry stocks (local, improved and pure breeds) to infectious diseases such as Newcastle, Gumboro and fowl typhoid amongst others very common in the areas. For example, in this period our farmers – Wilkister Anyango- Korando A member and Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member amongst others- reported that they sold from their stocks of local chicken and used proceeds to support education needs of their children who transited from Kodiaga Primary Schools to nearby secondary schools. Our other farmers also reported that they used proceeds from sale of chicken to also purchase food items for their families.

On production of rainbow roosters' breed of chicken among Korando area farmers they disposed the previous flocks and used part of the proceeds from sale of the chicken to pay school levies for their children and restocked with part of the monies. As per our plans we also restocked rain bow roosters breed of chicken to our farmers in both Lela and Korando areas. These stocks have so far been vaccinated against Gumboro, Newcastle and Fowl typhoid diseases as per the requirements. We expect our farmers to sell these stocks in the month of December 2021.



Part of the rainbow roosters' breed of chicken in Magdalene Okore kitchen in Korando area

2.4.3 Rabbits Production



Rabbits in Olivia Achieng- Korando A member Unit.



Magret Okore – Korando A fed rabbits

WONESU farmers also produce rabbits of New Zealand White and New Zealand Grey species in their farms. They continued 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. To improve productivity WONESU replaced rabbits' bucks for our pioneer farmers (Olivia Achieng, Josephine Nyango- Korando A members). In this period- May- August 2021, rabbits kidded between 4- 8 rabbits' kids therefore total of twenty six (26) rabbits kids across our members' farms. We also plan to expand production of rabbits through distribution (pass on model) to more farmers by December 2021 this was delayed in this period by our members due to challenges in constructing new or to expand existing units on their farms.



Rabbits in Josephine Anyango- Korando A members farm.

2.4.4 Production of Cows



*Mary Amonde – during a follow up visit to the dairy cows shade at Elizabeth Oliech homestead-
Korando B2 member*

In this period, May- August 2021, our farmers in Lela and Korando areas also continued production of Freshian and Ashire breeds of dairy cows. They also employed artificial insemination for production on their local and pure breeds of cows. Our farmers continued to plant different fodder crops of nappier grasses, molato grasses and leguminous crops like sweet potatoes vines and desmodium. They also supplement feeds/ feeding with natural fodder like sesbania, black jack and other natural grasses. They have also constructed standard units/ cow shades that ensure controlled breeding, enhanced manure collection for production of local vegetables/ grains, ensured proper feeds/feeding, enhanced records keeping, disease control, early detection and treatment amongst others hence improved productivity.

In Korando area, the dairy cow in Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member's farm kidded bull calf. The dairy cow produces milk between 6- 8 litres on daily basis. Through field visits we established that she consumes milk with her family and sells surplus for additional income. From sale of milk she purchases food items for her family alongside dairy meals for the dairy cow. Our other farmers in the region too milk their cows for both their families' consumption and sale for additional income.



Korando B1 groups heifer in the caretaker's compound in Korando area.

2.4.5 Crops Production

2.4.5.1 Banana production



Josephine Anyango- Korando A member posed for photo after she harvested banana suck from her farm in Korando.

WONESU farmer groups in Lela and Korando areas continue to plant banana suckers (establish more banana plantations), in their individual farms in order to meet the high market demands as well as boost their income. Farmers also continue to harvest mature banana sucks for both families' consumption and surplus sold to nearby markets for additional income. As reported by our farmers' monies earned from sale of banana fruits is used to purchase food items i.e sugar, flour, cooking oil amongst others for their families. The proceeds are also used to pay school levies, purchase related school materials for their children and contribute to support different interventions within their groups in Korando and Lela areas.



Wilkister Anyango- Korando A member also posed for photo by the banana suck almost due for harvesting in her farm in Korando area.



Banana suck almost due for harvesting in John Lumumba- Korando B1 members farm in Korando area



Banana sucks also due for harvesting on Benson Ochieng-members farm in Lela area



Mature banana suck ready for ripening shortly after it was harvested from Grace Bong- Korando B1 member's farm.

2.4.5.2 Production of Orchards

In this period, May- August 2021 we expanded orchards production to our farmers in Lela. We did establish orchards of avocados, bananas, tree tomatoes, passion fruits, pixes oranges and paw paws (solo sunrise species) on their individual farms. The establishment of orchards session was also overseen by an agronomist- who did demonstrations on planting-(depth of holes, spacing and ratio for farming manure), also advised on management practices after planting which included; addition of manures, watering during dry seasons, spraying, weeding and pruning of unwanted leaves to our farmers in Lela area.



