



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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INTRODUCTION

SOCH, the home of orphans in Serenje district, is still doing a lot of activities in supporting orphans in Serenje District. This year, 2018 SOCH has 25 orphans living at campus and it is also sponsoring 19 children who are living with their extended families after re-integration when they grew up. SOCH has so far been able to wean out 19 orphans who left SOCH and are school leavers since it started operating in 2004.

SOCH is now looking like it is bellow;



Orphanage view as on 6th March, 2018

ACTIVITIES

As a recapture of SOCH progress, the following activities are taking place.

Feeding

Orphans are being fed a balanced diet at break fast and dinner during school days when lunch is provided at school and over the weekend children have full meals at SOCH. SOCH also feeds the orphans during holidays when children are not found in school.



Orphans feed at SOCH and lunch at School

Education Sponsorship

Orphans are all going to school. Fees, uniforms and shoes are provided by SOCH. Not only these but also pupils' stationary is provided to all orphans on sponsorship.



All orphans outfit into new uniforms and flip-flops

Psychosocial Activities and life skills

SOCH orphans are always counselled to make sure they are safe and develop life skills. SOCH is so far providing social amenities for orphans to keep their bodies and brains active. Such amenities include play grounds and library.



Flip-flops bought for orphans for walking around at SOCH and for shower -- Orphans play games for leisure

Income Generating Activities

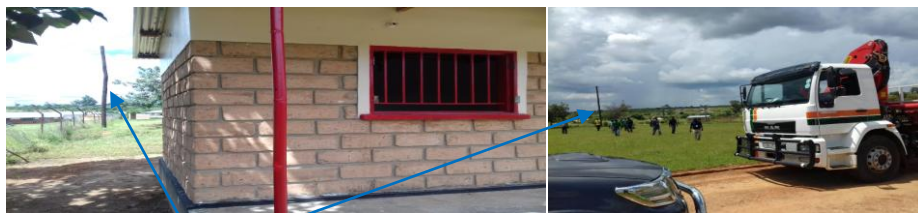
SOCH INN guest house is one of the capital item that SOCH possesses in order to raise some funds. It has been an experience that guest-houses have also period of good business as well as period of bad business. So far December, January, February and March have indicated that SOCH INN has had occupancy oscillating between 10% and 20%. This means it

has raised enough money to run itself but not on profit. This is of the case with other lodges in the district too because these months most departments conclude their yearly budgets, plan for new budgets, spend on fees and therefore people are not much on the move. However it was observed that April to November are usually good months for business having all other factors kept constant.



Guest House front view

Hummer mill has not yet started operating due to delay in connection of electric power by local Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO). The latest news on this is that ZESCO only erected poles on site and that the ZESCO district office is waiting for supply of conductor cables that are currently in short of supply. Having power connected, the mill will immediately start operating.



Poles fixed at SOCH for hummer mill. Now awaiting cables.

ADMINISTRATION

There are two new employees who have joined SOCH. SOCH is expecting another group of two to start working on 1st April, 2018. So far the current two have demonstrated to be hard working and children caring.

CONCLUSION

It is SOCH pleasure to express full gratitude to sponsors (SOA and ZOA) and all partners who take part in the efforts to support and care for the orphans under SOCH sponsorship. We are very thankful of your donations both in cash and kind. Please keep up the good works!!

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