

PROGRESS REPORT

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WORLD NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE – (WONESU)

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FOREWORD

We have finally come to the end of this year – 2021. We thank God Almighty for His guidance, care and protection upon our lives and families inspite of the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic experienced across the world. 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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Lastly, we thank our beneficiaries partner schools- parents/ guardians, teachers and children of; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma, Geta, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Oluowa, Nyaduong, Nyakune, Wachara, Sinyolo, Ogongo, Eluhobe and Kambudi Primary Schools. Thank you too our six Agriculture beneficiary groups in Kisumu West sub County for your support and active participation in all our projects.

Thanks and May God Bless you all abundantly!!!

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this final phase of this year 2021 (September- December), WONESU continued distribution of school feeding materials to our eight partner schools within Kisumu County and over 4500 children fed on nutritious porridge through financial support from BdP, Team Dima Global and Foerderverein Afrikas starke Kinder e.V. Our adolescent boys and girls aged 9-17 year olds mentorship sessions also continued in Ngege, Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, ogongo, Usoma, and Eluhobe Primary Schools. WONESU mentorship sessions therefore address outcomes of prolonged COVID-19 break (nine months children stay at home) on adolescent girls and boys from slums and rural areas through avenues to identify / discuss problems they faced in their day to day lives. Adolescents also provide inborn and own grown solutions to their problems hence informed decisions on matters their lives/ parents/ guardians/ teachers and society in general. We also distributed 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, Manyatta Arab and also extended to Kudho Nursery School sections also continued. Christine Onyango – Nursery Art Facilitator engaged the children in drawing, coloring, molding, coloring big pictures, tales and outdoor games like rope jumping. As reported by the teachers' art sessions of drawing, coloring, molding amongst others enables children focus, think right and also develop their brains.

Molline Akinyi – (Our production officer) also continued production of reusable (*Hope*) sanitary towels in our back office space. We therefore redistributed (after the initial packs distributed to adolescent girls in 2020 expired) after sensitization on use, hygiene and storage methods to over 80 adolescent girls in Geta and Wachara Primary Schools. The project aims to ensure adolescent girls easily access menstrual hygiene management products with longer utility period (eight months). We also seek to reduce number of teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and school dropout among adolescent girls from poor backgrounds who engage in premarital sex in exchange for either money or sanitary pads from their “clients”.

WONESU Agriculture Program also continued to support Korando beneficiary groups- Korando A, B1, B2, C, D and Lela potential Farmers group in Kisumu West Sub County. Our farmer groups therefore produce livestock of goats, rabbits, dairy/ local/ improved breed of cows and chicken in their individual farms. Our farmers also produced vegetables of pumpkins, spinach, kales, black night shade in their kitchen gardens for sale and families consumption. Production of fruits of passion fruits, grafted mangoes, bananas and paw paws also continued in various beneficiaries' farms for sale and their families consumption.

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.



Mary Amonde joined Ms. Alice Okeyo in serving porridge to children in Kodiaga Primary School



Ms. Adelite Abuto also served porridge to children in Manyatta Arab Primary School

WONESU distributed feeding materials to all our partner schools; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Kodiaga, Usoma, Nyaduong and Ngege Primary Schools within Kisumu County. The Ministry of Education through county government of Kisumu also distributed porridge flour that supplemented our partner schools feeding program. These in turn ensured close to four thousand (4000) children fed on enriched/ nutritious porridge on daily basis. Reports by the teachers, children and parents in our partner schools confirm that feeding program provides both educational and health benefits for these most vulnerable children thereby increasing enrolment rates, reducing absenteeism, improving overall grades performances and food security at the household levels. As the year 2021, came to an end our partner schools continued to register new admissions of children in their respective schools. For example; Kodiaga Primary School populations currently are at one thousand (1000) children (up from 800 children in 2019). According to the school's head teacher (Mr. Joshua Akoko) this number is expected to continue going up in 2022. WONESU team therefore during follow up visits also discussed the idea to supply dried and locally milled mixture of (millet, sorghum, cassava and groundnuts) to all our partner schools head teachers and they readily accepted/ pledged to support in 2022. This is after we also successfully piloted – (purchased, distributed and milled locally mixture of dried tins of millet, sorghum, and cassava and fed over 500 children in Oluowa Primary School– (courtesy Team Dima Global Support). This initiative will ensure all the children in our partner schools continue to each enjoy a cup of more nutritious porridge within the current budget lines.



