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CHOICE FOR LIFE NETWORK - KENYA

May – August 2021 Report
General Report for the months of May, June, July
and August 2021 from Shimanyiro, Kisa and
Kakamega Centres

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GENERAL NARRATIVE REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2021

SHIMANYIRO CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The term has been generally fair despite the rampant Covid-19 cases around our villages. Despite the stringent measures and protocol experienced, Kakamega one of the regions affected severely by the delta wave, where some village members succumbed and others still quarantined for testing positive. Beside all this, our members and children are safe and they are going to school well.

ACADEMICS REPORT

1. University / College Students

The centre has a good number of students in several Universities and Colleges pursuing different courses.

| No. | Name | University/College | Course and Year |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Jackson MMnyonya | Kenyatta University | Engineering - 4 th year |
| 2. | Kennedy Sakala | Tom- Mboya University | Education - 1 st year |
| 3 | Careen Chemku | Ollessos Technical Institute | ICT – 3year |
| 4 | Doreen Mukoto | Ollessos Technical institute | Food and Beverage - 2 nd year |
| 5 | Vivian Asuko | Shamberere Technical Institute | Food and Beverage - 2 nd year |
| 6 | Sharon Lisutsa | Sigalagala National Polytechnic | Catering and Accommodation - 1 st |
| | | | year |
| 7 | Shadrack Makanga | Sigalagala National Polytechnic | Electrical and Electronic |
| | | | Engineering – 1 st year |
| 8. | Penninah Achungwa | Kakamega Beauty School | Cosmetology 1 st year |
| 9. | Keving Makumba | Mumbetsa Youth Polytechnic | Automotive Engineering - Grade 2 |



Careen Chemku in class at Olessos technical school

1. Secondary School Students -

Currently a good number of students are in secondary school and are stable in school. We run tuition over the weekend and we have equipped the learners busy during the weekends.

The following are in schools:

| No. | Name | School | Gender | Form |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|------|
| 1. | Rahab Amwoka | Ibinzo Girls Sec School | F | F 3 |
| 2. | Angeline Shianzira | Ibinzo Girls Sec School | F | F 3 |
| 3 | Joyce Mukoto | Ibinzo Girls Sec School | F | F 2 |
| 4 | Immaculate Shianzira | Shiduha Sec School | F | F 2 |
| 5 | Godfrey Makanga | Shimanyiro Sec School | M | F 4 |
| 6 | Atiriano Anyanda | Shimanyiro Sec School | M | F 3 |
| 7 | Samuel Bubusi | Shimanyiro Sec School | M | F 3 |
| 8. | Arnold Sakala | Ikonyero Sec School | M | F 3 |
| 9. | Metrine Nafula | Matende Girls Sec School | F | F 1 |
| 10. | Constance Musavi | Shibuye Girls | F | F 4 |
| 11 | Jacob Jesse | Mukumu Boys | F | F 2 |

The students are doing well in school despite the tough covid-19 measure but the situation is global hence we encourage them to know it all over.

2. Primary School Pupils – The primary school children are doing well. Since the change in the Kenyan curriculum that is being implemented called Competence Based Curriculum (CBC) that is facing out the current education system.

Note: The term have been compacted to the children had only one week break in the mid of July and the term shall has already kicked off and shall proceed till December.

a) During last term several candidates did their national examinations and results were out:

SHIMANYIRO CENTRE FORM FOUR

| NO | NAME | SCHOOL | GRADE |
|----|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. | KIPSON ANGATIA | SHIDUHA SECONDARYS CHOOL | C- |
| 2. | EDDAH KHANYEREI | SHIDUHA SEC SCHOOL | D+ |
| 3. | NEWTON SEJERO | SHIMANYIRO SEC SCHOOL | D+ |
| 4. | REDEMPTA KHAVAI | IBINZO GIRLS SEC SCHOOL | D- |
| 5. | MAGLORY AMBANI | SHIDUHA SEC SCHOOL | D- |

b) Tuition is on and very stable because most of the learners shall be doing their final exam come next year in March and December, it has been good. Since most of the primary school learners are fully engaged in school we have narrowed down to the secondary school children to be coming every Sunday afternoon in the office and be assisted by the teacher who also teaches in none of the neighboring schools around.

