

PROGRESS REPORT ON WHEELCHAIR PROJECT

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This report gives an update on the progress of a wheelchair project that is being implemented by Goma Parents of Children with Disabilities with a grant received from Kitchen Table Charities Trust.

Goma Parents of children with Disabilities received a grant of UGX 21,638,970.00 on 6th/03/2023, immediately we contacted the service provider for the local wheelchairs i.e. Mulyowa Cyrus mobility to start the job and asked them to work with our field officer to do the assessment process on the 17 targeted children with disabilities in our communities.

I am happy to report that on 12th March 2023, the project commenced with Assessment of 17 children with disabilities who were targeted, the process involved going to the child's home to carry out the assessment, some children whose homes are close to each other were mobilized and brought in one central place where assessments on each individual child was done. During assessment the orthopedic technician takes measures (for a wheelchair) of each child in consideration of the nature of disability and its suitability. Therefore, each wheelchair is unique and specific for that particular child; the process of assessment therefore is not rushed, it consumes some time, and the technician comes back and forth to the child to confirm the measurement, fittings and make adjustments as necessary.

Among other data captured during the assessment other than measurements include the child's age, nature of disability, child's weight, Parent/guardians of the child, child's health condition, household economic condition, psycho-social support at home / school and community.

All the 17 targeted children have been assessed and materials to start manufacturing the wheelchairs have been procured by the service provider and the process of manufacturing the wheelchairs that is, joining frames and assembling parts together has been started.

As requested, I will keep updating you on the progress of the project as it unfolds.

Below are some of the pictures taken during assessment and some pictures taken when we visited the service provider's workshop which show some of the materials procured to start manufacturing the wheelchairs. These include Boards, pipes, wheels, paster wheels, fabric, frames, front wheels, back wheels, back seat canvas, cushions and seat canvases.





Some of the children being assessed by the orthopedic technician





More children being assessed by
the orthopedic technician





Some of the procured materials
And wheelchairs manufacturing process

Some of the materials procured

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