Mr. Kennedy Tungani served porridge to children in Ngege Primary School



Children posed for photo after they served porridge in the school compound



Children in Usoma Primary School served porridge outside the school kitchen



Usoma Nursery section children also served porridge in the school compound



Children in Nyadung Primary School served porridge and also posed for photo in their school compound.



2.2. Adolescents Girls: Menstrual Hygiene Management

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

In the final quarter- October –December 2019, WONESU launched production and hence distribution of *Hope* reusable sanitary pads- in our back office space. Through partnership with eight (8) primary schools, we have so far trained on use, reuse, and storage procedure to over hundred (800) adolescent girls across the partner schools. From these, close to five hundred (500) adolescent girls aged 10- 17 year olds have received and continue use of *Hope* pads in managing their monthly menstrual flow. We seek therefore 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”. As reported by adolescent girls from our partner schools *Hope* pads have renewed their confidence to face even their other life challenges. In fact as confirmed by one of the adolescent girls “We no longer engage in premarital sex with men for their money to purchase sanitary towels”, sentiments echoed by all adolescent girls.

Over the period, we also continue follow up visits, consultation with respective schools head teachers/guidance and counseling departments to assess impact of hope pads uptake, use and also take notes of any emerging issues for appropriate reviews.



Molline Akinyi sews Hope pads in our back office space

In this period- September- December 2021, our production officer Molline Akinyi therefore continued production of more hope reusable sanitary towels in our back office space. We then re-distributed *Hope* sanitary towels to eighty six 86 adolescent girls in Geta and Wachara Primary schools. Adolescent girls clearly demonstrated procedures for use/reuse, storage and disposal of *Hope* pads. We shall continue follow up visits and distribution of hope pads to adolescent girls in our partner schools in the next period January – April 2022.



Adolescent girls demonstrated procedure for washing Hope pads in Geta Primary School.



They posed for photo after they received packs of Hope pads.

In the months of May- August 2021, WONESU initiated mobilization of young mothers/ parents (aged 17- 22 year olds) in Kambudi Primary School community. In this period – (September- December 2021) too we extended mobilization to Ogongo Primary School community. However our meetings were put on hold by the Ministry of Health’s directives that outlawed all forms of gatherings as part of the measures put in place to control further spread of COVID-19 virus. Reports from our adolescent girls and partner schools teachers indicated that their young mothers too expressed interest/ their needs of our *Hope pads*. We therefore 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 in 2022.

Additionally we plan to equip them with the skills i.e tailor/ dressmaking training, entrepreneurship and reproductive health so that they stay safe/ healthy, also giving them the best chances in life and alternatives to early marriages and pregnancies. Therefore we will directly enroll at least three young mothers for training in tailoring/ dressmaking course at subsidized fees for a period of one year in our office in 2022.

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



Goats flock in Patrick Nyakwaka's unit-Korando C member



Rose Amondi tethered flock of goats in her homestead



F1 doe and F2 kid generations of goats in Benson Ochiengs unit



Seline Olilo- Korando B1 member's F2 goat F2 twins of a doe and a buck in her homestead

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. WONESU also introduced Kenyan Alpine breed of goats after we purchased and distributed two bucks to two groups- Korando C (lost their buck to acute pneumonia) and Lela Potential Farmers group (now has two bucks for timely service and also in consideration of their geographical distribution). These breed of goats (Kenyan Alpine) have high milk production compared Toggenburgs breed of goats. To achieve our objective, our farmers therefore employ

routine animals' husbandry management practices like weekly spraying, quarterly deworming, hooves trimming, construction of units, timely goat service and feeds / feeding goats on recommended fodder plants also produced within their farms and supplemented with natural fodder growing in the surrounding environments. Our farmers' consistencies in adhering to good animal husbandry ensure reduction on overall cost of production.