- c) The term had very minimal visits to schools due to the strict measure of the Covid-19 due to the up surge in our county and especially in Shimanyiro area where several individuals lost their lives to the pandemic.
- d) So far, no learner of the centre dropped out of school. We have had a smooth run academically.
- e) We had only one candidate in primary school and will be joining the secondary school this June according to the changed educational calendar.

| 1 | NO | NAME | SCHOOL | GRADE |
|---|----|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | 1. | Metrine Nafula | Ematende Sec. school | F 1 |

CENTRE ACTVITIES

The term had one major activity that highlighted all programs of the term. We shall be having another major activity end of August. There are no activity that was on the month of June 1st. The activity entailed the following activities:

- 1. Distribution of face mask to the CFL children.
- 2. Distribution of uniform, books, personal effects, blankets to the learners to the children foundation program.
- 3. Distribution of books and uniform to the CFL children.
- 4. Distribution of food stuff to the guardians.
- 5. Distribution of sanitary pads to the CFL girls.
- 6. And advice from the administration (the assistant chief of the area) who guided the group more on the

The activity was graced by the area assistant chief. The manager together also welcomed the audit firm team to come and see what the centre does.

FEEDING PROGRAMME

The primary school feeding programs run smoothly since we were facilitated well and on time. This is one program that has been embraced by the schools where our children learn having known truly the children have the need hence it really motivates the children coming to school.

MEDICAL REPORT

We had several issues that needed medical assistance especially John Ominde a CFL child of Shimanyiro primary class 7 and living positive, guardian Rodha Oyalo who fell really sick but thanks to the centre, she was attended and is fairing on well.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

The centre has had very powerful collaboration with other community stakeholders who are looking forward towards guiding the guardian members in the fields.

YOUTH PROJECT REPORT

The project – tree nursery is going on well.

SACCO REPORT

The Sacco activities are currently adversely affected by the restrictions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The distribution of mask project was a plus to the centre and was highly appreciated by the area assistant chief who commended it as he graced the occasion in early June.

The distribution of the sanitary towel was highly appreciated by the guardians and even the girl child human rights defender Madam Phylis Lumidi which has worked closely with our centre on matters of the girl child.

CONCLUSION

Since this term has been very compact the month of August shall several activities including visits to schools and homes .

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KAKAMEGA CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The Center started the term well and all the children under this umbrella are safe. We didn't have any covid-19 cases and all have reported back to school. We also embarked on having SACCO meetings and the youth are continuing with the empowerment project that is ongoing. There were no activities due to the covid-19 regulations imposed by the Ministry of Health, but we managed to have tuition sessions for most of the children.

ACADEMICS REPORT

1. University / College Students

| No. | Name | Institution | Course |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Peris Mulumbari | Cooperative University | Accounting |
| 2 | Bruce Musonye | Moi University | Bachelor of Arts (Germany) |
| 3 | Faith Mmbone | Unison College | Hair Dressing |
| 4 | Kevin Shire | Sigalagala TTC | Mechanic engineering |
| 5 | Mary Aquila | Sigalagala TTC | Electrical engineering |
| 6 | Everline Kedogo | Kaimosi Special TTC | Vocational courses |

Most of them face challenges when it comes to accommodation fee which is very high to them, but CFL helps them in paying some fraction of accommodation.

2. Secondary School Students

The KCSE Candidates for this year, 2021, performed as follows:

| No | Name | School | Class | Grades |
|----|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Flavian Awinja | St. Carol Lwanga Secondary | Form Four | D Plain |
| 2 | Mark Mbaiya | Muli Children Home | Form Four | C Minus |
| 3 | Aisha Kadir | Shieywe Secondary School | Form Four | C Plus |

High / Secondary School

| No. | Name | School | Class | Grade |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | John Atsango | Shanjero Secondary | Form 3 | D plain |
| 2 | Charles Omusula | Malava Boys | Form 3 | C+ |
| 3 | Mildred Punde | Musikoma Secondary | Form 3 | C- |
| 4 | Erick Machinji | St. Peters Boys | Form 3 | С |
| 6 | Shem Ashivila | Township Secondary | Form 2 | D+ |
| 6 | Zulfa Saad | Eregi girls Secondary | Form 2 | C- |
| 7 | Venesa Shioko | Shieywe Secondary | Form 2 | C- |
| 8 | Moses Shikami | Township Secondary | Form 2 | D |
| 9 | Destiny Praise | Ng'iya Girls Secondary | Form 1 | C+ |
| 10 | Justus Mmasi | Ushindi School | Form 1 | C- |
| 11 | Austine Litunda | Chebuyusi Secondary | Form 1 | D+ |
| 12 | Francis Kidake | St Peters Narite Secondary | Form 1 | D |

We face challenges on some of the students who are in boarding schools like the case of Erick Machinji who is at St Peter's Boys, the guardian who was paying the difference in fees after CFL pays passed on last year and thus now no one is available to help and the school balance has gone high. For others, they have problems where they stay since the environment is not conducive for studying.

