



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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Introduction

There are three parts in this report. All that is explained in the report illustrates activities that are happening at orphanage. It is therefore a compiled report from three personnel.

SOCH September Report 2012 Part 1 (By Kenneth Malilo)

This report explains what is happening in improving the reading levels and culture among children at the orphanage and the self sustainability in trying to improve the produce in the vegetable garden.

Education

For the past two months we have embarked on a "read everyday" program for younger children. In this, we are teaching children how to read and recite poems. This so far has helped at least a number of children who completely couldn't read to read some. We shall continue with this because it's showing positive outcome in what we would like to achieve. For some, who knew how to read this program is helping them to be fluent in reading and learning how to speak.

We are also helping the big boys and girls who will be sitting for exams in a few weeks to come to "study and understand in order to pass". These children will be going for secondary school next year if they pass their exams. We have this program for both, running from Tuesday to Friday every week.



Read every day program in session

Gardening

A volunteer gardener has been employed to manage the garden. He shall be :

- Seeding and Watering plants at correct times
- Vegetable trimming
- Vegetable transplanting
- Weed control
- Lay fertilizer input /manure and other chemicals
- Fish feeding
- Tree planting, weeding and watering in the garden

He shall well keep stock of garden tools and ensure they are well serviced, shall ensure that the nursery plants are planted in time for immediate replacement of mature vegetables, shall ensure that the orphanage is supplied with enough vegetable everyday and adequately etc

We are trying to improve so that it can give us more vegetables, tomatoes, onions. This is one of the most important parts of the orphanage, in a few months to come, we will be getting all the vegetables from our garden and not buying which can help improve the diet of the children as we will be supplementing.

We are involving children in gardening in order to keep them active and teach them how to do gardening. Each child has a at least two beds to manage every day.



Involving children in gardening

HEALTH AND CLEANLINESS Report Part 2 (By Mrs. J.M. Chisenga, Matron)

Inspection of children cleanliness and attending to their health matters is going on smoothly to avoid any outbreak of diseases. Clothes are folded neatly in their lockers and repairs are attended to.



Medical check-up for a child who had headache complaints in the sick bay here is done as it was done in picture bellow. we have had no serious problems in health status so far.



Though standards of cleanliness are maintained there is still a challenge in the older boys dormitory where they still have a problem in arranging their clothes in a neat and tidy manner, but for the young boys have found it easier to learn and the dormitory is spacious now.

Skills

Children are developing skills through making assorted table mats out of bottle tops which will eventually be sent to Italy.



OTHER ACTIVITIES, SOCH Report Part 3.

Among other activities, the old dormitory roof is being removed for re-roofing because it was leaking a lot. Children have now shifted into new dormitories, leaving the older dormitory spacious. Currently, older children have started staying at the orphanage during the week ends so that they are well monitored and secured. Children are also studying hard during prep time according to the daily activity program and time table set at the orphanage. The surroundings are kept clean as usual and the loans are now being improved.



A number of activities in progress

In conclusion, there are a lot of activities that are taking place at orphanage. Rather, the focus is now more on education than on other activities because children need to improve in their reading/studying and other skills. The first two parts of the report are handed in by the mentioned personnel respectively to encourage each department work harder and be responsible for their activities.

More on progress will be discussed in next report.

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