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This is our progress report for the period October to December 2016 for both German Regional Scouts Association, BdP and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V projects in Education and Agriculture sectors. The report has highlighted all activities implemented in this period as previously planned (October-December 2016 Work plan and Budgets), discussed and approved by the Board of Directors through the quarterly meetings. All challenges experienced during project activities implementation have also being identified and highlighted for possible solution. The report has also attempted to discuss all possible areas for projects activities expansion through partnership and consultation with various likeminded partners.

FOREWORD

Once again we have come to the end of this quarter (October – December 2016 and we thank God Almighty for His care and guidance. We also thank you our donors German Regional Scouts Association, BdP and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V for your unwavering financial support throughout this period. We have indeed been able to implement all our activities as was planned. Thank you too, the Board of Director's membership (Tabu Anginyah, Heike Hoeffler, Grace Adoyo, Fredrick Mariwa, George Obara, Jeremy Oloo, Truphena Diang'a, Wiebke Spiess, Christoph Weber) for your support, involvement and commitment in advising, planning and overseeing all operations in SWONESU.

We also appreciate the contribution of our projects implementation partners (Kisumu East Sub County Children Office, International Centre of Insects Physiology and Ecology-ICIPE, Sidindi Dairy Goat Group, Kisumu East Sub County Director of Early Childhood Education, Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Office, Local Authorities- Office of Deputy County Commissioner- Kisumu West, Chief and Assistant Chiefs Korando and Kanyakwar Sub Locations. We also welcome on board our new project implementation partners from Family Support Community Based Initiative (FASCOBI), Kisumu West Sub County Ministry of Agriculture, Kisumu Urban Apostolate (KUAP), Kisumu East Sub County Chief Education Office and Kenya Tse Tse Fly and Tripanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTEC). Thank you so much for the interest and the will to work with SWONESU. We look forward to a fruitful partnership in 2017.

Finally, we appreciate our project team (Berline Ndolo, Eva Andia, Mary Amonde, Nicholas Odhiambo and Christine Onyango for the commitment and team spirit. Thank you too, our beneficiaries' and partners (school- Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga and Kudho Primary Schools, Korando beneficiary groups – Korando A, Korando B1, Koarndo B2, Korando C and Korando D) for your support and contribution to the success of all our projects. May God bless you all.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this quarter The Ministry of Education issued new guidelines with regard to changes on duration of third term of the school calendars beginning 2016'. The new guidelines directed that all schools closed on 28th October 2016 (our school based activities were therefore implemented in the month of October 2016). We therefore provided school feeding program to over 1700 children on nutritious porridge in our partner schools (Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga and Kudho Primary Schools). The feeding program continued to ensure children did not miss school, concentrated on their studies and hence improved class performance.

In the Agriculture Project, our beneficiary groups Korando B1 and Korando D completed construction of their groups buck units and we purchased and gave them two toggenburg bucks from Ugunja. We also purchased ten local does and distributed to members of Korando B1, Korando B2, Korando C and Korando D groups. We also constructed four crush pens to support spraying exercises for our beneficiary groups. Our farmers continued production of vegetables and passion fruits on suck mounts.

Our nursery art weekly activities continued with our art teacher (Christine Onyango) engaging children 217 aged 2-6 year olds in both in door and out door activities in Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery Schools. For indoor activities the children were engaged in drawing, coloring, molding, playing with toys e.t.c. Outdoor activities included rope jumping and playing with balls in our partner schools.

Both adolescent boys and girls mentorship projects continued with their weekly meetings under the leadership of Nicholas Odhiambo and Berline Ndolo in Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. The meetings continued with grouping separately both boys and girls (9-12 year olds and 13-17 year olds). We also provided sanitary towels to 150 girls in the months of October, November and December 2016. The adolescent boys and girls also had opportunity for one day trip to Equator Bottlers Plant, Kisumu Law Courts and Ahero Irrigation Scheme for tour and learning. We also organized half day training to adolescent parents from Obunga slums on Skill full parenting in partnership with Family Support Community Based Initiative (FASCOBI).

We also held one day workshop for all our stakeholders in both education and agriculture sectors and discussed progresses, challenges faced by our interventions. The meeting was held at Metropak Hotel Town Branch on 30th November 2016.

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 1500 vulnerable children.

In the month of October 2016, we did feed 500 children from Manyatta Arab, 600 children from Ogango and 500 children from Kodiaga Primary Schools on nutritious porridge. The feeding programs as reported by the teachers from our partner schools, continued to ensure that children do not miss school, concentrate in their studies and hence improved performance in class work. The feeding program has ensured that our children (partner schools) who come from poor families (not assured of three meals in a day) are assured of a cup of porridge whenever they are in school.

Challenges

- The teachers have reported increase in number of orphans and vulnerable children within our partner schools. The increase in number of children is causing strain to the available resources.
- Lack of alternative school feeding interventions.

2.2. School levies

Objective: To increase enrollment and completion rates for 10 primary school children in Ogango and Kodiaga.

Through consultation with our partner schools, Ogango, Kodiaga and Manyatta Arab Primary Schools we did identify children whose parents could not pay the required school levies (exam fees). According to the teachers very bright children missed school, deteriorated in their class performance for failure of their parents/ guardians to raise the required school levies. The reports from the teachers were indeed confirmed through home visits by Nicholas Odhiambo, Mary Amonde and Berline Ndolo who ascertained the situation of the children. We therefore paid school levies to five children from Ogango Primary School. We also purposed to pay school levies for five other children from Kodiaga Primary School but the Cabinet Secretary of Education (Dr. Fred Matiang'i) issued new guidelines prohibiting payment of any school levies for children in public schools. The new guidelines were also echoed by Chief Executive Officer in charge of education, Kisumu East Sub County (Ms. Dorcas Simiyu) during our stakeholders meeting. She warned all school head teachers of dire consequences (interdiction of teachers, suspension) if they charge any school levies from children from all public primary schools in 2017.

2.3. Agriculture Project

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

2.3.1 Livestock Production

Our Agriculture Facilitator (Mary Amonde) continued with weekly field visits and meetings (7.00 a.m to 9.00 a.m) with our beneficiary groups (Korando A, Korando B1, Korando B2, Korando C and Korando D).



Berline Ndolo, Mary Amonde and members of Korando A during weekly field visit and group meeting in Alva Opogo's home.