An orchards farm in Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member's farm

Our farmers in Korando area also continued crops/ fruits management practices for the orchards on their farms. Therefore fruit trees of grafted mangoes paw paw, avocados, and passion fruits are at vegetative growth stages of fruits development. Fruit trees of banana have fruited, some matured and harvested for both families consumption / income generation to the households from sale at farm gates and nearby markets.

2.4.5.3 Production of Local Vegetables



Francisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 member's kitchen garden of cow peas, black night shade amongst others local vegetables.

In the last period (January- April 2021) our farmers established nursery beds of fast maturing, highly nutritious and highly demandable local vegetables of amaranthas, black night shade, spider plant, spinach, kales and cow peas on their farms. The local vegetables were then transplanted to seed beds and kitchen gardens across our beneficiaries' farms in both Korando and Lela areas. Production and consumption of local vegetables promotes food security among our beneficiaries' in our target areas. There is also reduction in risks of malnutrition particularly in children below the age of five years. The local vegetables also supply the human body with important nutrients and vitamins thus help boost body immunity for our farmers/ families. In this period therefore our farmers continue to sell surplus local vegetables from their farms to nearby markets/ at farm gates. From the sale of vegetables they purchased other food items for their families that included, flour, sugar, cooking oils and soaps for their families use. Some of our beneficiaries' have also used proceeds from sale of vegetables to partly pay school levies for children under their care. For example in Korando area, Patrick Nyakwaka, Mary Adede and Joshua Onoka- (all Korando C members) paid part of school levies for their children in various local secondary schools from sale of local vegetables harvested from their farms.



Local vegetables of black night shade on Dickson Omedo- Lela Farmer group members farm.



Local vegetables of kales, black night shade, cowpeas and spinach on Patrick Nyakwaka-Korando C members farm.

2.4.5.4. Passion fruits production



Passion fruit plant in Joshua Onoka- Korando C member's farm

WONESU in this period (May- August 2021) also distributed more purple variety of passion fruits and were planted on the farms of our members in Lela area. The passion fruits previously planted in Korando area regenerated their vegetative growth, some passion fruit plants flowered in readiness for fruiting and mature ones were harvested for families' consumption. We also sprayed the plants during flowering stages for production of more flowers and hence more fruiting. Our farmer also used rails and strings to twin the plant to grow to desired direction and also prevent rotting of fruits.



Seline Olilo- Korando B1 member trellised passion fruits plant in her farm.

2.4.5.5. Tree Tomato Production



Tree tomato plants on Benson Ochieng - Lela member's farm.

WONESU again distributed tree tomato seedlings and were planted to our members farms in Lela area in this period (May- August 2020). The tree tomatoes trees established and are currently at their vegetative growth stage. Tree tomatoes established in the last period (January- April 2021) fruited, matured and were harvested for families consumption.

2.4.5.6. Paw Paw Fruits Production



Paw paw fruit on Beatrice Achieng- Korandp B1 members farm

Our farmers also continued production of different varieties of paw paw fruits like *Malkia F1*, *Papaya solo* and *solo sunrise* on their individual farms. These varieties have longer production lifespan; produce economically for up to three years and produces bigger fruits that fetch slightly higher in the markets. For example our farmers Syprina Achieng,- Korando C member, Plister Auma and Leonida Akinyi – both Korando B2 members, sell ripe paw paw fruits on weekly basis and use proceeds to purchase other food items of sugar, flour and cooking oil for their families consumption. As further reported by our farmer's, production of and sale of paw paw fruits to nearby markets/ farm gates ensure continuous income to meet their families' daily needs. This comes at a time when their small scale businesses have badly been affected by measures put in place by Ministry of Health to control spread of COVID- 19 virus in Kisumu and its environs. Their families are assured at least two meals from proceeds from sale of paw paw fruits as reported by our farmers. Therefore they have planted more paw paw fruits on their individual farms.



Plister Auma- Korando B2 members paw paw fruit plants on her farm



Paw paw fruit plants on Wilkister Anyango- Korando A member's

2.4.5.7. Pumpkin Production

Pumpkin plantations established on our members' farms in the previous period, January- April 2021, flowered and fruited in this period. Some of our farmers in Korando area harvested mature pumpkin fruits for their families' consumption. They also sold mature pumpkin fruits for additional income for their family's needs. Our farmers also harvested pumpkin leaves as vegetables and prepared nutritious vegetables meals for their families. As further reported by them surplus pumpkin leaves were sold to nearby markets for additional income to meet their families very basic needs.



