



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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Introduction

The Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH) was founded in the year 2004 by the Australian Volunteer, Mr. Kevin Adair Gilbert with great support from The former Head-teacher of Serenje Boys Technical Secondary School, Mr Alouis Mwansa. The sole mission was to provide a safety caring home to vulnerable orphans by providing loving care, food, education, accommodation, clothing and all basic needs of orphans with special attention to girl children protection and empowerment without breaking the link of such orphans to their guardians.

SOCH has been in operation for more than 10 years, which must be a pride to the sponsors and all who have been in support of the orphanage. The capacity of the orphanage is for 44 orphans. It is also supporting orphans who graduated to go due boarding schools due to their good performance with full sponsorship. Little children 10 years ago are now quiet old and in Secondary schools and high schools. In three years time, some are expected to be in colleges. What a success this will be for SOCH. To up-bring these orphans, SOCH has been doing activities such as what are explained bellow.

Feeding Orphans

SOCH has maintained feeding orphans with a very well balanced diet. Children are growing healthy. One of the children's favorite meal is Nshima with Chicken shown bellow.



Nshima with Chicken and Vegetables

Clothing Orphans

Every year children are outfit into new clothes. The care givers help the young children in buying clothes while the older children are given an opportunity to buy partly some of their choice clothes. Shoes are usually bought by the visiting volunteers from either St. Georges, Rome, Italy or College Dülèman, Geneva, Switzerland.



Clothes, Flip-flops & shoes for children

Education Support

All orphans accepted into the orphanage must go to school. This is the priority at the orphanage and so children's uniforms are made by the care takers in addition to what are bought. There is also a library where children do study every day. All orphans are provided for fees, uniforms, books and for boarding schools goes transports and all requirements are given.



Uniforms sewn by trained care giver & books in Library

Skills & Children's Future Concern

There are some tailoring trainings that are taking place for children who are interested in this skill. Nancy and Obrey with one caregiver are well trained in tailoring skills. They are currently doing good in tailoring. This may be a way out for children's future and the care giver is very useful in repairing and sewing uniforms for orphans.



Nancy, Obrey and Mrs Mukosha under tailoring training

Building trust and Responsibility in Children

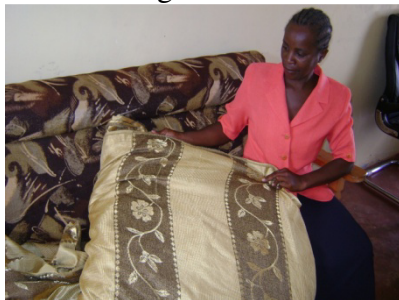
Children have personal interests and they need to make their own decision at some point in time. SOCH entrusts children to decide wisely on the use of resources such as money and materials. When SOCH children were given pocket money, Children had bought different things. Others bought school bags and umbrellas to use in current rainy season while others bought bags, sweets and African cakes (fitumbuwa) which they miss in life because they do not have money.



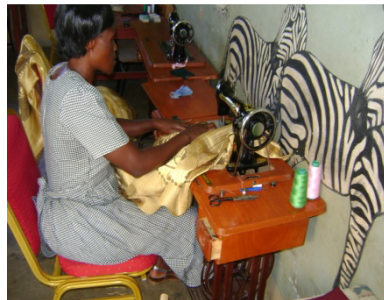
What can children do with pocket money has encouraged SOCH

Orphanage Maintenance

SOCH workers believe in good and healthy environment for keeping orphans. It has therefore maintained a clean and secure environment. All repairing of infrastructures are being done regularly and the surroundings are kept clean. New curtains are sewn and regular washing of linen is being done.



Materials



Curtains Sewn



curtains hunged

The Orphanage surrounding is also clean and Machines are serviced:



Clean environment and machine repairing

Orphanage Sustainability

The orphanage board management holds a minimum of one annual general meeting to agree on the renewal of the orphanage with registrar of Society. The orphanage is currently working on developing fundraising activities though chicken run and guesthouse construction. If these get established, SOCH will have some income to help support the orphanage.



Board members



Chicken run



Guest house Construction

Conclusion

Giving the update for the year 2014, this is the shortest report that can be given. With these updates, SOCH is thankful of all the support from sponsors, board members and the government of Zambia in every angle of help to keep SOCH running. This assures SOCH to continue running,

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