The beneficiary groups continued contributing money to purchase spraying and deworming drugs for both their individual livestock and project goats. For example Korando A sprays on Sundays, Korando B1 sprays on Saturdays, Korando B2 sprays on Tuesdays, Korando C sprays on Wednesdays and Korando D sprays on Mondays. To effectively achieve our objective we did purchase two knapsack spraying pumps and distributed to Korando B2 and Korando D groups (Currently all our five groups have knapsacks spraying pumps). Through weekly spraying of project goats they are free from external parasites like ticks, tse tse flies and flies and diseases like east coast fever, nagana and anaplasmosis e.t.c. Our beneficiary groups also continued to observe quarterly deworming of both project and individual goats and other personal livestock (cows, sheep). According to the records Korando A deworming period was due in this quarter. The consistency in both spraying and deworming of our project goats has been supported by updated goat records in all members' individual and buck records books. The records are checked and updated by Mary Amonde during every week groups meetings.

We also constructed four (4) crush pens for Korando A, Korando B1, Korando C and Korando D beneficiary groups. The crush pens ensure reduced wastage of acaricides (goat spraying medication), control movement of goats and hence facilitates efficient spraying.



Ms. Rose Onyango – Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Officer, William Odiyo Veterinary Officer, Mary Amonde and Korando B2 members posed for a photo after receiving Knapsack spraying pump. Looking on are other beneficiary groups during a joint meeting in Kodiaga Primary School.



John Lumumba spraying Wiebke (Korando B1 group buck) in the newly constructed crush pen in his farm unit- his compound.

The beneficiary groups also continue to collect resources towards construction of goat units. For example Korando B1 and Korando D completed construction of their groups buck units. Milka Amolo (Korando A), John Lumumba (Korando B1), Josephine Ogonyo (Korando B2) and Maurice Rapuoda (Korando C) all completed construction of their individual doe units. Our project goats are therefore protected from invasion of intruders and wild animals, controlled environmental diseases like pneumonia and stress, promotion of good animal management practices like feeding, servicing, record keeping and controlled breeding. We do expect more doe units from our beneficiaries by March 2017.



Rose Auma (bending and holding doe) passes on a doe to John Lumumba as Lewtine Bodo and Rosa Oyange (Korando B1 members) witnessed in front of the recently constructed doe unit in John Lumumba's farm unit- his compound.

Goat servicing was initially a challenge to our beneficiaries since they did not understand the reproductive cycle of goats. They therefore failed to notice all heat signs in the goats that delayed kidding by project goats. However, we currently have 31 does and 4 pure bucks. Through training, updated records and follow up by Mary Amode we have two project F1 bucks (Alva Opogo- Korando A and Magret Oloo- Korando C) and two F1 bucks from individual does (Alva Opogo and Mary Adede- Korando C). We also expect fourteen F1s (Korando A- 3, Korando B1- 4, Korando B2-1, Korando C-4 and Korando D-2). The number of F1 we expect have increased because we purchased ten (10) local does and distributed (Korando B1- 2,

Korando B2-1, Korando C-1 and Korando D-6) to our beneficiaries on 25th October 2016. The local does were purchased at Holo market in the company of Bernard Bware (Korando D) and Wyclife Otieno – Korando B1) who helped us with selecting “good ‘ local goat breeds. We also purchased and distributed on 26th October 2016 two Toggenburg bucks from Steven Aluoch in Ugunja- (Sidindi). All the does and Tiggerburg bucks were all dewormed and antibiotics administered to them by Joseph Mwakoi (Veterinary Officer attached to Kodiaga Prison Livestock Department however, he has been transferred to Kamiti Maximum Prison in Nairobi) before being delivered to the beneficiaries. This was aimed at ensuring that the goats will adapt to changes in environment- temperature hence controlled diseases infection like pneumonia.



Wyclife Otieno, Mary Amonde in the company of goat sellers in Holo Market. These were the goats already selected for purchase.



Berline Ndolo, Bernard Bware, Wicliiff Ochieng assist Joseph Mwakoi with administering antibiotics and deworming drugs to does before distribution to beneficiaries in Kodiaga Primary School.



Prisca Oloch (Deputy Head Teacher Kodiaga Primary School) first from left, Berline Ndolo - posed with beneficiaries after receiving local does at Kodiaga Primary School.



Ms. Rose Onyango Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Officer briefing on pure goats management to Korando B1 and Korando D shortly before receiving the Toggen burg bucks in Kodiaga Primary School.



Joseph Mwakoi assisted by one of Prisons officers and Wicklife Otieno (Korando B1) to administer antibiotics and deworming drugs to toggenburg bucks before delivery to groups in Kodiaga Primary School.



Ms. Rose Onyango oversaw handing over of toggenburg buck (Wiebke) to Korando B1 members in Kodiaga Primary School.



Ms. Rose Onyango oversaw handing over of toggenburg buck (David) to Korando D members in Kodiaga Primary School.

We also organized one day refresher training for Korando B1 and Korando D members held on 15th November 2016 at John Lumumba's home. The refresher training was facilitated by Henry Odongo from Sidindi Dairy Goat Group. The training focused on feeding, servicing, spraying and deworming, hoof treaming and dehorning and handling goat kids (taking away the kid from the mother immediately after birth to prevent it from being licked- control relationship between kid and mother therefore speed servicing, feeding kid, deworming e.t.c). The beneficiaries also sought clarifications on issues with poor feeding, very little milk production from mother goats as problems they already observed.



Henry Odongo facilitating the refresher training in John Lumumba's home for Korando B1 and Korando D members.



John Lumumba demonstrates buck spraying as supervised by Henry Odongo as Mary Amonde and other members look on.

Our beneficiary groups also continued fodder production on both groups and individual farms. For example Korando A members planted molato, caliandra and nappier grass on their group farm in Alva Opogo's farm. Korando B1 harvested desmodium and weeded nappier grass on their group farm. Korando B2 also planted nappier grass and molato grass, Korando C planted nappier grass and Korando D also planted molato, caliandra, desmodium and nappier grass. At individual level John Lumumba planted ten (10) holes of nappiers grass using two by two farming techniques. However, only desmodium planted in this quarter survived the harsh weather conditions. Fodder like caliandra, nappier grass, molato grass all failed to germinate due to unpredictable weather conditions.



Korando B1 members on their group farm harvesting desmodium



Korando C members' also ploughing and later planted nappier grass on their group farm.