Pumpkin plantation on Plister Auma- Korando B2 mmeber's farm



Pumpkin plantation on Jecinter Okongo- Korando C member's farm

2.4.5.8. Grafted Mangoes Production



Grafted mangoes tree on Jecinter Okong'o- Korando C member farm.

WONESU distributed more seedlings of Apple variety of grafted mangoes to our farmers in Lela area in this period May-August 2021. Our farmers in Korando area also continued production of grafted mangoes in their individual farms. In this period some grafted mangoes trees fruited and are expected to mature for harvest in early month of September 2021. We did purchase fungicides, fructifiers and flower drugs and sprayed all grafted mangoes against insects and fungicides. The farmers also weed around the fruit trees rooting zones and also watered during dry seasons to supply the trees with moisture.



Everlyne Lumumba sprayed grafted mango tree against insects and fungal infections- in Korando area

2.4.6. Savings and Loaning Schemes (Table Banking)

WONESU farmer groups in Korando area continued weekly contribution of shares and loaning schemes in their various groups. Through savings and loaning schemes members sustain their business with the loans they borrow from time to time from their groups. As reported by our farmers they also purchase food items for their families alongside monetary contributions to support purchase of both spraying/ deworming drugs for their individual and projects livestock.

Korando C beneficiary group's pure doe is pregnant and is expected to deliver the third kid by December 2021. The group also plans to sell the kid buck-(second kid after the first kid died of a viral infection in 2020) and in its place purchase a second pure doe for their group in the next period- September- December 2021. The group's second pure doe will be hosted at Patrick Nyakwaka's homestead after construction of the new unit which is expected to be completed by end of September 2021. Korando C beneficiary group also continue to earn additional income from hire of the plastic chairs (they previously purchased from proceeds of savings and loaning scheme – 2019). The monies are kept in the group's bank account as they plan also to purchase more plastic chairs for income generation for their group's activities by end of this year 2021. Our other groups- Korando A, B1, B2 and D also plan for various groups interventions geared towards income generation (also purchase plastic chairs) for their groups by end of this year 2021. Lela Potential farmers group on their part plan to organize fundraising to purchase farm equipment – (mobile jaw and cone crusher) by end of this year 2021. This machine is used for locally producing poultry feeds for their stock and sell surplus to the community for additional income to their group.



Magret Ogolla and Joshua Onoka both posed for photo with group's pure goats' breeds of sannen in the latter's homestead after group's weekly meeting.



Korando C beneficiary group's buck kid, they have sold him and in its place plans to purchase the second pure doe to be hosted in Patrick Nyakwaka's homestead.

In this period, May- August 2021, our groups- (Korando A, B1, C and D) also received grants of between Kshs. 15000 to 20,000 they previously applied for from the office of Kisumu County Women Representative. The grants are meant to help groups realize further gains with regard to their groups' projects within Kisumu County. Therefore, our groups - (Korando A, B1, C and D) purchased with the part of grants more local goats for breeding within their various groups. They also used part of the monies to boost stocks of their small scale businesses for increased profits and thus support their families' basic needs.



Grace Bonga and Phoeby Adhiambo- Korando B1 members posed for photo with the doe the group purchased from the grant received.

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 200 vulnerable children in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School.



Maureen Akinyi- school cook served porridge to children in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School

In this period, May- August 2021 WONESU continued distribution of feeding materials to our partner school Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School within Kisumu East Sub County. This in turn ensured over 200 children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. As reported by the teachers 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.



Children in Obinju Kanyakwaar Primary School enjoyed cup of porridge each in their classroom.

3.2. Nursery Art

Objective: To promote learning and holistic development of 300 children aged 3-6 year olds in Obinju Kanyakwar and Manyatta Arab Nursery Schools.



Christine Onyango – guided the children aged 4-6 year olds (Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery section) during handwork- making paper boats using old newspapers.

In this period (May– August 2021) our Nursery Art Facilitator (Christine Onyango) continued art activities with over 200 children aged 3-6 year olds in both Manyatta Arab and Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery School sections. Our children engaged in indoor/ inside classrooms sessions of handwork, drawing/coloring, coloring big pictures/ other shapes, molding, grouping / sorting colors and tales. Our partner schools children were also engaged in outdoor activities like races that help children improve stability through exercise. Races also activate movement and brains of these young children. Tales sessions also introduce children to wonderful ideas, places, and creatures they haven't encountered before. Additionally, curiosity, imagination and communication are more encountered, increases children willingness to express themselves and communicate their thoughts and feelings.

In handwork as an activity it entailed guiding the children in making paper boats using old newspaper pieces. The activity helps children with eye/ brain coordination and development, strengthening of soft tissue muscles. 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- September-December 2021 in both partner schools.