Wilkister Anyango- Korando A member harvests desmodium to feed her livestock.



Plantation of nappier grass on Dickson Omedo Lela farmer

Goats' waste also commonly known as manure is continually spread to the farms to improve 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 for their families' consumption and surplus sold for additional income. For example; Patrick Nyakwakwa- Korando C and Franscisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 members successfully produce local vegetables on large scale and enjoy long production periods through continuous use of goat wastes on their farms.

Our farmer groups in Korando area also continue to dispose buck kids of F1 and F2 generations of goats from their farms. This is to control inbreeding and also ensure additional income to our farmers. For example Rose Amondi- Korando B1 member, Syprina Achieng and Patrick Nyakwaka – Korando C members sold buck kids from their flock and used proceeds to pay school levies for their children in secondary schools. Our farmers consume goat milk at their family levels. The Korando communities also enjoy services of spraying and does service from our groups bucks at a fee in our various groups. These monies are then used to support our groups' project activities.



Lela Potential farmer's groups' buck hosted at Jacob Ogada homestead



Joahua Onoka – Korando C member posed for photo with new buck in his homestead

We also held one day meeting with group leaders from our six farmer groups in our office. The meeting aimed to share inters group's progresses/ challenges, identifying group's conflict causes and induct the leaders to set up management mechanisms. Finally the group leaders shared resolved plans of activities that they will focus on in 2022 and they included: expansion of goats production, chicken, rabbits, banana, paw paw, local vegetables, initiation of groups income generating activities i.e (production of goat milk yoghurt, establishment of poultry feeds machines), partnerships, networking and collaboration with like-minded partners in the field of agriculture-(include exchange visits).



Beatrice Achieng- Korando B1 member shared groups progress in the meeting.



Berlyne Ndolo inducted WONESU farmers group leaders on group dynamics management in our office.

2.4.2 Poultry Production



Part of flock of chicken fed on Magdalene Okore - Korando A members unit



Mary Amonde and Dickson Omedo posed for photo during follow up visit in Lela.

WONESU farmers in Lela and Korando areas also continue production of chicken for sale and families consumption. To effectively achieve the objective they employ relevant skills and good management practices like provision of standard housing, feeds/ feeding, maintaining hygiene and timely administration of all required vaccines in production of local, improved and pure breeds of chicken. As a result there is decline in losses of their poultry stocks to infectious diseases such as Newcastle, Gumboro and fowl typhoid amongst others very common in the areas.

In this period (September –December 2021) our farmers sold part of their mature chicken flock and used the proceeds to pay school levies for their children and also purchased basic food items for their families. For example; Monica Atieno and Dickson Omedo- Lela Potential farmers earned kshs. 10,000 and Kshs.16, 000 respectively. Jane Omwodo and Magdalene Okore- Korando A members also earned Kshs.7500 and Kshs. 6000 respectively. Our farmers are set to restock their flocks of rainbow roosters' breed of chicken in the month of January 2022. WONESU will also distribute rainbow roosters' breed of chicken to more farmers in 2022.



Jane Omwodo- Korando A member fed chicken in her homestead



Part of chicken flock in Philmon Ojwang Lela Potential farmers unit.



Monica Atieno- Lela Potential farmer fed chicks inside chicken unit in her homestead in Lela area.

2.4.3 Rabbits Production



Rabbit flock graze and also busk in the sun outside their unit in Charles Okore's homestead Korando A member.