We also organized half day joint beneficiary meeting for all our groups on 29th November 2016. During such meetings the beneficiaries shared progresses, challenges, new interventions in their different groups. We also encouraged the farmers to speed up construction of doe and buck units', fodder production; goat servicing, group records and crop production e.t.c. Our beneficiaries are also reminded about rules of engagement in the project like goats should be well taken care of, goats must not be sold, goats must be treated by beneficiaries when sick e.t.c.



Berline Ndolo addressing beneficiary groups during a joint meeting in Kodiaga Primary School compound.

2.3.2 Poultry production



Ms. Rose Onyango (Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Officer) training Korando beneficiary groups members on poultry production at Kodiaga Primary School compound.



William Odiyo veterinary officer also trained our beneficiaries in Kodiaga Prison Primary School.

We did organize half day training in partnership with Kisumu West Sub County Livestock Production Office on poultry production on 29th November 2016 in Kodiaga Primary School. Ms. Rose Onyango and William Odiyo (veterinary officer) trained on the housing, diseases detection and prevention, poultry feeding to 42 beneficiaries' in attendance. The training also highlighted

advantages of poultry production as family labor best suited, chicken hatches three times a year. This therefore enables families to get extra income on sale of eggs, improved diet hence health of families. Poultry production also has ready market (local chicken is on very high demand). From the training Gordon Oliech (Korando B2 member) has constructed poultry unit that houses 12 (10 chicken and 2 cockerels) in his home.



Gordon Oliech, Leonida Akinyi, Josephine Ogonyo, Teresa Ogalo and Magret Ogola posed for photo in front of poultry unit in Gordon Oliech's home.

2.3.3 Crop production

2.3.3.1 Banana production

In 2015 we got ten (10) banana species of *Fear 17* and *Israel one* from Sidindi Dairy Goat Group during an exchange visit. Through pass on we now have twenty three (23) banana suckers. Our beneficiaries have also consumed banana fruits as family food. For example Beatrice Achieng (Korando B1) and Alva Opogo (Korando A) have harvested the banana fruits. We hope to transplant more banana suckers in 2017.



Alva Opogo posed for photo with Berline Ndolo by the project banana on his farm that was almost due for harvesting. It has since ripened and harvested for family consumption.

2.3.3.2 Establishment of kitchen gardens

Our beneficiaries continued to produce vegetables like kales and saga on sucks for family consumption. For example all our fifty (50) beneficiaries each have at least two vegetable sucks in their homes. Vegetable suck production minimizes wastage of water, requires small space, production period of vegetables is also prolonged, farmers can easily practice crops management like weeding and spraying e.t.c. Our beneficiaries through vegetable sucks mounting have been able to provide food for their families. They have also saved money that would otherwise be used in purchasing vegetables for family meals.



Monica Opogo attending to a vegetable suck in her homestead. She had a total of three sucks and promised to establish more vegetable sucks.

2.3.3.3. Passion fruits production

Through partnership with International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (I.C.P.E) we did establish passion fruits production where our 50 beneficiaries were given passion fruits seedlings. They have since planted the passion fruits seedlings on two by two and suck mount farming technique in their homes.



Teresa Ogallo (Korando B2 member) posed for photo holding passion fruit plant in her homestead.



Gordon Oliech holding passion fruit tree planted (an area preserved for fruit seedlings) in his homestead. Looking on is his son.

2.4. World Food Day Celebrations

In partnership with Ministry of Agriculture, County Government of Kisumu and various stakeholders in the agriculture sector we celebrated World Food Day on 17th October 2016. The celebration was held in Korando where a model farmer was identified. The theme of the celebration was dubbed “*As climate changes; food and agriculture must change too*”. During the celebration different farmers show cased their farm produce. Different experts also trained farmers on latest agricultural techniques aimed at adjusting to changes in climate. As part of the celebrations a model farmer is always chosen within the area. In this year Mr. /Mrs. Angwech who are residents of Korando (Kodiaga area) were chosen as the model farmers. This family are practicing modern farming – poultry production, dairy cows production, fodder production, compost and farm yard manure production in their homestead. The family is also producing local foods like cassava, potatoes and bananas in large scales. Our beneficiary groups representatives’ (nine people) were among the farmers who were trained and also learnt from other farmers different farming techniques.



Mary Amonde and other stakeholders line up for introduction during World Food Day celebrations in Korando.



Farmers from Kisumu West Sub County showcased different agricultural produce during World Food Day celebrations.

2.5. Savings and Loaning Scheme



Members of Korando C beneficiary group contributing their shares during a meeting at Jecinter Okong'os house.

As the project progresses our beneficiaries continue to come up with new ideas aimed at sustaining the project. For example Korando C members initiated a savings and loaning scheme for their members. The members contribute Kshs. 100 weekly as shares. The monies collected every week are then loaned to the members (as meeting winds up) and they repay back at 10% interest rate in the following weekly meeting. The savings and loaning scheme has ensured consistency in their group meetings attendance and activities slated for every Wednesdays (sparing, ploughing group farms). The members have also reported increase in their business stock that also ensures they put food on the table for their families. For example'

Mary Adede a small scale fish vendor has confirmed that she was able to increase her fish stock. This therefore improved her profits margin. Spyrina Nyagudi also confirmed that through the savings and loaning scheme she has increased her stock of groundnuts, vegetables and tomatoes. Her profit margin has also increased.

Weekly contribution towards purchase of goat medication for spraying has also received a boost as every member is comfortably able to contribute Kshs. 20 per week from proceeds of savings and loaning. They have also been able to contribute towards doe construction units for their members. Currently the members contribution in terms of shares and interest has accumulated and each members as per the last meeting (7th December 2016) took home Kshs. 1900. The members agreed to repay back the amounts (Kshs.1900) by 21st December 2016 and that will be the last meeting this year (2016). The members will then share out the collection as per each members share contribution and interests earned, then start off afresh in January 2017.

Challenges

- Adverse weather conditions that have lowered quality and hindered plantation of more fodder crops. Members are encouraged to plant using two by two farming (Tumbukiza) and suck mounting techniques for ease in watering. We will also focus on planting drought resistant fodder like green leaf desmodium as advised by Joshua Ouma (ICIPE).
- Destruction of fodder by non project beneficiaries domesticated animals like cows, goats and chicken.
- Some members are not consistent in attending group meetings, monetary contributions and slowing down group activities. This is because they are engaged in menial jobs (working as laborers in their neighbors' farms at a fee) or small scale businesses to meet family basic needs (providing food).