Ms. Millicent Achieng (teacher) also guided the children in making paper boats using old newspapers during art sessions



Children aged 3- 4year olds in Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery section engaged in molding session during nursery art in their school compound.



Christine Onyango guided children aged 5-6 year olds in coloring session during nursery art in Manyatta Arab Nursery section.



Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery school children engaged in sessions of sorting out colors in their classroom

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



Ngege Primary School's adolescent girls aged 13-17 year olds posed for photo during follow up visit in their school compound.

Adolescent girls -aged 10 to 19 years olds are in a key phase of their life as they make rapid transitions from childhood to adulthood. Therefore critical shocks or negative events in this period of their life like getting pregnant or dropping out of school, alters the course of their lives. According to UNFPA, 2017, “when adolescent girl becomes pregnant, her life can change radically. Her education may end and her job prospects diminish. She becomes more vulnerable to poverty, exclusion, and her health often suffers”. Further desk review of literature by WONESU team also confirmed that teenage pregnancies are a major challenge for socio-economic development of adolescent girls as they deprive them opportunities to further their education and attain their career goals. It also exposes them and their children to major health risks and often become economically dependent on their partners and more at risk of violence and abuse. Other reports also indicate that of pregnant teenagers who survive childbirth, nearly 98% of them drop out of school. Survival for many of these teenage mothers/ girls therefore will mean turning to transactional sex or early marriage to a man who can “keep” them and their children.

In this period May-August 2021 therefore, our adolescent girls mentor Berlyne Ndolo continued mentorship sessions with adolescent girls aged 9- 17 year olds in our partner schools of Obinju Kanyakwar and Ngege Primary Schools.

We also engaged a volunteer adolescent girls and young mothers mentor.- Lillian Aoko –(She holds a certificate in Social Work /Community Development and also pursuing a Diploma course in the same field, with one year work experience as volunteer Adolescent girls / Young Mothers' mentor, three year experience working in other community projects from former organizations). During this period she held meetings with adolescent girls aged 9-17 year olds in our partner schools; Ogongo, Eluhobe and Ogango Primary Schools and held discussions with them on topics like self-awareness- as outlined in our mentorship curriculum. Our volunteer mentor –

Lillian Aoko will also focus on offering counseling to pregnant/ teenage mothers in and out of school. She will also conduct home visits and trace teenage mothers (who have dropped out of school) with aim of ensuring they report back to school and continue their studies in the next period- September- December 2021.



Lillian Aoko- Volunteer adolescent girls mentor also posed for photo with adolescent girls in Ogongo Primary School after mentorship session.



Lillian Aoko-volunteer adolescent girls mentor- during mentorship session in Ogongo Primary School classroom.

WONESU also continued monthly distribution of the much needed sanitary towels to adolescent girls in our partner schools; Kodiaga, Ogongo, Manyatta Arab and Obinju Kanyakwar Primary Schools. This is after we found out (during home-visits and meetings with adolescent girls in our partner schools) that most girls have no food and basic supplies like sanitary towels. 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 Ogango Primary School posed for photo after they received packs of sanitary towels in their school compound.



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



Adolescent girls in Kodiaga Primary School also posed for photo after they received sanitary towels in their school compound.



Manyatta Arab Primary School adolescent girls also posed for photo after they received sanitary towels in their school compound. Ms. Ada Aloo also joined the girls.

3.3.2. Kick and Chat Club

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



Paul Tiengo in past mentorship session with adolescent boys in Eluhobe Primary School

In this period May- August 2021, our adolescent boys mentor – Paul Tiengo continued mentorship sessions for adolescent boys aged 9-17 year olds across our partner schools: Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Ogongo and Eluhobe Primary Schools within Kisumu County. Adolescent boys' mentorship sessions create forums to adolescent boys from slums and rural areas to identify and address/ provide own grown solutions to issues affecting them. They include; drugs/ substance abuse, child labor, lack/inadequate parental care, lack of food at home, low self-esteem, weak family institutions/ structures, premarital sex and negative peer influence.

In our sessions with adolescent boys in Ogongo Primary School, the teachers reported a major concern with adolescent boys aged 11-16 year olds having been confirmed/ others reported to engage in drugs / substance abuse. The situation is compounded by some of their parents/ guardians, who brew, sell and are drown in consuming illegal illicit brews in their homesteads. Additionally, there are also reports by both adolescent boys and their teachers of child neglect, lack of parental care/ guidance within the (Ogongo) community. Paul Tiengo' will continue mentorship sessions with adolescent boys in Ogongo Primary School. There are also plans to refer adolescent boys badly affected by intake of the drugs to relevant institutions in the next period- September- December 2021 for more support.