We recommend that if our girls pass primary level, it will be better if they can join boarding schools for good results, peace of mind, and this too will prevent any early pregnancy case in our girls. They face many challenges with motorcycle riders (boda boda) who take advantage of the distance to carry them freely and ask for sex in return.

3. Primary School Pupils The ones Joining form one are as follows:

| No | Names | School | Class | Marks | Secondary school |
|----|------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Charity Malesi | Bukhulunya Primary | Class 8 | 273 marks | Shieywe |
| 2 | Justus Kibirisho | Amalemba Primary | Class 8 | 273 marks | Makhokho |
| 3 | Dwight Mbakaya | Lunza Primary | Class 8 | 347 marks | Nambale |
| 4 | Hilda Masitsa | Ushindi Primary | Class 8 | 267 marks | Ushindi |
| 5 | Maxwell Kabaka | Mudhiero Primary | Class 8 | 310 marks | Abira Boys |
| 6 | Faith Munaka | Ebusiralo Primary | Class 8 | 263 marks | Ebusiralo |

Primary School

| No. | Name | School | Class | Marks |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. | Marion Muhele | Muhonje Primary | Class 6 | 340 Marks |
| 2. | Ian Amoi | Bukhulunya Primary | Class 6 | 2296 Marks |
| 3. | Sylvia Mutakale | Amalemba Primary | Class 6 | 2316 Marks |
| 4. | Cynthia Khati | Amalemba Primary | Class 6 | 2308 Marks |
| 5. | Ress Namu | Ebusielo Primary | Class 5 | 368 Marks |
| 6. | Constance Ayiera | Lunza Primary | Class 5 | 331 Marks |
| 7. | Hilda Masitsa | Ushindi School | Class 4 | 266 Marks |

4.Tuition

Most of the children improved in academics. Performance has improved compared to the time we never had this program. Our teachers are friendly and committed serve the children and thus children are free when asking questions, having discussions We closely monitor the program at the center.

Through tuition, the children are not idle nor do they get time to engage in wrong activities because they are busy with the revisions. Every Saturday and Sunday, children come for tuition and during holiday time, they come on a daily basis.

We provided them with enough revision papers, pens and note books. We are expecting better results after they are done with their final exam.





Tuition Classes / Sessions at our Centre

5. School and Home Visits

We do school and home visits to make sure of wellbeing of children and guardians are okay. We did several visits to schools like Malava Boys, Shieywe Secondary, Mudhiero Primary, Amalemba Primary, Bukhulunya Primary, Maraba Secondary and many homes.





CENTRE ACTVITIES

Unfortunately due to covid-19 pandemic, we didn't have any activity nor did the children come together, though we made frequent visits to homes and schools. However, we hope to have activities soon.

FEEDING PROGRAMME

The program involves 14 primary children, and some vulnerable guardians. They received beans and maize. Guardians and children come for the beans and maize in the office and some we take to their schools and respective homes.

This saves time for many children and makes them concentrate on their studies and classes. It is also a relief to the guardian who is not able to provide lunch for the child. The times are not easy for many, Covid 19 has affected many and they are not able to put food on the table. The feeding program has really helped many.



MEDICAL REPORT

We have taken care of Nancy since she goes for her therapy any time she is required. We provide transport for her and pay for the physiotherapy fee. We also make sure she is on good diet too. Everline was also put on medication, bought her adult diapers and make sure she gets a good diet to make sure she retains her normal health. She also visit counselling sessions which has made her accept her blindness condition. Charles Andove is also under medication under CFL support.

SANITARY AND MASK PROGRAM

This has been a successful program of which our girls are now safe on their hygiene and thus not exposing them to other wrong men who can take advantage of them because we are able to give them sanitary towels. All the CFL children have printed and washable masks, thus protecting themselves from Covid-19.





ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

The funds came on time and we had no issues of children going to school since they all reported on time. Office rent was paid on time and the Social worker and Coordinators too.

YOUTH PROJECT REPORT

Production of Packing bags is the project the youth are engaged in and we pumped in the cash but at the moment we have cash at bank Kshs. 40,000 of which youths have to use it to expand their project in order to empower themselves. From the profit made, of Kshs. 10000, we accounted it as part of center income in our report.