3.0. FOERDERVEREIN AFRIKAS STARKE KINDER e.V. ACTIVITIES

3.1. School Feeding

Objective: To improve quality of education through provision of nutritive food supplements to 200 vulnerable children in Kudho Primary School

We did feed over 200 children on nutritious porridge in the month of October 2016 in Kudho Primary School. As reported by the teachers Ms. Ann Estica feeding program continue to ensure that children do not miss school, concentrate on their class work and hence improved performance. In the nursery section (children aged 2-6 year olds) there is also improved enrollment of children from Obunga slums. In attempt to increase the number of children enrolled in the feeding program in Kudho Primary School, there have been suggestion by Ms. Truphena Diang'a (Head Teacher/ SWONESU Board of Directors Secretary) and during Board of Directors meetings to plough a section of the school compound to produce millet, maize, and beans to supplement the feeding program. During our stakeholders meeting held on 30th November 2016 Ms. Truphena Diang'a shared with the stakeholders the plans to expand and sustain the feeding program through crop production on the school lands in 2017. Erustus Siage from (FASCOBI- Family Support Community Based Initiative) did advise our partners to visit Nyamninia Primary School in Gem Sub County to learn from their feeding program that provides breakfast and hot lunch to 1200 children in the school.

Challenges

- The teachers have reported increase in number of orphans and vulnerable children within our partner schools. The increase in number of children is causing a strain to the available resources.
- Lack of alternative school feeding interventions

3.2. Nursery Art

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

Our nursery art activities continued in Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery Schools under the guidance of Christine Onyango (Nursery art teacher) and support from nursery teachers in the month of October 2016. The children were engaged in different activities based on their ages and different stages of development (2-3 and 4-6 year olds). For example, middle and final classes' children were engaged in drawing and coloring, molding and also in outdoor activities like playing with balls, ropes jumping and races in the field. Drawing and coloring was done on themes of Christmas gift for middle and final classes (4-6 year olds) and they drew and colored; cars, dolls, cake, flowers, pots, utensils, clothes and fruits. As reported by nursery teachers; Millicent Adede and Ann Estica (Manyatta Arab and Kudho Nursery Schools) drawing and coloring enables the pupils to focus, think right and develop their brain growth. Colors gives the pupils brighter thinking and help them know what they want in life, and in day to day activity.

The middle and final classes' (4-6 year olds) children were also engaged in molding using plasticine and local molding materials. The use of local materials was aimed at ensuring that children continue molding since the local material is readily available even in their homes. Molding therefore helps the pupils to strengthen their muscles and demonstrate their creativity skills in molding e.g. cars, balls, huts, utensils and furniture's.



Middle class boys from Manyatta Arab Nursery school during molding session in their classroom.



Final class children (6 year olds) from Kudho Nursery School molding using local materials during art session in their school.



Middle and final classes' (4-6 year olds) boys in Kudho Nursery School playing ball during outdoor activity.

Baby classes' children (2-3 year olds) were also engaged in playing with toys and coloring. Playing with toys like dolls, cars, building blocks, animals – fish, elephant, pigs, rabbits , horse e.t.c help this age group (2- 3 year olds) in making sense and learning about their environment. These children also exercise their muscles, improve coordination skills when they put one or more blocks together e.t.c. Toys also enable the children to be creative and use their imaginations. For example when the children are given boxes the children will imagine and play with the box as a train, house, or cage. The pupils also had the opportunity to color (different colors) plain papers that help them to strengthen their muscles and improve concentration.



Manyatta Arab baby class children (2-3 year olds) playing with toys in their classroom during art session



A section of baby class children (2-3 year olds) coloring in their classroom during art session in Kudho Nursery School

3.3 Adolescent Mentorship Program

3.3.1. Knit and Chat Club.

Objective: To mentor 150 adolescents' girls through collective responsibility into future adults

Our adolescent girls mentor (Berline Ndolo) continued with weekly meetings with (knit and chat clubs) adolescent girls aged 9-17 year olds in both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. The meetings continued with grouping girls based on their different age groups (9-12 and 13-17 year olds) and hence different stages of development. The sessions were also guided by Knit and Chat 2016 Curriculum prepared in consultation with teachers in our partner schools. Knit and chat clubs continued therefore to provide avenues for our girls to freely share issues affecting them and provide inborn solutions through suggestion boxes, weekly meetings, with their teachers and also their parents. To successfully mentor adolescent girls into responsible future women the parents have been actively engaged through training on their roles as regards upbringing of adolescent girls. The parents during a follow up visit (to share results from 2015 parents meeting/training on their roles) did request Berline Ndolo to hold discussions with secondary school going girls during the long (two months- November- December) holidays. The parents request was also confirmed by *Mary* 17 year old form two student Aluor Girls Secondary School and a former pupil at Kudho Primary School. Mary met Berline Ndolo in Obunga estate and she was inquiring whether the weekly discussions with adolescent girls in Kudho Primary School continued. Mary informed Berline Ndolo that at their stage of development they too needed the discussions to help them make informed decisions.*

Our meetings with 9-12 year old adolescent girls in both partner schools continued to focus on self awareness (assertiveness, decision making) with an aim of making them understand their various situations, understanding the differences between them and others, learning from their environments or circumstances. This age group of girls are also freely sharing issues affecting in school and at home. Berline Ndolo also spiced up the sessions by sharing her life history as a teenager who made it from a humble background.

For 13-17 year olds the meetings/discussions also continued on self awareness, adolescence with focus on how to deal with both physical and emotional changes, relationships e.t.c. These age group also shared freely problems affecting. For example in Manyatta Arab Primary School one of the girls shared about an organization (Future Fab) that is enrolling girls their ages for family planning methods in Obunga estate without the consent of their parents. They also reported the exposure they get by watching movies at local movie shops in Obunga estate. From the discussions the girls also shared the consequences of engaging in early sexual practices and they understood the importance of making right decisions in every circumstance.



Berline Ndolo during discussion with 13-17 year olds in Manyatta Arab Primary School

To effectively our objective we provided 150 sanitary towels to our girls (10-17 year olds) in the months of October, November and December 2016. Through provision of sanitary towels we ensure that our girls do not miss school during their menses.