Rabbits feed on vegetables in Olivia Achieng's unit- Korando A member

Our farmers also continue production of New Zealand White and New Zealand Grey rabbits species in their farms. Rabbits have fast reproduction cycle and also require small spaces for production. It's therefore also ideal for unemployed population as source of income. WONESU farmers therefore 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 hence improved production. We currently have forty two (42) rabbits across our members farms. They sell rabbits to control stocks and breeding for additional income. For example; Charles Okore sold two rabbits bucks and earned Kshs. 1000 and he used the money to pay part of school levies for his children in Kodiaga primary school. WONESU plan to expand production of rabbits through distribution (pass on model) to more farmers 2022. Our plan has however, been delayed by our members due to challenges in constructing new or to expanding existing units on their farms.



Josephine Anyango- Korando A member fed rabbits inside the unit in her homestead.

2.4.4 Production of Cows

Through trainings/ continuous advices through follow up visits by WONESU team, our farmers in Lela and Korando areas also continued routine animals' husbandry management practices like artificial insemination in production of Freshian, Ashire and local breeds of cows in their farms. They also plant different fodder crops of nappier grasses, molato grasses and leguminous crops like sweet potatoes vines and desmodium and supplement feeds/ feeding with natural fodder like sesbania, black jack and other natural grasses. Additionally they have also constructed standard units/ cow shades that ensure controlled breeding, enhanced manure collection for production of local vegetables/ grains, enhanced records keeping; disease control, early detection and treatment amongst others hence improved productivity.



Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member provided fodder to dairy cows and bull calf (second photo) on her farm.

As reported by our farmers' production of improved and pure dairy breeds of cows ensure additional income through sale of milk to support both education and purchase of food items for their families. For example; Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member earned Kshs. 80,400-(in four months), Susan Ondu (caretaker Korando B1 dairy cow) in two months earned Kshs. 40,200. Lela Potential group farmers (Sumson Oguna, Charles Akinyi and Benson Ochieng) also earned Kshs. 49,000, Kshs. 28,400 and Kshs. 17,600 respectively from milk produced by improved cross breeds of cows in their farms. Our farmers also used part of the earnings to purchase commercial dairy feeds. As the project progress, WONESU in future will link our farmers to Dairy Board Association of Kenya (DBASK) for sale of their milk and earn higher returns as opposed to current sales/ prices at their farm gates. Our farmers will also benefit from trainings on value addition for their milk hence improved income.



Korando B1 dairy cow and heifer calf in Susan Ondu (caretakers homestead)



Benson Ochieng (Lela Potential farmer) posed for photo with cross breed cows in his homestead.

2.4.5 Crops Production

2.4.5.1 Banana production



Banana plantation on Charles Akinyi farmer in Lela



Franscisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 members banana farm

WONESU farmer groups in Lela and Korando areas established more banana plantations across their farms for their families' consumption as well as earn additional income. Therefore we have one thousand banana plants on our members' farms. They are also at different stages of fruits growth and development; roots establishment, vegetative, flowering then fruiting/ maturity stages. WONESU farmers also continue to harvest mature banana sucks for both families' consumption and surplus sold to nearby markets for additional income in this period (September- December 2021).

Example 1; Franscisca Ogonyo- Korando B2 member earned Kshs. 9,000 from sale of banana fruits. She used the money to pay school levies for her five orphaned children in different classes in primary schools. Additionally part of the proceeds purchased food items of sugar, cooking oil, ugali flour and soap for her families use. **Example 2;** Evelyne Lumumba- Korando B1 member also earned Kshs 12, 000 and used proceeds to pay school levies for her three children in primary schools and also purchased food items for her families' needs.

Example 3; Benson Oliech- Lela Potential member and a father of seven children, of these two are in primary schools and four in secondary schools and one yet to join college education. He also earned Kshs. 30,000 from sale of banana fruits on his farm and paid school fees for his daughters in secondary school. More banana sucks that are soon maturing have been booked for sale worth Kshs. 18,000 before end of December 2021. He plans to pay school levies for his children in 2022.



Benson Oliech's banana plantation farm in Lela



Everlyne Lumumba-Korando B1 member sack almost due for harvesting in her farm



Josephine Ogonyo banana Josephine Ogonyo-Korando B2 posed for photo with ripe banana fruits she harvested from her farm

2.4.5.2 Production of Orchards



Perez Otieno- Korando C member posed for photo during follow up visit to her orchards farm in Korando area.