SACCO REPORT

The Sacco was highly affected with Covid-19 and many lost small businesses. They are still struggling to get back on business thus making them not able to pay back the loans. It's a challenge to many who depended only on the Sacco as their source of getting a loan. We are working on a way out how to bring them back to their feet. Currently no one has a business. Last season we had Kshs. 3000 at the bank but this season we have Kshs. 5000 and we hope it will be more than that come December.

The Sacco statistics are as follows:

- 1. Registered members 17
- 2. Members shares Kshs. 40,000
- 3. Bank balance Kshs.5000
- 4. Loan debt Kshs. 90000

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

The center is selling soap and JIK as the income, still doing another survey of other business which will bring income.

We also engaged in small lending money business which we managed to make Kshs. 8400 which we also accounted in our center income.

CHALLENGES

We had some challenges this term, one of our boy is in a boarding school, the guardian passed on last year, CFL pays fees equivalent to that of day school, so it's a challenge for the organization since the boy has big arrears. Some of our guardians have no roof over their head and lives in pathetic houses, also being in town school fees keeps on varying and with the school have some activities which requires cash and it's thrown back to parents

Also covid-19 has really affected all the activities including business making it so hard for our people to manage their families. We get many requests from needy children/parents who are not in the program but needs help but it's hard for us to help them basing on our budget.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have achieved many things such as having all our children healthy. None is affected by Covid-19 health wise or dropped out of school due to lack of fees despite the hard times, our Germany term has made it a success for us.

We have also achieved in our food programs where we have made our children and guardians at least have a meal.

We have also put a smile on Nancy (the paralyzed lady), Charles Andove, and Everline (the blind woman) by taking care of their medical fees, transport and sometimes their nutrition's.

We have also solved the case of sanitary pads in our girls and provided masks for our children to protect them from coronavirus.

During tuition we lacked revision papers and note books, this has also been solved and this is a great achievement.

Not forgetting the global meeting which we had, it has made us learn a lot of which we were not aware of after interacting with people around the world

CONCLUSION

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We are working on making the center busy with many activities, choice for life is the best organization and a blessing to many.

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KISA CENTRE

Introduction

The term started off well and the children, guardians and widows are okay and have continued with their activities despite the challenges from the Covid 19 pandemic.

We appreciate support from FairAid Germany. The funds / money received was used in the following areas:-

- (a) Payment of fees for Secondary Students.
- (b) Payment of fees for Colleges and Universities
- (c) Payment of Primary Levies
- (d) Lunch Programme
- (e) Medication for widows and our children.
- (f) Mask and sanitary pads.
- (g) Tuition

1. SCHOOL FEES

All our children were taken care of with no outstanding fee balance for the term. They have been in school throughout and busy with their school work and homework.

Since all of their fees were paid, they attended all their lessons and I am glad to report that they performed well in their examination. They closed for one week and will be reporting back on 26 July 2021.

2. **LUNCH PROGRAMME**

It is offered to all our Primary children. We provide them with beans and maize.

This programme has:-

- (a) Improved on their school attendance. (They are sure of getting a meal.)
- (b) Improved on their academic performance due to improved health.
- (c) Improved on their health generally.

3. **MEDICAL**

None of our children and guardians/widows contracted Corona Virus. However, most of them had Malaria. Those who were unwell benefitted from our Health Care Programme. They are now fine apart from one of our Guardians who passed on due to a road accident.

4. TUITION

The exercise started well with all of our day scholar students and pupils attending. Those in boarding don't attend.

We have a total of 5 teachers who teach them. This is done on Sunday afternoon. This has helped our learners to recap what they learn in schools. The benefits of the program are:

- To avoid idling.
- Share knowledge from children from other schools.
- It has improved on general discipline.

5. MASK AND SANITARY PADS

All the children, guardians and widows received masks and sanitary pads were distributed to our teenage girls.

6. <u>SACCO</u>

- Members have been meeting every month on 12th.
- In the meeting, they come to service their loans and borrow money.
- This has helped members to start individual income general activities hence being self reliant.

7. YOUTH PROJECT (BRICKS PREPARATION)

Our Youth have already fired the bricks. We are now waiting for a buyer to come and purchase them.

We have a total of 15,000 bricks now which we hope to sell at a price of 5/=

PICTORIALS:

SANITARY TOWELS DISTRIBUTION











GUARDIANS SUPPORT - MAIZE DISTRIBUTION









LUNCH PROGRAMME - SCHOOLS











MEETIMG WITH GUARDIANS AND CHILDREN BEFORE SCHOOLS OPENED







TUITION AT THE CENTRE









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