Ms. Beatrice Awimbo (teacher in charge of guiding and counseling) posed with adolescent girls in Ogango Primary School after they received sanitary towels



Adolescent girls (13-17 year olds) in Manyatta Arab Primary School after they received packets of sanitary towels provided by SWONESU.

We also jointly (through contribution from parents) organized one day trip for one hundred (100) adolescents girls in both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. For Kudho Primary School we visited on 7th October 2016; Kisumu Law Courts, Equator Bottlers and Ahero Irrigation Board/ Scheme. In Kisumu Law Courts the girls had the opportunity to be taken through the court processes (cases, fines, bonds e.t.c). They also interacted with accused persons who were on court mention but confined within the cells in Kisumu Law Court. They shared about some vices like stealing, assault, rape e.tc as offenses that land people behind

bars. At the Equator Bottlers the girls were taken through the process of manufacturing soft drinks and they took plenty of soda and bottled water at the plant.



Kudho Primary School girls lined up outside Equator Bottlers Plant in Kisumu during the trip.



Kudho Primary School adolescents during a session in the rice mills factory (accompanied by Nicholas Odhiambo and Moses Otieno)

The girls were taken through all the steps in milling rice at the factory. They were shown all the machines involved at the different stages of rice milling. The trip was concluded with girls taking sodas, boiled eggs and bread for lunch.



Ms. Elizabeth Otiko coordinating lunch session during the trip at Ahero Irrigation Scheme.

For Manyatta Arab Primary School, our adolescent girls went for their one day trip at Equator Bottlers Plant and Ahero Rice Irrigation Board/ Scheme on 13th October 2016. At Ahero Irrigation Board/ Scheme they visited River Nyando at the source where the pump (irrigation) is installed. They also learnt the different varieties of fruits, rice and local vegetables planted by local communities through basin irrigation practiced in the area. They also trained on different weather equipments (rain gauge, wind vane, wind sock, barometre, anemometer, Stevenson screen) installed at the station.



Manyatta Arab Primary School adolescent's quee outside Equator Bottlers Plant during the trip.



Manyatta Arab Primary School adolescents at the pump (installed at edge of River Nyando) during the trip.



Manyatta Arab Primany School adolescents at the rice nursery bed (waiting transplanting).



Manyatta Arab Primary School at the weather station in Ahero Irrigation Board Station during the trip.

Our adolescent girls mentor (Berline Ndolo) made follow up visits to mothers who attended the training in Kudho Primary School on the role of mothers in upbringing of adolescent girls in June 2015. The aim of the visit was to get feedback on the 2015 training and five mothers were sampled (attendance sheet). The mothers did admit that indeed the training was an eye opener to them and they were now enlighten on how to handle their adolescent girls with regard to being friendly, able to freely discuss and advice on sexuality issues, being role models e.t.c. *For example: Martha* a small scale business mother of three girls (aged 23, 19, 14 year olds) in Obunga estate. She reported that the training enabled her to understand and handle her 14 year old daughter (Mercy*) who due to the physical and emotional changes in herself she is very rude, wants independence, constantly picks fights with family members. All the family members (sisters and father) therefore view her as an outcast. In fact her father has declared that he does not want Mercy in his house and blames Martha (mother) for being the only person who “defends”- understands Mercy. Martha has shared with the father the dangers of rejecting Mercy at her age and reminded him of their role (parents) in upbringing their daughter (Mercy). She appreciated the training that helped her guide Mercy and advised that the fathers should be invited in the next training.*

Example two:

Mary Oyugi a mother of five children and resident of Obunga slums and support staff at Kudho Primary School. She reported that she lived with a neighbor whose teenage daughter dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancy at class seven (13 year old). She advised her neighbor based on training that all was not lost for the teenage mother. She requested her mother to take care of her grandchild and give a second chance to her daughter to continue with education. The teenage mother was re enrolled to Kudho Primary School in class seven where she is pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher.

We therefore organized half day training for twenty two participants (7 fathers and 15 mothers) on 10th November 2016 at Obunga Community Hall. The parents were mobilized through mothers who attended 2015 training, guiding and counseling teacher – Kudho Primary School, Assistant Chief Office – Kanyakwar Sub Location (Obunga). The mobilization focused on parents who have successfully brought up adolescents, whose efforts/ lack of it bore no fruits and parents who are currently handling adolescents in Obunga slums. We then invited a guest speaker (Mary Angienda) from –Family Support Community Based Initiative (FASCOBI). FASCOBI is a registered Non Governmental Organization in Kisumu and has interventions on child protection, training parents on skill full parenting techniques and training on entrepreneurship for teenage mothers (involves assessment of interest and ability then trained on tailoring, computer packages, candle making and peanut butter production e.t.c). FASCOBI-(Mary Angienda) in partnership with local vernacular radio station – Radio Lake Victoria has been airing program on skill full parenting techniques.



Berline Ndolo addressing the participants (parents) during the training in Obunga Community Hall



Ms. Mary Angienda (invited guest speaker) facilitating adolescent parents training in Obunga Community Hall.

The session provided an opportunity for parents to share some adolescent behaviors'/ reactions that they did not know how to handle (children being rude, demanding independence, engaging in early sexual practices, dropping out of school without clear causes e.t.c). According to Ms.

Mary Angienda children need guidance from early through to teenage ages in life. She did point out the displaced roles of adolescents, mother and fathers in the society where adolescents have taken the roles of either father or mothers in the presence of parents. Through displaced roles adolescents contributes to upbringing of families (act as mother/ father- manage family businesses, budgeting and purchasing food for the family from business proceeds, taking care of younger siblings e.t.c). Through active involvement of adolescent girls in family matters there are automatically two centers of power created in the house (two parents) where the adolescent girls feel they too are “suited to manage families”. Ms. Mary Angienda urged the parents therefore to take up seriously their roles that included being guiders, provider, teacher, protector, comfortor, instructor, carer, role model, friend, judge, counselor e.t.c



Ms. Prisca Oloch (Deputy Head Teacher – Kodiaga Primary School) also a parent demonstrating a scenario in families for discussion by parents.

As regards instilling discipline/ giving punishment in adolescents the parents were encouraged to be firm, fare and friendly to the adolescents. They were also advised to regulate exposure of adolescents to media- television, mobile phones, and access to internet facilities e.t.c.