WONESU farmers in Lela previously (May-August 2-21) established orchards of avocados, bananas, tree tomatoes, passion fruits, pixes oranges and paw paws (solo sunrise species). The fruit trees are currently at their vegetative growth stages of development. In Korando area, our farmers' orchards are also at different stages of growth development; vegetative growth stages, 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. For example; Perez Otieno – Korando C members earned Kshs. 8500 from sale of paw paw on her farm (in a period of four months). Additionally she also earned Kshs.11,000 from sale of local vegetables previously planted inside the orchards and used all the proceeds to contribute to medication costs of her three children who suffer from- sickle cell anemia.

Our farmers therefore continue to also employ conservation agriculture techniques. As such they also produce grains of maize, sorghum, beans and local vegetables in their orchards farms to improve food security through land use maximization.



Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member harvests local vegetables from orchards on her farm

2.4.5.3 Production of Local Vegetables

WONESU farmers continue production of local vegetables of amaranthas, black night shade, spider plant, spinach, kales and cow peas on their farms in both Lela and Korando areas. Vegetables production among our farmer groups in the areas is done on both small gardens and large scale. This has particularly been successful due to consumers demand for fresh vegetables, nutrients and income generation purposes. Local vegetables consumption at household levels has ensured improved food security and reduction in risks of malnutrition particularly among children below the age of five years. Consumption of local vegetables also ensures the human body is supplied with important nutrients and vitamins thus help boost body immunity for our farmers/ families.



Local vegetables of spinach and Kales (second photo) on Patrick Nyakwaka- Korando C member's farm

Our farmers also continue to sell surplus local vegetables from their farms to nearby markets/ at farm gates. From the sale of vegetables they purchase other food items for their families that include flour, sugar, cooking oils and soaps for their families use. In this period (September-December 2021) Patrick Nyakwaka-earned Kshs. 40,000, Mary Adede- earned Kshs. 20,000 and Joshua Onoka- earned Kshs. 24,000(all Korando C members). Our Lela Potential farmers group member; Jacob Ogada, George Ochieng and Musa Awuor are among our farmers who produce vegetables on large scale. They earned Kshs. 24,000, 40,000 and 40,000 respectively. Through sale of vegetables from their farms they have used proceeds to partly pay school levies for children under their care in Primary, Secondary and College levels of education.



*Franscisca Ogonyo Korando B2 members
local vegetables farm*



*Lela Potential member inside local
vegetables farm- Evans Ogola*

2.4.5.4. Passion fruits production

Passion fruits of purple variety that WONESU distributed to our farmers in Lela area established and currently at their vegetative growth stage. Production of passion fruits from observation and advices from WONESU partner agronomist is favored by the soil type (red soil – high fertility) in Lela area. Our farmers also used rails and strings to twin the plant to grow to desired direction and also prevent rotting of fruits. In Korando area, passion fruits previously planted on their farms regenerated their vegetative growth, some passion fruit plants flowered in readiness for fruiting in 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.



Passion fruit tree that has regenerated their vegetative growth on Elizabeth Oliech- Korando B2 member's farm

2.4.5.5. Tree Tomato Production



Tree tomato plant on Benson Ochieng Lela Potential members' farm

WONESU farmers in Lela area employ crops management practices like timely weeding, spraying against aphids/ fungal/ bacterial diseases, manure addition and watering during dry spells in production of tree tomatoes on their farms. Therefore tree tomatoes are at different stages of growth and development; vegetative, flowering and fruiting. Mature fruits were harvested for families' consumption. Tree tomatoes basically are rich in vitamins, carbohydrates, proteins, fat, calcium and potassium – thus helps in immune boosting. It also helps in controlling diabetes since it contains chlorogenic acids which help lower sugar content in human body amongst others. The farmers also prepare seeds from ripe tomato trees for production in nursery beds in 2022.

