

JANUARY – APRIL 2021 PROJECT UPDATE

We opened our project for the New Year on 4th January 2021. This was after Christmas holidays. All children reported to school after a long stay at home due to Covid-19 lockdown that started in March 2020.

We thank all our sponsors and donors for standing with us during this difficult time in 2020. All parents received funds for food and soap from April 2020 through December 2020. At the same time, all staff received their salaries throughout the corona lockdown period. We are very grateful.

During this first quarter of the year, we had a number of activities that we carried out. Among them were; auditing, provision of school uniform and payment of school fees to all children, visiting of all parents/guardians doing micro-credit business, construction, and farming among other activities.

a) Auditing

It is a Government requirement for all NGO's to submit their returns (Audit report) every year. The dateline is always 31st of March. We started preparing our books of account immediately after Christmas. By mid-January, we had submitted them to our auditors in Nairobi. It took them one month to compile an audit report to submit to both the government and our sponsors. So by mid-February, we had submitted our annual audited report to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of Government Affairs which is our line ministry.

b) School Uniform

It is a ministry of Education requirement for all school going children to wear school uniform from Kindergarten to High school. This is for the purpose of uniformity. School uniform makes both children from rich and poor families to look the same. Now that our parents can't afford to buy school uniform every year, we normally make school uniform to all our children from our workshop.



Our project girls making school uniforms.

All school uniforms are made at our workshop by our girls whom we trained in tailoring. This helped us to save a lot of money.



By the end of February, all our children had received their full school uniform including shoes and socks.



Above photos shows children from our school and those from our partner public school in new uniform.

c) Micro Credit

Micro- credit is an integral activity on our project. We have about 100 families doing micro-credit businesses. All these families received funds from their children’s sponsors and donors. Different families are doing different types of businesses. Among them are, chicken keeping, small shops/kiosks, selling fish, food kiosks among others.



Mama Vivian Chebet in her small shop

The main objective of this project is to empower these families economically. Most businesses are doing well. Families are able to buy food and other basic requirements.



Chicken keeping business

In early February, we visited all families running businesses in order to monitor their progress. Most of them are doing well and families are able to buy their basic needs. They are very appreciative for the assistance.

d) Construction of our Career Training Center

There was a need to have our own career training center. The objective was to reduce the cost of sending our project youth to other vocational training centers. This was also to assure a quality education to these youths. We have started with two workshops. (One for tailoring which is almost completed and the second one which is constructed up to the floor slab for a computer lab).



Career Training Center (Tailoring Workshop)

We hope to build more workshops in future depending on availability of funds. Our computer workshop will really help our children to be computer literate, which is a Ministry of Education requirement. At the same time our tailoring workshop will assist in training our youths and making our school uniform.



Floor slab for a computer workshop

e) Farming

This year, we leased 5 1/2 acres of land for farming. We have planted maize and beans. At the moment rain is scarce. We are hoping for more rain soon. We rented a tractor to break the land before bringing in parents to plant the crops. At the time of writing this report, we had planted 2 acres of land. We are waiting for rain before we plant maize and beans on the remaining 3 1/2 acres.



