



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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First Quarter 2020 Report

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Introduction

This year 2020 started very well in all activities at SOCH. The normal routine activities have been happening successfully. There has also been a special attention to hygiene in order to prevent infection of Corona Virus disease which is the World disaster. Amongst the activities happening, SOCH is implementing as follows;

Education Sponsorship

All orphans are so far in schools and colleges. Primary pupils are still going to a private school. Orphans who do well in Primary and Adult orphans go to boarding secondary schools and tertiary institutions respectively. Last year, 2019, all three primary orphans who wrote national examinations passed well and therefore went to boarding schools early this year.



Back from school and wash hands first!!!!

Health, Hygiene and Sanitation

SOCH has been always a clean and healthy environment as a home of orphans, however, with the threat of Covid-19 that has broken out, SOCH is implementing supplementary hygiene measures of preventing the virus. Simple utensils, disinfectants, sanitizers and pain killers have been acquired to be handy at all times. The bed spacing in dormitories has also been increased and improved.



Health measures on priority!

Gardening and Food Supplementation

This season, SOCH has tried to cultivate some maize corn on its small surrounding field. The corn has done well and it is expected that some staple food will be harvested to supplement on the buying of such corn. There is also chicken in stock that supplement on the meat to feed orphans. Not only this, but it is also a season for avocado, Lemons and guava fruits that are now in the orchard.



Guest House and Hummer Mill Sustainable projects

It has been a slow business at the guesthouse because at the beginning of the year very few people travel especially that most institutions do not yet get funded that early. People are not also travelling much due to the pandemic that threatens travellers. Whichever the case, SOCH INN has been able to pay for workers' wages and their pension contributions and expects business to improve soon. The Hummer mill has been on average operation and it may also pick soon. To keep these projects running hygiene measures are implemented.



The two public places are kept very clean with Hand wash soap and water in place

Carpentry and Tailoring Projects

In the past 6 months, SOCH has been involving one tailor to train one SOCH caregiver in tailoring on part-time. SOCH is encouraged to have one caregiver who now knows tailoring and can repair orphans clothes at no costs. The carpentry project has not been in good progress because in rainy season wood does not dry fast. SOCH expects this to improve very soon as rains come to an end.



Carpentry and Tailoring workshops.

Challenges

SOCH would like to sympathise with the partners during this time of crisis when the whole world is in fear due to this pandemic, Corona Virus Disease, outbreak. We are aware that most activities are globally being put to a halt. It is also sad that our sponsors are unable to visit us this year due to such circumstance beyond our control. We hope things normalise soon. We however thank our sponsors for still being committed in remitting required transfers to us for running the orphanage amidst this crisis.

Conclusion

SOCH would like to thank the sponsors, the board of management, the government and its staff for the great support in working together to support the lives of orphans and secure their future. All the donations and supports are of good cause and therefore be encouraged to continue as such.

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