2.4.5.6. Paw Paw Fruits Production



Jane Omwodo- Korando A members paw paw plant on her farm in Korando area



Leonida Akinyi- B2 member also pose for photo in her farm.

WONESU farmers also produce different varieties of paw paw fruits like *Malkia F1*, *Papaya solo* and *solo sunrise* on their individual farms. These varieties have longer production lifespan of up to three years and also produce bigger fruits that fetch slightly higher in the markets. In this period – September- December 2021 our farmers – Jane Omwodo- Korando A member earned Kshs. 8000, Beatrice Achieng- Korando B1 earned Kshs. 3500 and Leonida Akinyi- Korando B2 member earned Kshs.9,600. They used the proceeds to purchase other food items of sugar, flour and cooking oil for their families' consumption and also contributed school levies for their children.



Charles Akinyi- Lela Potential group members farms of paw paw plants in Lela area



Evans Ogola – Lela Potential farmer posed for photo by the paw paw plant on his farm in Lela area

2.4.5.7. Pumpkin Production



Pumpkin plantation on Monica Atieno- Lela Potential member's farm

WONESU farmers produce pumpkins which are consumed as vegetables and fruits on their farms in Korando and Lela areas. To improve productivity we do ensure our farmers' twine together pumpkin stems to make them grow to restricted areas. Twining and pruning of the stems also help prevent pumpkin plantations from animals/ human destruction and allow air circulation to prevent pumpkin from rotting. Currently across our members farms, pumpkin plantations have generated leaves, some have flowered, fruited and more expected to fruit. Our farmers harvest pumpkin leaves (vegetables boosts human body immunity system) consume in their families and sell surplus to meet basic family needs. Mature pumpkin fruits are also expected to be harvested for their families' consumption and for sale in 2022.



Pumpkin plantation on Jecinter Okongo Korando C member's farm

2.4.5.8. Grafted Mangoes Production



Grafted mangoes tree on Everlyne Lumumba. Korando B1 member's farm

Our farmers continue production of *Apple* and *Ngowe* species of grafted mangoes in their farms in Korando and Lela areas. The grafted mangoes plants of *Apple* species in Lela area are at vegetative growth stage and development. In Korando area, grafted mangoes of *Apple* and *Ngowe* species have flowered, fruited, matured and were harvested for their families' consumption. We also sprayed fungicides, fruitors and flowers drugs on all grafted mangoes against insects and fungicides in the two areas (Korando and Lela).



Grafted mangoes tree on Joshua Onoka Korando C member's farm.

2.4.6. Savings and Loaning Schemes (Table Banking)



Mary Amonde joined members of Korando A during group's weekly meeting in Josephine Anyangos homestead.

As this year (2021) came to an end WONESU farmer groups in Korando area repaid back loans they borrowed in their respective groups' savings and loaning schemes. This was to facilitate sharing out as per the rules and regulations governing group's savings and loaning schemes. Reports by our farmers indicate that these proceeds sustain members businesses with the loans they borrow from time to time. Additionally, members also purchase food items for their families alongside contributing monies to support their group's interventions (purchase of both spraying/ deworming drugs for their individual and projects livestock).

Korando C beneficiary group's pure doe (purchased from proceeds of savings and loaning scheme) kidded the third kid. The group also sold kid buck-(second kid after the first kid died of a viral infection in 2020) and in its place will purchase a second pure doe to be hosted in Patrick Nyakwakwa's homestead in January 2022. Members are currently collecting resources for construction of second pure doe unit. Additionally, Korando C beneficiary group also earned Kshs. 3,000 from hire of plastic chairs- (they previously purchased from proceeds of savings and loaning scheme – 2019). The monies are kept in the group's bank account.



Korando C groups pure doe and the third doe kid in Joshua Onoka- (host) homestead.

WONESU groups are all set to share out in their respective groups between dates 19th to 23rd December 2021. Our groups have therefore laid out plans to execute with the proceeds from their respective groups savings and loaning schemes in January 2022. For example, Korando A group will purchase pure doe, Korando B1 will purchase more local goats, Korando C will purchase more plastic chairs and Lela Potential group will purchase dairy goats for each member by December 2022 through funds drive slated before end of December 2021.