Parents planting maize and beans

f) Covid-19

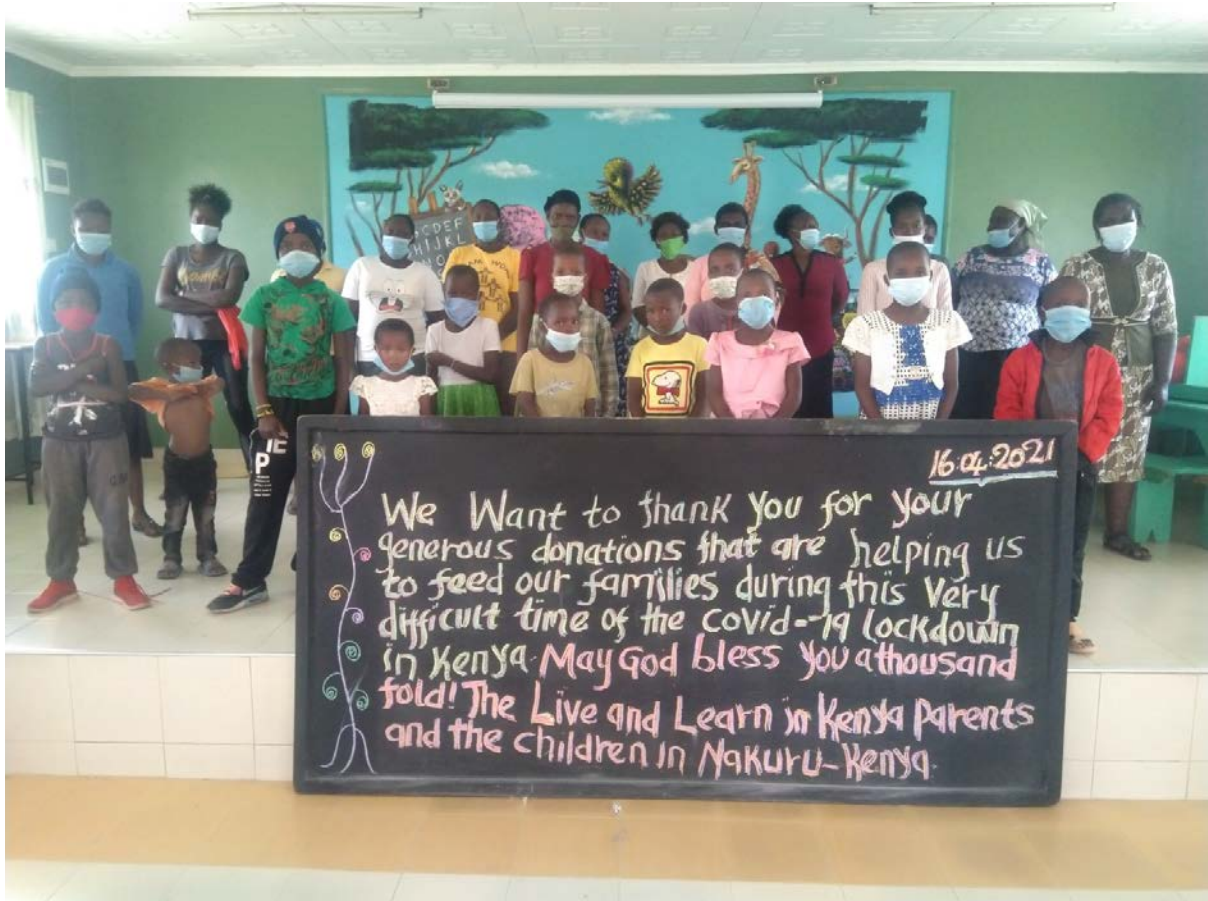
Since March 2020 Covid-19 has really affected our project's activities, especially education. Our children stayed home due to high cases of covid-19 in Kenya and especially in Nakuru for most part of last year. This fact made us to come up with a special way of assisting our children from home. The government banned physical learning from March 2020 until October. They only opened exam classes in October 2020. These were grades 4 and 8 in primary and form 4 in high school. Other classes opened on January 4th, 2021. The situation once again worsened at the end of March 2021 when the covid-19 cases shot up. All learning institutions in Kenya were closed.



Basing on all above, we came up with a way of helping our children with school work. We bought all of the necessary learning materials, including homework booklets. Parents always came for homework for their children. Teachers were always at school to give out homework and correct those returned.



We are very grateful to our sponsors who made sure that all staff, children and parents received salaries, presents and money for food and soap throughout the covid-19 period. They were all grateful for this support



g) Grade 8 Examination Results

In 2020, we had 36 students who sat for grade 8 examination. Out of this number, 15 of them passed very highly. They will be joining high school in July 2021. Our highest student scored 395 marks out of the possible 500. Rebecca Love Isoe was our best student. Students who were below average will be joining vocational training in July too.

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PS from Brique: If you do not receive a letter and photos of appreciation, or if, for any reason you do not receive reports about your sponsored child, please report this to me latest a month after the presents were to be given to the child and/or family so that there are no discrepancies.

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