

ISIBANIA HOPE OF LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

MEET THE CHILD PROJECT

Progress update report

Implementing Group	Isibania Hope of life Support Group
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PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project 'Meet The Child' aimed to improve the school enrollment, retention, attendance and the literacy level among the Kuria Vulnerable Children, improve the economic status of their caregivers in order to uplift the living standards of the child and to improve the health status of children given birth to by child mothers after forced FGM. The project target to reach 15,000 children and 5000 caregiver.

Activities and achievements during the project implementation period include: two classrooms each at Sorore and Kugitura primary are on the finishing stage for renovation while the VIP latrines in both schools are under constructions.

67 women practicing FGM have been reached and have abolished the FGM practices against young girls and are now disseminating health information and hygiene to children in schools and community and to mothers with children affected by malnutrition. On this, 56 girls have been rescued from FGM and are to reenrolled back to school.

On household economic empowerment, 22 caregiver groups have been formed, each of the caregiver have produced two chickens which have started revolving among members, this has promoted the farming activities in the targeted households, they use the produce from the chicken as fertilizers, now the vegetables are doing good and the malnutrition among the Kuria children is to be reduced while improving economic status.

On health, 437 caregivers have registered for National Insurance Cover, this is to reduce the health burden caregivers face when children or themselves falls sick.

The community and the targeted households were empowered on the Agri-nutrition and Agri-business, with this, 102 households with 510 children benefits through provision of local poultry and agricultural seeds.

Two psychosocial support group consisting of children with various disabilities and other children have been formed in both schools, this is to keep the disabled children in school and to minimize school drop-out.

Achievements

Education (construction of VIP latrines and renovation of the classrooms)

Enrollment and retention of children living with disability has been enhanced through;

1. 15 (7B and 8G) disabled children have been enrolled back to school and to start in the next term due to the availability of the classroom that fits their mobility.
2. 2 class rooms at both Sorore and Kugitura are on the finishing stage. The rooms are fit to suit the disabled and other children.
3. VIP latrine in both Sore and Kugitura Primary School are under construction.

Economic Empowerment

The objective of this intervention is to facilitate and empower vulnerable household headed by women and children to be economically empowered in the community. The following impact on health have been achieved:

1. Two door stores is on the completion and is modified with locally available materials as was advised by the department of Agriculture, the store serves as a storage facility and at the same time a preservation facility without using power.
2. 22 support groups, consisting of the women caregivers, were formed and are operational for economic strengthening. They have started storing potatoes and locally preserved vegetables at the store.
3. 360 households contributed 2 local poultry each to revolve among members in order to support the economic and nutritional status of the OVC and their households.
4. We have found the market for the preserved vegetables in the Hotels and schools, however, potatoes are to be used in baking of the bread.

Health, Food and nutrition

The following results have been achieved:

1. 102 households have been reached and are nutritionally and food secured due to revolving poultry among them.
2. 1,819 OVC benefitting from kitchen garden, this has improved the food security and uptake from one meal per day to three. Due to the improved agricultural activity, children born infected have improved nutrition, therefore, healthy lives.
3. The organization have included 67 women practicing FGM in the project, they are now community health volunteers, and in this 56 girls have already been rescued.
4. The project have linked the targeted households to Agricultural Department where they were trained on food production and preservation, 456 women caregivers have been reached.
5. The caregivers are benefitting from the communal farming that has enhance the nutritional and economic status of the caregivers' households.
6. 198 households have registered for National Hospital Insurance Cover (NHIF), this they pay through their economic empowerment that the project support.

Child Protection

The following efforts were made to ensure community awareness on child protection as well as community care:

1. 56 girls have been rescued from early marriage after forced FGM, 25 are to be reenrolled back to school in September while the rest have been engaged on other income generation to upgrade their lives in the community.

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