



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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Introduction

It is now one year remaining for SOCH to celebrate its first anniversary. SOCH is still receiving a lot of funds from sponsors that assures SOCH management of clocking 10 years of operation since it was co-founded by Mr Kevin Adair Gilbert and Mr Alouis Mwansa. A lot of key motivated leaders in ZOA (Key sponsor) such as Mr John Talbot and the ZOA committees both in Rome and Geneva are working very hard to support the orphans. Each year orphans are being fed, sponsored in education, accommodated, outfitted in new clothes and the staff is paid allowances for all the work. This work deserves a credit.

Chicken run & Fish Farming

With great support from sponsors, SOCH has managed to start rearing chicken and stock fish to improve the diet of the children and drive into some sustainability of the orphanage projects. In this sense, SOCH has a recurring chicken run and fish farming.



Ducks and chicken second stock on site

Garden Progress

The garden is progressing well and there are vegetables in beds. Another encouraging thing is that older children have their own vegetable beds that they are managing (making beds, planting, applying fertilizer and manure, and watering under the guidance of staff.



Garden quiet big and green in dry season

Children Clothes Outfitting (By Matron)

New clothes were bought and distributed to children, outfitting them in their sizes. This has made children start looking nice and great. As illustrated bellow, four bales of clothes were bought and other pieces of clothes such as under wears, flip-flops, and blurs. The matron was very instrumental in buying the under wear, flip flops and blurs. She guided workers in distributing clothes to children.



Volunteer care givers helping out fit children into new clothes under Matron's guidance.

Library and Canteen

The library has now been refurnished with very good chairs and good tables. Equally, the canteen has been dressed into new tables and chairs. It is a very clean and salivating stimulus room. This is increasing the education and health standards of children.



Canteen and Library refurnished

Education Progress (By Assistant Director)

There has been comprehensive improvement in the academic performance of the children, said, Sue.

'From last year we have seen a greater interest from the children in doing well in school. They are far more aware of the expectations in each of their respective grades and extremely keen to learn and to pass their end of term tests. There has also been an increase in the general level of English comprehension.' Sue 6th August, 2013

There is need to help those few still struggling to read and write. At least almost all children can communicate in English and carry out instructions without an interpreter.

Schools will be closing for the mid-term holidays on 9th August 2013 and will reopen on 9th September 2013. Children are busy writing their end of term tests (exams). In September, we look forward to an academic analysis report which will show their performance in comparison (Term 1 and 2). This will give an insight of how we are doing academically.

We do understand that this institution was set not to feed children only but to help them become better and responsible citizens through education as the main objective. It is therefore recommended by the Managing Director, A.K. Chuma that at some point, getting two full time teachers for both lower and higher grades respectively (i.e to be paid monthly) would help yield good results for our children to get qualified into best schools. He further stresses that education is the measure of our help to children because it determines their future.



Children being helped out in studying

Conclusion

Conclusion, SOCH is very thankful to Sponsors for having made sure that SOCH can be run such smoothly without lethal challenges. The management is aware that sponsors have a lot of challenges in raising funds. Nevertheless, the Orphanage staff promises that they will not be taking sponsors support for granted and never benefit the allowances on a silver platter but rather work hard for the good of the children. In this case, SOCH is thankful for the wonderful work well done by sponsors.

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