As the training came to an end the parents did appreciate SWONESU for the intervention on training parents on their roles. As reported by Mr. Richard Osiolo he observed that the training on skill full parenting encompassed a lot as regards families matters. He therefore requested SWONESU to allocate more time (from 8.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m) for the next training in 2017. He urged the parents act as ambassadors and also share with other parents in their neighborhoods’ the contents on skill full parenting for the benefit of future generation (adolescents).

Finally, we also organized half day meeting with 52 adolescents girls (aged 15-19 year olds) in Obunga Community Hall on 6th December 2016. The aim of the meeting was to identify

problems of secondary school going adolescent girls from Obunga slums. We also wanted to train girls to generate inborn solutions to the identified problems through sharing experiences and making informed decisions. The girls were therefore mobilized by trained mothers (on skill full parenting) and are residents of Obunga slums. The girls also did report on their peers who did not join secondary school education due to lack of school fees. These girls as reported are currently married, have joined a group of other girls in commercial sex work, some have children with no strong family support background.



Berline Ndolo in discussion with secondary school going adolescent girls at Obunga Community Hall



Farizia Hamisi a form four leaver (Kanyamedha Secondary School) sharing with girls the steps in achieving your dream despite your background at Obunga Community Hall.



Berline Ndolo posed for a photo with adolescent girls after the meeting in Obunga Community Hall Compound.

Challenges

- Inadequate sanitary towels for use by more than 800 adolescent girls in our partner schools.
- Lack of an intervention for girls who do not transit to secondary education. There is need to introduce life skills training i.e tailoring, catering, e.t.c
- Inadequate empowerment (training and involvement) of adolescent mothers/ guardians on their roles as regards upbringing of adolescent girls into responsible future mothers.

3.3.2. Kick and Chat Club

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

Our adolescent boys mentor (Nicholas Odhiambo) also continued with weekly meetings with adolescent boys aged 9-17 year olds in both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. The meetings were organized separately for 9-12 year olds and 13-17 year olds and guided by Kick and Chat Curriculum 2016. Nicholas Odhiambo however discussed topics on drug and substance abuse with both age groups. The age groups though had different experiences on drugs and substance abuse. The main causes of drugs and substance abuse among adolescent boys ranged from living with families who brewed and sold illicit brews, peer influence or being curious to taste the drugs like bhang.



Nicholas Odhiambo in discussion with adolescent boys (9-12 year olds) in Manyatta Arab Primary School.



Nicholas Odhiambo in a weekly meeting with adolescent boys (13-17 year olds) in Kudho Primary School

Nicholas Odhiambo also reported that he has realized a lot of talents among the adolescent boys 9-17 year olds. He has therefore formed several clubs i.e. foot ball, media, theatre and art clubs where he intends to engage the children to build onto their talents. The clubs also helps in breaking monotony of daily discussions done in a classroom.



Nicholas Odhiambo posed for photo with football club member (9-12 year olds) in Manyatta Arab Primary School compound.

We also jointly (through contribution from parents) organized one day trip for one hundred (100) adolescents boys in both Manyatta Arab and Kudho Primary Schools. For Kudho Primary School we visited on 7th October 2016; Kisumu Law Courts, Equator Bottlers and Ahero Irrigation Board/ Scheme. In Kisumu Law Courts the boys had the opportunity to be taken through the court processes (cases, fines, bonds e.t.c). They also interacted with accused persons who were on court mention but confined within the cells in Kisumu Law Court. They shared about some vices like stealing, assault, rape e.tc as offenses that land people behind bars. At the Equator Bottlers the boys were taken through the process of manufacturing soft drinks and they took plenty of soda and bottled water at the plant.



Adolescents from Kudho Primary School during a trip to Ahero Irrigation Scheme on a visit of the rice fields



Ms. Elizabeth Otiko coordinating service of snacks for lunch during the trip at Ahero Irrigation Scheme

For Manyatta Arab Primary School, our adolescent boys went for their one day trip at Equator Bottlers Plant and Ahero Rice Irrigation Board/ Scheme on 13th October 2016. At Ahero Irrigation Board/ Scheme they visited River Nyando at the source where the pump (irrigation) is installed. They also learnt the different varieties of fruits, rice and local vegetables planted by local communities through basin irrigation practiced in the area. They also trained on different weather equipments (rain guage, wind vane, wind sock, barometre, anemometer, Stevenson screen) installed at the station.



Mr. Abdul Ochieng (Head teacher Manyatta Arab Primary School) posed for a photo with boys/ girls in front of Equator Bottlers Plant in Kisumu.



Erustus Siage (FASCOBI) facilitating on skill full parenting techniques during the parents meeting in Obunga Community Hall.

Nicholas Odhiambo also held half day meeting with 25 adolescent boys (15-19 year olds) secondary school boys living in Obunga slums. The meeting was held on 9th December 2016 at Obunga Community Hall. From the discussions the boys expressed low self esteem among boys in their community. They explained that Obunga slum residents are perceived as the poorest community, home of thugs, home of hopeless people and an alcoholic zone amongst others issues. According to the boys this perception and almost a reality in their environment has led to boys their ages completely getting drawn into drug and substance abuse, joining crime groups. Some of the boys also reported that school drop out among their peers is not necessarily lack of school fees (they gave examples of families whose boys dropped out of school yet their parents could afford their secondary school education. They did admit that some of the cases of school dropout amongst them is as a result of negative influence from the bad company of boys in Obunga slums. They also pointed out at idleness amongst this age set particularly (school drop outs), during school holidays that is a cause of engaging into drug and substances abuse. Nicholas Odhiambo did discuss with the boys on the importance of understanding their situation and be able to focus on their goals. We hope to organize more meetings with these boys during school holidays.

Challenges

- Lack of an intervention for boys who do not transit to secondary education. There is need to introduce life skills training i.e computer packages tailoring, catering, mechanic e.t.c
- Inadequate empowerment (training and involvement) of adolescent mothers/ guardians on their roles as regards upbringing of adolescent boys into responsible future fathers

3.4. Annual Stakeholders Meeting and Outcome Monitoring

We held one day workshop with our stakeholders on 30th November 2016 at Metro Park Hotel town branch. The aim of the meeting was sharing activities as planned, implemented in 2016 and challenges faced during implemntation. The meeting was therefore attended by our partners from education and agriculture sectors at Sub County's levels (Kisumu East, Kisumu Central and Kisumu West). During the meeting all our staff (Berline Ndolo, Eva Andia, Mary Amonde, Nicholas Odhiambo and Christine Onyango) shared with the stakeholders all their respective (based on their roles and responsibilities) activities as implemented, achievements and challenges in 2016. Ms. Truphena Diang'a shared with the stakeholders the composition and roles of SWONESU Board of Directors.



