



Annual Report 2018-2019

Asembo site:
Asembo, Kenya



Our site works with children and their guardians to continually help them in their growth and upbringing, and offers support and care to orphans and vulnerable children. We have been working to reduce the educational barriers in the community. In addition, there have been promotions of Technical Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) courses for girls and for boys.



Education

Goals

1. To improve water and sanitation programs in the surrounding primary schools where most of our sponsored children are attending.
2. To mobilize resources and local farmers for the sustainability of school feeding programs in two primary schools.
3. Improve the infrastructure in both schools including school dining and classrooms.
4. To encourage sponsored pupils to act as peer educators to the children during mentorship and psychosocial meetings.
5. To stock the site library with books especially the secondary school children to have easy access and use.

Achievements

1. We expanded the library space at Asembo Bay to accommodate the growing numbers of sponsored and non-sponsored children.
2. A higher percentage (60%) of sponsored children are in primary education and 8% joined different secondary schools to further their studies.
3. 8% of the sponsored children who did their final secondary education last year have graduated to higher levels of education including Technical and vocational training Institutions and Universities.



4. To promote retention and transition of the sponsored and the non-sponsored children, we have supported school feeding programs.
5. We run mentorships program for the sponsored youths enrolled in the primary and secondary schools to prevent drop out and teenage pregnancies among the girls.
6. Supported 50 pupils in secondary and higher levels of education with schools fees so that they get maximum time in schools for studies through a grant received last financial year.

Health & hygiene

Goals

1. To increase sensitization to the caregivers and communities on universal health coverage and hospital insurance fund to support them to access the medical services.
2. To strengthen strategic partnerships with local governments and organizations that promotes health care.

Achievements

1. Established referral systems between community and clinic based programs.
2. Reduced access barriers to health services through house hold economic strengthening and social protection like National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) and Universal Health Coverage.
3. Provided deworming services to the children in the primary schools.
4. The site has psychosocial activities that involve all sponsored children participating in skillful growth and leadership skills at different age groups.
5. A family was supported by critical needs to help their child get treatment for meningitis, pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Nutrition

Goals

1. To improve nutrition and health situation in schools and thus reduce the degree of malnutrition and water borne infections among sponsored children and other children in the community.
2. To improve nutrition knowledge attitudes and practices among the sponsored families and other populations.



Achievements

1. Improved health and nutritional development of the sponsored children through school feeding programs both in Ongiello and Aduoyo primary schools.

Community

Goals

1. Register all the VSLA groups and form a Co-operative Sacco where they are able to save and borrow money for various needs.
2. Support the caregivers and youths with financial literacy programs, income generating activities and business management skills.
3. Use other funds to implement capital projects like community safe drinking water to the community by building a tank.
4. Train and mentor the community groups on sustainable agriculture and promote communal horticultural activities through drip irrigation along the lake shores.

Achievements

1. Expanded the Common Interest Groups (CIGs) practicing horticulture activities in Kokise village and a group supported by fishing materials through Papa's Dream. The CIGs are currently performing well and are able to meet most of the household needs.
2. Strengthened the VSLA group's activities. There are 18 current groups which meet on monthly basis and participate in loaning and savings activities.
3. Registration of Family Circle groups with the relevant government social departments including the Uwezo Funds, Youth Funds, People living with disability funds, Kenya Women Enterprise Funds among others.

Family

Goals

1. 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 referral to hospital and other medical facilities.

Achievements

1. Financial literacy sessions during DFF disbursements to enhance the caregivers' capacity to allocate the little earnings effectively for the family expenses.
2. Enhanced mentorships and psychosocial support services to guardians and sponsored children to improve on the resilience in unfortunate situations and emergencies that occur in the families.
3. Training and sensitization on positive parenting skills, writing the will and property inheritance and alternative child disciplinary measures to the guardians during the faith cycle group meetings.
4. Christmas festivities celebrated well with children and caregivers in the community with the support of the Christmas funds from Chalice.

Family funding

Goals

1. To efficiently support the caregivers or the households plan for the money transferred to their accounts through DFF.
2. To increase caregivers' enrolment in the community social protection programs and enhance the families' network and solidarity into expanding their group savings in order to implement other projects.
3. To continually empower the guardians practice small scale business activities which will enable them to boost their economic welfare beside the funds that they receive.

Achievements

1. The site social workers oversee the groups monthly's activities to enable them carry out saving and loaning activities in a smooth manner. This is to supplement the money received from Family Funding.
2. Household improvements have been realized within the sponsored families as a result of FF. Through financial literacy programs and meetings, there has been continuous mentorship on family budgeting.
3. All the guardians go through the quarterly financial planning and budgeting with the social workers before use of funds.
4. A high percentage of the guardians have a Bank Account with Equity where all the funds they received are directly deposited into their account. Each guardian has to go through the quarterly financial plan and budget for the funds accordingly.