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ST. CAMILLUS DALA KIYE CHILDREN WELFARE HOME



A Compassionate Response to HIV and AIDS Impacts on Children

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Program Profile

Organization:	St. Camillus Dala Kiye Children Welfare Home
Program Name:	Dala Kiye Program
Programming Areas:	Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) & their caregivers and HIV/AIDS
Total Target Direct Beneficiaries:	9848 Children, 3282 parents/caregivers and other community members
Program Location:	Karungu Division, Nyatike Sub - County
Reporting Period:	January 2017 - December2017
Reporting Person:	Fr. Emilio Balliana
Designation:	The Program Director

Introduction

St. Camillus Dala Kiye was established in 1998 by the religious congregation of the “Order of the Servants of the Sick” (Camillians), in Karungu and Gwasssi divisions, Migori and Homabay Counties. The Organization mainly targets Orphans and Vulnerable Children due to HIV/AIDS, carrying out several interventions and addressing main needs In terms of education, health, shelter and socio – economic development. Local institutions, schools, communities, caregivers and stakeholders are involved in the process, due to their fundamental roles and peculiarities. St. Camillus Dala Kiye is committed to roll out need – based and compassionate caring responses to HIV/AIDS impacts on children and their communities, mobilizing communities and empowering households, seeking improved livelihoods and decreasing the risk of new infections.

The program is designed into two main models of care namely: -

1. Community based Care model

The program is currently implementing two projects; the first is about Enhancing maternal and child nutrition in Migori County and is funded by European Union. The implementers are We World Kenya Foundation, Kenya Red Cross and St. Camillus Dala Kiye. The goal of this project is to reduce stunted growth in children who are malnourished due to lack of consuming balanced diet. The project targets breastfeeding mothers and women in general with nutrition knowledge to help boost the health of children, breastfeeding and pregnant mothers. The second project seeks to enhance community empowerment through integrated approach in Karungu and Gwasssi and is funded by We World Onlus. This project equips the community with ways of fending for themselves to be a self-sustaining community.

2. Foster Family Care and Protection for OVC With Special Needs.

This model targets OVC who are living with HIV and AIDS and are enrolled on ARVs and are apparently under the care of aged or incapacitated caregivers. The project provides an alternative family in which the child will access quality care and protection. Based on the health assessments conducted among the current clients and with the ever-increasing challenging complexities of the needs of HIV positive OVC, the program has already initiated a facility for Foster Care and protection for such children.

Key Intervention areas for 2017

Education and Vocational support

Dala Kiye has been paying keen interest in school performances. In order to improve school performances and enable children’s learning environment comfortable, Dala Kiye has been making advances in providing for schools. This year, provision of 80 desks was made to two schools; Otati and Nyamanga Disii primary schools. In the same year, the project completed construction of Obondi and Aringo ECDE blocks of two classrooms each. Again the project went further to renovate two schools Bondo Kosiemo and Paulo Odendo primary schools with a total of 15 classrooms.



Dala Kiye also ventures into capacity building. There was an In-service training to 161 teachers on curriculum planning and development in collaboration with ministry of Education officers. In order to achieve a complete cycle of success, it was important for the teachers to be trained so that they could impart the knowledge to the pupils and that would be reflected in the school performances. Training of 54 members of school boards of management was also done by sub county education officer. This was targeting smooth management process within those schools.

Payment of school fees to 102 OVC was also commenced where 84 were in secondary and 10 in vocational institutions and 8 in colleges. On the same note, 459 ECDE pupils benefitted from school levies payment and 336 OVC were provided with school uniforms. All these activities encouraged children to go to school and as a result school retention was normalized. This year, 16 ECDE teachers who were enrolled at St. Annes Montessori graduated from Nakuru in November 2017. These teachers were to then teach the ECDE children in the schools within the project areas practice the Montessori Method of learning which is interesting and all rounded to the development of the children.



B.L. Tezza primary school has always been supported in school feeding program where orphans and vulnerable children who cannot afford Breakfast and lunch can access the two meals of the day at Dala Kiye dining hall. 243 children benefitted in the year 2017.

Health Support

Another initiative taken by the project is on areas of health. In the year 2017, Medical support was provided to 737 primary and secondary children. The project also took the mandate of educating 4542 pupils from 18 schools and 570 caregivers on health issues like sanitation, waste management and proper waste disposal and different kinds of diseases mostly water bone. HIV AIDs has been affecting the community for many years and in order to manage the disease and reduce its susceptibility, the project conducts HIV education to the young adults in primary schools. In the whole year, 3,725 pupils from 18 schools were reached with HIV/AIDS education and they got peer education training too. Nutrition Education was also conducted to 3,639 pupils from 18 primary schools and 576 caregivers. World AIDS Day has always been marked yearly on 1st December. The year 2017 was graced by this event at St. Camillus Dala Kiye grounds. Entertainment, games, VCT and testimonies of people living with HIV /AIDs characterized the event. The theme of the event was **“Hands up for HIV prevention”**



Another key event is Global Hand washing day which was marked on 15th October 2017 at Sidika primary school. The event always illustrates key times and occasions when it is important to wash the hands following the correct procedure of hand cleaning. The theme of the day was **“our hands our future.”** World Food Day was also marked on 16th October 2017 at Wath Onger market with the theme **Change the future of migration invest in food security and rural development.”**



Lastly in this intervention area, 4 blocks of VIP latrines of 4 doors each were constructed. 2 blocks in Bondo Kosiemo, 1 block in Otati and 1 block in Lwanda Gwasi to help improve sanitation standards in schools.