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.



Children in Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery school section enjoyed porridge in their classroom.

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 these most vulnerable children thereby increasing enrolment rates, reducing absenteeism, improving overall grades performances and food security at their household levels. Our partner school therefore continues to enroll more children into the school. In 2022, we plan to purchase, distribute and mill locally dried mixture of millet, sorghum, cassava and groundnuts. This is also after we also successfully piloted – (purchased, distributed and milled locally mixture of dried tins of millet, sorghum, and cassava, we fed over 500 children in Oluowa Primary School– courtesy Team Dima Global Support). This initiative will ensure two hundred more children are enrolled into the feeding program. Therefore a total of close to five hundred children will each enjoy a cup of more nutritious porridge within the current budget lines.

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.



Children in Manyatta Arab Nursery school section engaged in molding session in their classroom.

WONESU continued nursery art sessions with children aged 3- 6 year old in our partner schools; Manyatta Arab, Kudho and Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery School sections. Christine Onyango- (Nursery Art Facilitator) engaged over 300 children in both indoor/ inside classrooms sessions of drawing/coloring, coloring big pictures/ other shapes, molding, grouping / sorting colors and tales. 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 molding as an 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- January- April 2022 in both partner schools.



Obinju Kanyakwar Nursery school engaged in coloring in their Classroom



Kudho Nursery school children also colored in their classroom.

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.



Children are engaged in outdoor activities and tales sessions in Manyatta Arab Nursery section

3.3. Adolescent's Mentorship Program

3.3.1. Knit and Chat Club.

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



Lillian Aoko engaged adolescent girls in Uluhobe Primary School during mentorship session in their school compound

WONESU mentors Berlyne Ndolo and Lillian Aoko (Volunteer) continued mentorship sessions/ meetings with adolescent girls -aged 10 to 17 years olds across our partner primary schools; Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Usoma, Ogongo, Geta and Eluhobe. Mentorship sessions provide avenues for adolescent girls (in slums and rural areas) to openly identify and provide inborn and own grown solutions to challenges they face during adolescence stage, a key phase of their life as they rapidly transit from childhood to adulthood. The adolescence phase is therefore associated with critical shocks or negative events that may alter the course of adolescents' lives like getting pregnant/ early marriages or dropping out of school. Over the period, WONESU mentors have also confirmed that teenage pregnancies are a major challenge for socio-economic development of adolescent girls as they deprive teenage mothers' 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. Therefore, survival for many of these teenage mothers/ girls will mean turning to transactional sex or early marriage to a man who can "keep" them and their children.



Berlyne Ndolo in a mentorship session with adolescent girls in Usoma Primary School



Lillian Aoko during mentorship session Ogongo Primary School compound

Our volunteer mentor – Lillian Aoko therefore also focused on identifying, tracing and offering counseling support to pregnant/ teenage mothers in and out of school. Through support from partner schools head teachers (Manyatta Arab and Ogongo Primary Schools), local leadership and parents/ guardians. We traced and offered counseling support to six teenage mothers who dropped out of school. Their parents/ guardians were also encouraged to accept and support their teenage girls and their babies. WONESU successfully facilitated three teenage mothers back to school – (2 girls in Manyatta Arab and one in Ogongo Primary Schools). We plan to continue tracing, counseling of more teenage mothers with plans that they return back to school and continue their studies in 2022.

WONESU also continued monthly distribution of the much needed sanitary towels to adolescent girls in our partner schools; Kodiaga, Ogango, 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.



Manyatta Arab and Kodiaga Primary School adolescent girls posed for photo after they received sanitary pads in their respective schools.



Ms. Awimbo posed for photo with adolescent girls they received pads in their Ogango primary school



Obinju Kanyakwar adolescent girls after they received pads in their Ogango primary school outside new administration block.

