

MAY-AUGUST 2021 PROJECT UPDATE

During the period of May to August we did not have many activities as we had had during other years. This was due to Covid-19 pandemic which affected both our German organization and our projects in Kenya. The funding of activities was low causing our projects such as classroom constructions and others to come to a halt.

Despite that, we carried out a number of activities as listed below.

Farming

This year we leased 5 acres of land to plant maize and beans for our feeding program. Like other years, parents came in to do the work; we ploughed fields using a rented tractor and bought seeds. Parents planted, weeded, and harvested. We had a shortage of rain during the planting season this year. We lost the entire bean crop. Rain came late after we had lost the crop. Maize is not doing as well as last year. But we are hoping to get enough for our feeding program.





Above photos shows parents weeding the leased farms

a) High School and Vocational School Placement

In the year 2020, we had 37 children who sat for class 8 final exams. Out of this number 16 passed very well with over 250 marks out of the possible 500. They were admitted in various schools in the

republic of Kenya. Several of them received acceptance letters to national schools. One of them received a full scholarship (Britney Atelo). She will be paid full school fees for the next 4 years by Equity Bank after scoring 380 marks out of the possible 500.

Most of those children who did not achieve the necessary grades began vocational training to learn their preferred trades. Some joined tailoring while others decided on hairdressing, mechanical and electric installation. Four of those who chose tailoring joined our vocational training. They are being taught by our former students Dorcas and Linda. They are learning well.

We paid school fees and bought school uniforms for all children who joined high school and vocational training.

Girls during their tailoring training





Tailoring girls in their school uniforms

b) Day Care Admission

In this academic year, we admitted 30 children in our Day Care class. The school year 2021 began on 26th July and it will end on 4th March 2022. All the 30 children reported to our school on 26th July and started learning immediately.

They all received full school uniforms and other learning materials and took off on their learning journey.



Day care children with their teachers

c) Graduation

This year just like last year, we didn't have the usual graduation celebration. This was due to Covid-19 protocols. We prepared certificates for them and took their photos. Parents were not allowed to attend. We had a small party for which made them happy.



Children who graduated from kindergarten



Charles Mungai during his graduation in August

One of the students from our project completed University and graduated in August 2021. Charles Mungai graduated with a ***Bachelor of Science Degree in Bio-Medical Science and Technology***

d) Feeding Program

We have continued our feeding program despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Both the children at our school and those in public partner schools receive a warm lunch from Monday to Saturday. For those in partnering public schools we pay for their lunches in their respective schools while those who

attend our school also have breakfast and a well-balanced warm lunch. Other than the normal rice, beans, and vegetables, they also have milk, fruits, and meat among others. All children enjoy such lunches on Saturdays at the Center. From our 530 project children 330 children attend our school.



Our school children enjoying breakfast with a glass of milk – and a Saturday meal with fruit





Martha Awino teaching PP2 class - Kindergarten

We received two teacher trainees from Nakuru Teachers Training College. They practiced their teaching abilities for 3 months. They reported on 26th July and will be with us until end of October. They were both attached to ECD section Kindergarten/Preschool). Their names are Martha Awino and Emmaculate Angano. Emmaculate taught PP1 (Kindergarten) and Martha PP2 (Preschool). They are being supervised by Madam Anne Nyongesa. They are both doing very well and are promising teachers.



Emmaculate Angano teaching PP1 class - Preschool

We hope to raise funds for our high school and university students' tuition fees - this is presently our main priority as we have not been able to raise funds through markets, events, and raffles due to Covid for over a year and a half. We also hope to start building the Career Centre's next classroom - a computer lab.

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