

WORLD AIDS DAY 2012 REPORT



THEME:

'Getting to Zero'

Zero new HIV infection, Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS Related Deaths.

VENUE

ST. CAMILLUS DALA KIYE CHILDREN WELFARE HOME

DATE

1ST DECEMBER 2012

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders in Karungu and Gwassi communities for taking time to show solidarity with the rest of the world in marking this year's World AIDS Day.

Special thanks also extended to all Dala Kiye staffs for their excellent organization that ensured that the celebration was a success.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the teachers of various schools for organizing their children to participate in this year's event.

I believe that with this level of commitment, we are on the right track towards ensuring HIV and AIDS free society. Thank you all and may God bless you.

Fr. Emilio Balliana

Program Director

INTRODUCTION

Background Information

St. Camillus Dala Kiye Children Welfare Home is faith based child focused Organization founded in 1998 by the religious congregation of the Order of the servants of the sick (Camillians). The program is a constituent of St. Camillus Mission Hospital, situated on the southern shores of Lake Victoria in Karungu Division Nyatike District of Nyanza province in the Republic of Kenya. The program works with and for orphans and vulnerable children in Nyatike and Gwassi constituencies of Nyatike and Suba districts respectively.

The project is concerned with improving the quality of life for OVCs and their household members in Karungu and Gwassi. This is implemented by focusing on education, health, nutrition, school feeding programme, HIV/AIDS, empowering care givers support groups, shelter improvement for the care givers and child rights advocacy.

These interventions are realized under the following models namely: Foster Family Care and Protection for OVCs, Foster Family Care and Protection for OVCs with special needs and Family based care and support for OVCs

Every year Dala Kiye joins the rest of the world in celebrating World AIDS Day. This year's event was marked at St. Camillus Dala Kiye grounds on 1st December 2012 and the theme was **'Getting to zero,' zero new HIV infection, Zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths.** The theme was to work towards having an HIV free society by reducing the new infection and related deaths, stigma and discrimination against the people living with HIV and AIDS.

The celebration was attended by care givers of the OVCs, teachers, and children from neighbouring schools and Dala Kiye staffs.

A number of activities such as entertainments, games and speeches characterized the celebration.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The opening ceremony marked the start of this year's celebration. It was presided over by the Dala Kiye program co-ordinator who then invited Fr. Emilio Balliana who lead the opening prayer and thereafter gave a brief speech on the importance of marking the World AIDS Day. Fr. Emilio again thanked all participants for taking their time to attend the day's celebration. After this, the co-ordinator took the participants through the day's programme. In attendance during the opening ceremony were care givers of Gunga, Nyamanga, Obondi, Kaduro, Paulo Odendo and Rabour, head teachers of the program schools, teachers of the invited schools, children of Sidika, Kaduro, Gunga, Aringo, Nyamanga, B.L. Tezza, Rabuor, Obondi, Kopala, Sori, Paulo Odendo, youths and Dala Kiye staff. The people who turned up for the event were more 1,500. Biscuits and sweets were also provided to those present during the event.



After the opening ceremony, participants were entertained with various performances including songs, poems, plays presented by school children that focused on the year's theme. Members of a caregivers support group from Gunga primary school provided entertaining folk songs that thrilled the gathering. A number of local artists from Karungu and its environs also presented entertaining music. Dala Kiye staff also distributed to the participants brochures that contained information on HIV and AIDS. The event brought together information on HIV and AIDS to enable the participating community understand the situation and make informed decision on how to work together in the fight against the scourge.



After the entertainment which ended at 1.00pm, all the participants took a break in order to have lunch that lasted for one hour. The school children, caregivers and other participants were provided with a packet of milk and bread while other invited guests, B.L. Tezza Complex primary and Dala Kiye staffs had their meal at the Dining hall. The meals were provided to the participants to enable them participate actively in the celebration. The participants that were fed were 1,500. It was an exciting activity as was witnessed with a long queue at the food store and dining hall. After the exercise the participants were seen active in the ballgames and entertainments and throughout the occasion.



In the afternoon, the participants went to the field to take part in a number of games that comprised of football boys, netball girls, tug of war and sack race. In the football games, B.L. Tezza Complex, Sori, Aringo and Paulo Odendo schools participated. It started with knock out stage pools. B.L. Tezza Complex and Aringo played in the first pool where Aringo won by 2 goals to 1 and Paulo Odendo and Sori played in the second pool. Aringo and Sori went to play in the final where Aringo won on the penalty shootout by 5 goals to 4 after a draw in the normal 90 minutes time. In the netball games, B.L. Tezza Complex, Kopala, Nyamanga and Obondi participated. B.L. Tezza played against Nyamanga and Kopala played against Obondi in each pool. Nyamanga and Kopala went to the final where Kopala won to become the champions of netball game.

The games continued with a tug of war where Rabuor and Gunga care giver groups took part. Gunga won in the first round while Rabuor won in the second and third rounds to become the final winners. It was interesting to witness when each side was showing the masculine strength to win the match. The games did not just stop there but continued with yet another exciting game, the sack race. Participants were drawn from all the engaged schools. It involved both boys and girls with each group being represented by a pupil from each participating schools. From the groups, the first and the second persons went for the final where the winner was declared.

Finally, there came the closing ceremony in the evening. During which a number of activities took place. Firstly, there was entertainment where two groups were given an opportunity to present entertaining songs. This was then followed with the awarding of presents to winners of various events. The session was presided over by Fr. Emilio together with 3 Italian visitors (Antonella, Giovanna and Nedda). The participants sat jovially for this event as this was the climax of the occasion. It was an exciting event as there was praises cheers and clapping from the crowd. Finally, Fr. Emilio Balliana led the gathering in the last prayer after which the participants left for their various destinations at around 6.00pm.



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