Child Protection

Child protection is one key area which is core in child care. According to the Children's Rights, all children have the right to be protected from harsh environment. The organization has been keen in observing this important right of children and as a result formed Karungu Ward Area Advisory Committee where Dala Kiye supported 3 meetings in the whole year. The committee is set to handle any issues affecting children within Karungu and come up with long term solutions to problems leading to high school drop outs. Children drop out of school due to problems which are socially related and most problems emerge from home; as a result, the program seeks to help by providing psychosocial support (group counseling) to children and their caregivers. 2160 children and 924 caregivers were reached with this activity in the year 2017. This activity was conducted by social workers who visited the identified households and conducted the counseling.



Another way in which children rights were safeguarded was through establishment of Child support committees in the 18 primary schools. These committees were made of the parents' representative, the head teacher, two pupils who comprised of a boy and a girl and one teacher. In these committees, issues affecting children within the school territory were handled and recorded in files. The constitution has spelt out the importance of each and every child to have a sense of identity. Dala Kiye took the initiative to help the less fortunate households get birth certificates for their children by facilitating the process of acquiring this important document. Birth certificates were therefore awarded to 55 OVC.

This area has 2 key events which are marked yearly; World Orphans Day was marked on 7th May 2017 at Dala Kiye Grounds and the theme of the year was "*Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for orphans and vulnerable children.*" The theme itself encouraged people to keep on inspiring and motivating orphans. It encouraged the need to provide the vulnerable children with the same opportunities as those children with their parents for the better tomorrow people.

Another event that marked this year was Day of the African Child which was marked on 16th June 2017 also at Dala Kiye grounds. The theme of the event was *'Accelerating protection empowerment and equal opportunities for children in Africa by 2030'* the theme was providing a vision in education for all children. Present were school children, the community, caregivers, guests and Dala Kiye staff. The events of the day were characterized by football games, speeches from child guests and other guests, poems, plays and songs.



On child protection, the last activity which is also important is Shelter improvement. Household assessment for shelter improvement was done by social workers who presented the names of those who had dilapidated houses. 21 shelters were constructed this year and most orphans and vulnerable children benefited from this activity.



Economic empowerment for caregivers

This intervention was meant to help caregivers stand on their own and provide for their households. After providing them with the knowledge, the caregivers were set to put all they learnt into practice and yield enough for household upkeep and maintenance. 4 groups were supported with materials to enable them start income generating activities. These groups were, Nyamanga Disii who was given pumps and pipes, Rabuor Karungu who also received pump and pipes, Lwanda Magwar who received pump and pipes and Sidika C who got local goats.



The caregivers were also reached with Entrepreneurship training conducted to members from 14 caregiver support group. They were trained on areas of soil erosion, entrepreneurship skills, kitchen garden and firm record keeping. The trainings were conducted by officers from Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries. After the trainings were conducted, Technical assistance was also offered to the groups by extension officers from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries from Nyatike Sub County.

The officers met each caregiver group and gave them directions on questions they had practically on the farms. Later, 42 members drawn from 14 caregivers group were taken for exchange visit in ICIPE Mbita and Agricultural show in Migori to learn on farming techniques. 3 groups were selected and helped to initiate pilot projects in agriculture. The activities mainly involved cassava and horticultural farming.



Accomplishments

- Health care services provided to 737 OVC enrolled in Dala Kiye Program to improve their physical health status. .
- 2 meals a day provided to 243 OVC enrolled in school-based feeding program in B. L Tezza Complex primary school to improve their nutritional status, school attendance and academic performance.
- School fees support provided to 82 OVC to ensure that they access secondary education, retain them in school and improve their academic performance
- 3 OVC who are physically handicapped supported with school fees at special schools for the physically handicapped to access special education; retain them in school and gain basic literacy and survival skills.
- 10 OVC supported with vocational training fees and other vocational training expenses to attend technical training institutions, gain technical skills in various trades and contribute to their ability to improve their livelihoods.
- College fees provided to 7 students to enable them access education in various institutions of higher learning.
- Foster care services provided to a total of 60 OVC enrolled in foster family care to ensure that they are protected and access services for continuity in social reintegration within family settings in Dala Kiye and community settings in Nyatike community.
- HIV and AIDS education provided to 3725 OVC enrolled in Dala Kiye Program to enhance knowledge and skills for prevention and protection against HIV/AIDS infection among OVC and their care givers.
- The Program managed to construct two ECD blocks of two classrooms each in two schools.
- There was renovation of a total of 15 classrooms in two schools.

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