3.3.2. Kick and Chat Club

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

The Daily Business Advertisement, 11th November 2021, reported that boy child exclusion begins right at the grassroots to the highest levels. It noted that the society has given more importance to the plight of the girl child, who is considered as weak and vulnerable to the detriment of the boy child who is considered strong hence needs no attention. For example; in some communities, parents/ guardians are more concerned about the whereabouts of their daughters in the evening than their sons. This is based on the assumption that boys take care of themselves. Therefore there are increased cases of boys being in conflict with the laws, illiterate population-early school withdrawal/dropout, truancy, low self-esteem and drug/substance abuse.



Adolescent boys in Ngege primary school with Paul Tiengo during mentorship session



Usoma Primary School adolescent boys during mentorship session in their school

WONESU therefore continued mentorship sessions with adolescent boys aged 9-17 year olds across our partner schools: Manyatta Arab, Ogango, Obinju Kanyakwar, Ngege, Usoma, Ogongo, Geta and Eluhobe Primary Schools within Kisumu County. Paul Tieng'o through mentorship sessions created forums to these adolescent boys from slums and rural areas to identify and address/ provide inborn/ own grown solutions to issues affecting them. These also included; drugs/ substance abuse, child labor, lack/inadequate parental care, lack of food at home, weak family institutions/ structures, pre-marital sex, and negative peer influence.



Adolescent boys in Geta Primary School during mentorship session in their school



Paul Tiengo conduct mentorship session with adolescent boys in Obinju Kanyakwar Primary School

Paul Tieng'o also through partnership with school's (Ogongo Primary School) administration, local community leaders and parents/ guardians traced five boys (11- 14 year olds) who dropped out of school. They dropped out of school due to negative peer influence, weak/ broken families, drug abuse and lack of food/ other basic needs at home. After several visits and counseling to them and their families two boys returned to school. Our back to school campaigns for adolescent boys who dropped out of school will continue in 2022.

3.3.3. Advocacy and Awareness Forums.

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



Paul Tieng'o and Berlyne Ndolo during open forum with parents and guardians in Manyatta Arab Primary School compound

WONESU adolescents' boys/ girls mentors (Paul Tieng'o and Berlyne Ndolo) continued open forums with parents/ guardians in our partner schools; Manyatta Arab and Usoma Primary Schools in this period. Through the forum we reached out to over one hundred parents/ guardians and shared challenges that their adolescent boys and girls face as they transit to adulthood. We also highlighted the role of parents/ guardians at this crucial stage of their adolescent boys/ girls lives and particularly after we have confirmed several cases of teenage mothers/ pupils or pregnant adolescent girls who some are back in their schools to pursue dreams. From the adolescent girls' reports, the high number of teenage pregnancy was 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 further 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. Additionally parents/ guardians reportedly suffer from psychological, economic and social problems caused by teenage pregnancies. Therefore not all parents are willing to take care of the babies as the teenage girls go back to school.

WONESU mentors will continue more of such forums in the next phase (January- April 2022) across our partner schools. We will also extend our forums to community meetings – (locally referred to as 'chiefs' barazas's) organized by local administration in 2022.



Berlyne Ndolo and Paul Tieng'o inducted parents/ guardians on skill full parenting techniques in Usoma 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.

WONESU continued distribution of feeding materials to our partner school Oluowa Primary School, Kisumu West Sub County. WONESU successfully piloted - purchased, distributed and milled locally, mixture of dried tins of millet, sorghum, and cassava, within their budget lines. 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.



Children in Oluowa Primary School enjoy porridge in their school compound after they were served by the cook. Looking on is the senior teacher (Ms. Beatrice)



Children in nursery section- (3-6 year olds) also enjoyed porridge in Oluowa Primary School compound.

5.0. WONESU INTERNAL AFFAIRS

5.1. Office

As our projects progress, we plan to move or relocate our office to more spacious place within the current budget lines in 2022. Ideally within our budgets we can secure a house within the estates that will ensure all our activities are implemented within the required/ recommended spaces.

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