Berline Ndolo leading discussion with stakeholders during the annual stakeholders meeting at Metropark Hotel in Kisumu.



Ms. Truphena Diang'a making a presentation on the composition and role of Board of Directors during annual stakeholders meeting at Metropark Hotel in Kisumu.

The meeting provided an opportunity for our partners to suggest various interventions/suggestions with focus on addressing (through partnership) different challenges/

areas of expansion in both education and agriculture projects (SWONESU Projects). For example:

- Kisumu East Sub County Chief Executive Officer (Education) – Dorcas Simiyu advised SWONESU to actively involve government and non government institutions in implementations of their interventions. This will reduce duplication of interventions and adequately identify challenges within the communities that equally need to be addressed.
- Dorcas Simiyu also informed the partners that in 2017 the Education Ministry did release new education guidelines prohibiting parents from paying any school fees or levies to their children in all public primary schools. Where the school has an intervention like feeding program that requires support (financial) from parents, the head teachers must convene a meeting with parents to discuss and agree on the same. The minutes of that meeting and a proposal on the same must then be submitted to Cabinet Secretary Office (Dr. Fred Matiangi) for an approval.
- Family Support Community Based Initiative FASCOBI pledged that for every school uniform that SWONESU will provide in 2017, they will match the number with a pair of shoes and slippers.
- FASCOBI also promised to partner with SWONESU in the Adolescent Mentorship Project by training the adolescent mentors (Berline Ndolo and Nicholas Odhiambo) as Trainer of Trainees on Skill full Parenting. They would also partner with SWONESU in organizing trainings for adolescent parents on skillfull parenting in 2017.
- FASCOBI also pledged to donate nursery art materials; crayons, colored pencils e.t.c to SWONESU to support the nursery art activities in 2017.
- On the feeding program, FASCOBI advised that the beneficiary schools visit Nyaminia Primary School in Gem Sub County to learn from their feeding program.
- Nyando Sub County Director of Early Childhood Development- Wilkister Odera (standing in for Kisumu East Sub County counterpart) advised SWONESU to incorporate training on importance of early years in children life (2-6 year olds) when training parents on skill full parenting. She said that their office could provide training on the topics related to early childhood development. We shall create slot for them during our trainings' on skill full parenting in 2017.
- Wilkister Odera also informed the partners that County Government of Kisumu will organize an exhibition on Early Childhood Development Education within the County. She said that she will invite SWONESU for the exhibition.
- Ms. Millicent Adede (Centre Manager) Manyatta Arab Nursery School advised that SWONESU should consider including playing with toys session for middle and final classes (4-6 year olds) children too.
- International Centre of Insects Physiology and Ecology –ICIPE (Joshua Ouma) pledged that they will link SWONESU Agriculture project beneficiaries with Send a Cow (formerly – Hifer International) to support them on methods of establishing bulk fodder production.
- ICIPE will also train 5 agriculture project beneficiaries on seed bulking through an exchange visit with their farmer groups in Bungoma and Kitale.

- Kisumu West Sub County- Ministry of Agriculture (Hesbone Abuyo) informed the partners of their activities that included working with groups to train them on water harvesting, use of irrigation to produce traditional high value vegetables. The ministry of agriculture also gave farmers seeds and fertilizers. He advised our beneficiaries to diversify and produce sweet potatoes and cassavas to cope with changing climatic conditions and effectively address food insecurity at family and community levels.
- The ministry of agriculture was also working with groups to promote production of local poultry, dairy goats, and production of vegetables on suck mounts and use of broken plastics to produce onions, tomatoes e.t.c through their Peri Urban Agriculture Project.
- Assistant Chief Korando A, -John Ndege appreciated SWONESU Agriculture project and reported that the local communities are also spraying their livestock- a practice they have copied from our beneficiaries.
- John Ndege also requested SWONESU to consider extending adolescent mentorship activities to at least boys and girls in secondary school (15-19 year olds). He said that the communities are losing promising adolescent boys/ girls into crime, early marriages due to lack of mentors.



Ms. Dorcas Simiyu addressing the stakeholders during the annual meeting at Metropark Hotel in Kisumu.

4. SWONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

4.1. Financial Management System

4.1.1 Cash management

Our project cash is placed under a safe cash box which is under lock and key and only accessed by Eva Andia (part time accounts assistant). Cash disbursed to project activities is signed out in payment vouchers as evidence of remittance of cash. A petty cash record system is in place under an excel format, indicating cash in and cash out and the balances therein. Cash counts are often done by Eva Andia.

4.1.2 Payment procedures

Budgets are prepared by Eva Andia on a monthly basis indicating activities for the month, checked (by Berline Ndolo) and authorized (by Grace Adoyo- Treasurer Board of Directors) for processing. Requisitions are raised from approved budgets by respective staffs, verified by the Eva Andia (part time accounts assistant) and approved by Berline Ndolo (Program manager). Cash payment vouchers is raised for cash payments and cheque payment vouchers is raised for cheque payments after scrutiny of any supporting documents by Eva Andia, checked by Berline Ndolo and approved by Grace Adoyo. Cheques are raised following preparation of cheque vouchers and signed by two signatories (Berline Ndolo and Grace Adoyo). All cheques are recorded in a cheque register book, disbursed/deposited after fully signed by Eva Andia, Berline Ndolo and Grace Adoyo.

4.1.3 Procurement process

Quotations with a minimum of 3 quotes from suppliers are acquired for specific payments needing the same. A quote is selected from the 3 basing on the favorability of pricing, quality and warranty period, whereby other than raising an immediate payment, a Local Purchase Order (LPO) issued on the same to the supplier to supply the goods or service. He will be issued payments basing on the goods supplied by him/her with the support of a delivery note document signed and stamped by the recipient of the goods and an invoice document from the supplier.

4.1.4. Surrender of documents

All our staffs issued with cash for undertaking activities are expected to account for the cash through receipts for purchase of items, transport sheets indicating their travel, delivery notes indicating any goods delivered by them. Eva Andia (part time accounts assistant) is responsible for receiving the documents, verify on their authenticity, viability and totals, after full scrutiny on the documents they are attached to the respective vouchers.

