



Annual Report 2017-2018



Franciscan sisters LWAK- Kenya

Asembo site works with orphans and vulnerable children in conjunction with their guardians and care takers who stay with them to continually help them in their growth and up bringing over the years the Chalice program has provided.

EDUCATION

Achievements

Education plays an important role in a child's life for all the sponsored children at Lwak site. The school going children stand at 100% and guardian participate quarterly on financial plan to set aside school fees payment for their children.

- 60% of the sponsored children are in primary education and 10% of this percentage were able to sit for their Kenya certificate of primary education and graduated to secondary school.
- 20% of the sponsored children are in secondary level and from this level they are able to pursue their dream job if they perform well in the Kenya certificate of secondary education. This year four of these children were able to join the university and other collages around the country.
- 10% are in the tertiary level getting their proper skills in preparation to join the work force and start practicing their dreams.

Goals

- Alumni students come back to conduct the mentorship sessions and act as peer educators.
- To improve the Site library with books, especially for the secondary school children to have easy access and use.

HEALTH, HYGIENE AND NUTRITION

Achievements

- The site has a psychosocial activity that involves all sponsored children, participating in skillful growth and leadership skills at different age groups. This involves proper hygiene, health talk among other topics.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the sponsored children receive deworming services periodically throughout the year and administration of vitamin A.
- The Introduction of school feeding program in Aduoyo and Ong'ielo Primary Schools has greatly reduced absenteeism, resulting in improved academics performance by 50%, and an increase good health.
- Two hundred guardians benefited from the East African Drought Relief program with one bag of maize of 90kgs, 26kgs beans and 9 liters of oil in December 2017. In phase two of The EADR the Site managed to reach 460 household both the sponsored and none sponsored with each household getting 90kg maize, 40kg beans and 9 liters of oil.
- The Site has managed to support some families with the critical fund that helped one family whose child had kidney injury and another with congenital malformations, who are still on nutrition follow up.

Goals

- To improve nutrition and health situation in schools and thus reduce the degree of malnutrition among sponsored children.
- To improve nutrition knowledge attitudes and practices among the sponsored families and other population.
- To strengthen strategic partnerships with local governments and organizations.

FAMILY

Achievement

- Farming the 'GODS' way training was conducted at the Site to improve the farming skills to promote individual kitchen garden and small scale production for home use.

- Psychosocial support to guardians to help them handle teenage upbringing, economic empowerment teaching to help break the poverty cycle in the family and how to handle the changing climatic condition and other health related awareness.
- The Christmas funds were used to bless each family household with food staff that enable them celebrate Christ birth together with their families.

Goals

- Most children lack family resources to attend regular medical check-ups at health facilities. As a result, children often suffer from worm infestation, malnutrition or even chronic malaria. The Site will enhance linkages and referrals to hospital and other medical facilities.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Achievements

- Growth in the number of Voluntary Savings and Loaning Associations from 12 to 18 circle groups where caregivers' actively participate in small savings and accessing small loans.
- Initiation of group Income Generating Activities as a result of the solidarity and unit of the circle members.
- Formally registering the circle groups with the department of social services to help the marginalized work closely with relevant government departments i.e. the health, agriculture and education sectors.
- Providing Papa's dream boats to the fishing families who are now actively involved in fishing and selling the fish in the local market improving the household incomes. The families involved are able to pay school fees and other provisions for their children.

Goals

- The Site intends to use other funds that can be used to implement capital projects like community safe drinking water to the community by building a tank.
- Train and mentor the community groups on sustainable agriculture and promote communal horticultural activities through drip irrigation.

DIRECT FAMILY FUNDING

Achievement

- The family cycles have gradually grown from 12 groups to 18 groups which are well managed and self-driven by the group officials selected by the members themselves. The Site social workers oversee the groups monthly activities to enable them carry out the group activities in a smooth manner. This is to supplement the money received from the direct family funding.
- Training of the five new groups formed on financial literacy book keeping and group management skills. Each group made a constitution which guides and governs them at all times. As they continue to grow the groups can start doing other projects.
- Higher percentages of the guardians have a Bank Account where all the funds they received are directly deposited into their account. With a memorandum signed at the Site office, each guardian has to go through the quarterly financial plan and budget for this amount accordingly. Caregivers who are not able to operate a bank account are assisted by the site office.

Goals.

- To enhance the group network and solidarity in order to build a caring and loving community.
- To continually empower the guardians to practice small scale business activities which will enable them to boost their economic welfare beside the funds that they receive.



A farmer who is a beneficiary from eRoots program ferrying the harvest



Beneficiaries receiving the cereals bought through EADR through chalice children