WONESU will also partner with schools during parents meetings to also sensitize the parents/ guardians on skill full parenting techniques, the role of parents in child upbringing and development and campaigns for back to school for adolescent boys who dropped out of school in the next period- September- December 2021.



Adolescent boys aged 11-17 years olds during mentorship session in Ogongo Primary School compound.



Manyatta Arab Primary School adolescent boys during past mentorship session inside one of their classrooms



Paul Tiengo in Ngege Primary School during adolescent boys' mentorship session in their classroom

3.3.3. Advocacy and Awareness Forums.

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

According to Global Citizen report 2020, over a period of three months lockdown due to COVID-19, one hundred and fifty two thousand (152,000) Kenyan teenage girls become pregnant-presenting 40% increase in the country's monthly average. Of these four thousand (4,000) school girls were impregnated in Kisumu County as also reported by Kenya Health Information System (KHIS). In fact, in our mentorship meetings with adolescent girls in our partner schools, we confirmed several cases of teenage mothers/ pupils or pregnant adolescent girls-as young as 12 year olds who some are back in their schools to pursue their dreams. From the adolescent girls' reports, the high number of teenage pregnancy is attributed to lack of food at home, lack of sanitary towels and negative peer influence among adolescents. Further review of literature on drivers of teenage pregnancies within slums/ rural areas by WONESU team pointed to financial constraints, domestic violence, housing infrastructure- children of families living in single rooms learn sexual activities from their parents, Drug/ substance abuse and lack of skill full parenting techniques amongst others.

On 3rd March 2020, the Government of Kenya launched National Campaigns seeking an end to teen pregnancy. The campaign focuses on galvanizing communities and all stakeholders on the need to end teen pregnancies through awareness/ advocacy citing its negativity on socio-economic growth. WONESU adolescent boys/ girls mentors (Paul Tiengo and Berlyne Ndolo) in partnership with schools held half day open forum/ sensitization with parents/ guardians in Ngege Primary School compound. The forum enabled sharing with over fifty (50) parents the challenges that their adolescent boys and girls face as they transit to adulthood. Thus urge parents/ guardians to demonstrate responsible parenting. In the forum we also encouraged parents/ guardians to ensure adolescent girls who were either pregnant or teenage mothers were given necessary support and continue with their education.

However, through home visits we established that not all parents are willing to take care of the babies as the teenage girls goes back to school. This is because parents/ guardians reportedly suffer from psychological, economic and social problems caused by teenage pregnancies. WONESU through the mentors plan to hold more of such forums in the next phase (September- December 2021) across our partner schools.



Paul Tiengo also highlighted the challenges of adolescent boys with parents in Ngege Primary School.



Berlyne Ndolo campaigned for support and back to school for adolescent teenage mothers during parents/ guardians awareness forum in Ngege Primary School.

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.



Oluowa Primary School children posed for photo after they served porridge in their school compound

In this period, May- August 2021 WONESU continued distribution of feeding materials to our partner school Oluowa Primary Schools within Kisumu West Sub County. This in turn ensured over 500 children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. 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.



Berlyne Ndolo joined children in Oluowa Primary School after they served porridge in their school compound.

5.0. WONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

5.1. Training and Development.



Our facilitator Harun projected notes on resource mobilization in our office.

We organized half day in house training for all staff members on resources mobilization. That entailed convectional mobilization strategies and emerging approaches on fund raising- (crowd funding, online plat foams) in our office. To enable the team have hands on experience in proposal writing, the exercise also identified resource mobilization opportunities and staff members were coordinated in writing and finally submitting through online plat foam a proposal to an organization.

Through partnership and collaboration with Area Advisory Council-(AAC), Kisumu west Sub County our team members attended different short trainings. These trainings organized for AAC members (organizations working with children) within the sub county aim to strengthen their capacities in handling children related matters. For example, Paul Tieng'o attended one day workshop on disseminations of information on Violence against children, Kisumu West Sub County funded by Plan International. The resolution among them was a call on stakeholders plan and prevents violence against children. Berlyne Ndolo also attended workshop on Case management and care reforms funded by SOS children Homes-Kenya. All action points/ way forward and lessons learnt from the workshops are shared with our team members during staff weekly meetings and in turn incorporate them into our weekly activity plans for implementation.

In this period, May- August 2021 we also purchased an office laptop for our program manager after operating systems in our former laptop crushed.

5.2. WONESU Staff



From left front row: Berlyne Ndolo, Benard Mboga and Moline Akinyi, From right back row: Lillian Aoko, Mary Amonde, Paul Tieng'o and Christine Onyango

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