4.1.5 Accounting documents

All of the accounting documents including cheque books, voucher files (for BdP and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V) should be placed under a locked cabinet to avoid any

tempering and loss of documents. However, this is a challenge to us since we do not have any lockable cabinets in our office.

4.1.6. Auditing

Our financial year runs from January to December of every year. We shall therefore audit our accounts after 31st December 2016. We shall share the audited report of our accounts and procedures in 2017.

Challenges

- Lack of accounting soft ware's like quick books – to input large amounts of data for easy retrieval and ease in reports generation.
- Lack of safe (control tempering and loss of documents) for our accounting documents and other confidential documents (Board Members files, registration certificate) in the office.

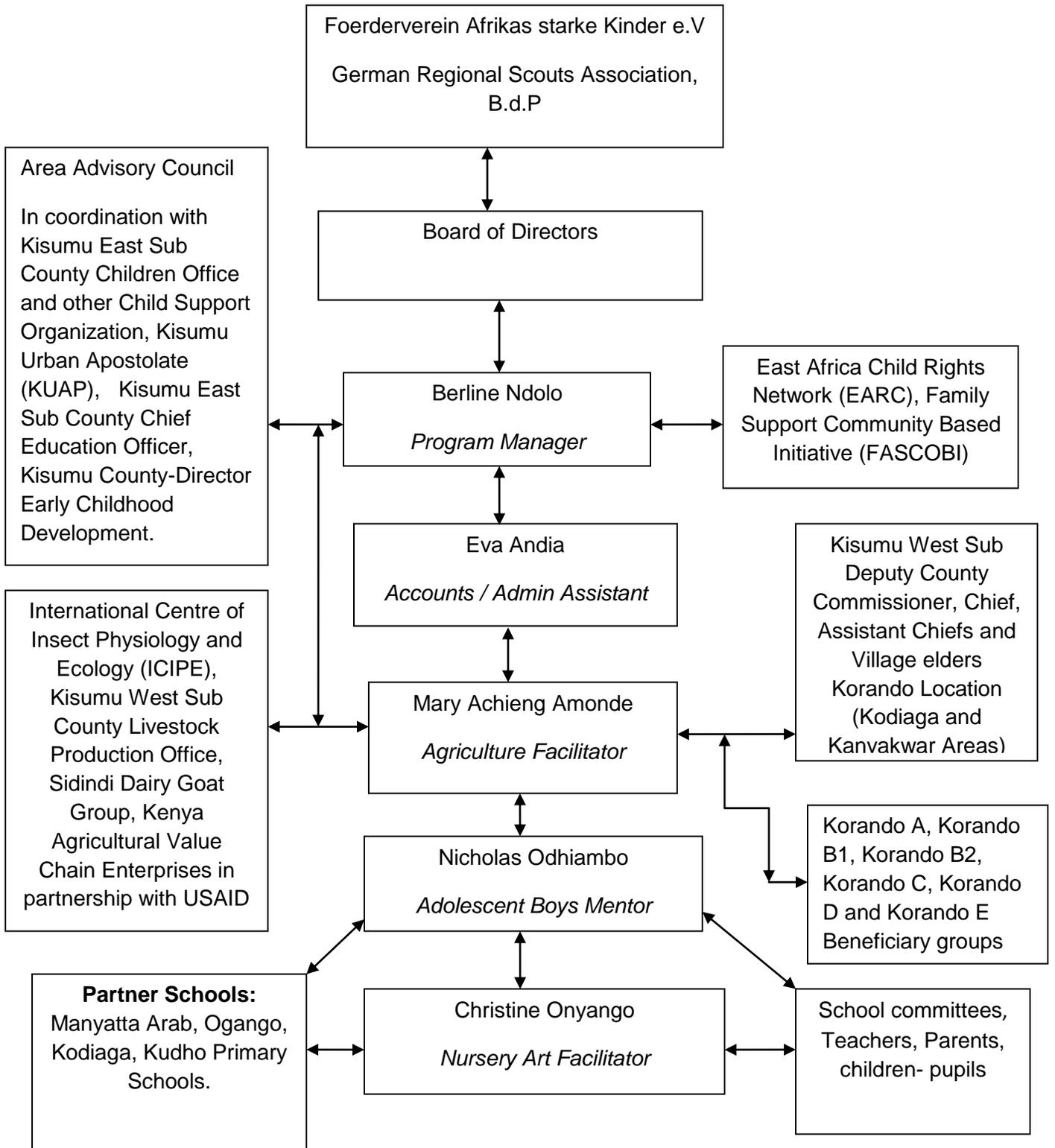
4.2. SWONESU Staff

Our project team comprise of youthful, energetic, self motivated, focused team of five personnel. Berline Ndolo (Program Manager/ Adolescent Girls Mentor) holds Diploma in Adult Education and Community Development and also pursuing Degree in Project Planning and Management all from The University of Nairobi. Berline Ndolo would be graduating for the Degree course in August 2017. Eva Andia (Part Time Accounts Assistant) is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA3) holder from Kenya College of Accountancy Kisumu. She hopes to join Catholic University of East Africa to undertake Degree Finance (options) in 2017. Mary Amonde (Agriculture Facilitator) holds a Diploma in Agricultural Extension and Community Development from Bukura Agricultural College in Kakamega. Nicholas Odhiambo (Adolescent Boys Mentor) holds a Certificate in Social Work and Community Development and also pursuing Diploma Course in Social Work and Community Development all from Siaya Institute of Science and Technology. Nicholas Odhiambo will be sitting for the Third Module exams (same course) in July 2017. Christine Onyango (Nursery Art Facilitator) holds a Certificate in Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. Christine Onyango hopes to enroll for Certificate in Education for Early Childhood Development in 2017. The diverse skills, education and experiences in our project team form the basis for motivation, commitment and passion in executing our duties.



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

43. SWONESU: Organization Chart



5. SWONESU Board of Directors

We thank the Board of Directors for the commitment in supporting SWONESU activities. The Board of Directors meets after every quarter as scheduled in their meeting plans 2016. We hope to hold the next Board of Directors meeting on 17th December 2016. All the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting are filled in the respective member's files for reference. (More reporting on this after the coming board meeting)Thank you!

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