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ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE HYGIENE MEASURES AGAINST COVID 19



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1.0 Executive Summary

This annual report covers all development and project activities implemented within the period of January – November 2021; the activities carried out in the area of Misanjo , T/A Mabuka in Mulanje District.

2.0 Background

Hope for Misanjo (HFM) in partnership with friends of orphans in Malawi (FROMO) have from January to November 2021 carried on with early childhood development programme (kindergartens,) organic farming, livestock farming where we are keeping cows, preventive measures of covid 19, celebrating the life of mother Elisabet our greatest donor, clean and safe water sanitation and the construction of a dwelling house for a very poor family.

The projects are aimed at increasing the effectiveness of education to the children and community involvement in all projects carried out in Misanjo area Mulanje district under Hope for Misanjo.

3.0 Activities conducted in the whole of (January – November)

The following are the key project activities carried out in the year of 2021:

3.1 Early child care development

Hope for Misanjo (HFM) with support from FROMO Germany continued to give free education, food and other necessities to the orphans as well as vulnerable children, in all its three kindergarten centres namely Wasi, Misanjo and Ekhamunu. In 2020/21 academic year HFM enrolled 268 children both boys and girls in all centres.



The activities mainly aimed at ensuring that vulnerable children as well as orphans have the right to attend pre-school and promoting children growth and good health.

A total of 268 children (112 males and 156 females) have been accommodated in 2020-2021 academic year as per the chart below :

	Name of the centre	No of Villages	Number of Females	Number of Males	Total Number of children
1	Ekhamunu centre	Ekhamunu, Majawa, Bokosi	54	48	102
2	Misanjo centre	Misanjo, Kang'oma, Mamela, Bwanali	45	30	75
3	Wasi centre	Wasi, Salamba, Sembezi	57	34	91
	TOTAL IN ALL CENTRES		156	112	268

3.2 ORGANIC FARMING



HFM has been growing crops such as maize and soya beans organically in its farm land in Salamba and kang'oma villages. We also planted bananas in our small piece of land in Ekhamunu.

After our seasonal cultivation of maize and soya beans which relies on rainfall, we decided to plant vegetables, tomatoes and sweet potatoes on a piece of land at kang'oma using a borehole as a source of irrigation. All these crops were used to feed the kindergarten children in all HFM centres on top of the supported budget

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The farming activities also emphasized on the main key importance of organic farming as follows:

- Food produced is healthy in that it has natural tastes since no chemicals are used
- Cheap farming since all farm inputs are mobilized locally except the seeds which were bought using donor funds
- Soil fertility is increased since soils are fed with natural manure
- The soil keeps moisture than before whereby we used to have a dry land hence perseverance to drought.
- Families learnt that the growing of soya beans is the only way the soil can be improved since soya beans roots have nodules which helps to fix nitrogen in the soil.
- To have active participation by parents and guardians of kindergarten children in all the villages especially the female ones who are always having problems to feed their children

3.3 CONTINUING THE REARING OF CATTLE

HFM is continuing keeping the two crossed bred Friesian cattle funded by FROMO.

Both have babies each and we are able to feed the children with milk although they produce little milk contrary to our expectation to generate income through milk sales due to poor feeding.

In this year 2021 HFM also indulged in repairing the kraals for cows using local available resources and HFM workers contributed some cash for the renovation.



3.4 PREVENTIVE MEASURES OF COVID -19

HFM with full support from FROMO provided items that helped the communities around Hope for Misanjo in prevention measures against the spread of covid 19



The activities had the following specific objectives :

- Providing items that helps the prevention of the spreads of corona virus like masks, gloves, sanitizers, soaps and water buckets with stops.
- Demonstrations on how some of the items distributed can be used.
- The following were taught as simple steps to reduce the risk of coronavirus for ourselves and others:
 - Washing hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds or use of sanitizers to rub hands.
 - Coughing or sneezing must be done into elbow or a tissue and throw them in a rubbish bin and wash hands immediately.
 - Keeping social distance of at least one meter
 - Promoting staying at home.

3.5 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MOTHER ELISABET

Being hit by the news of demise of our major donor mother Elisabet,HFM board and directors thought of celebrating the life of mother Elisabet by conducting prayers

This was one way of paying last respect to the person who did almost everything to the HFM community like giving financial support in building the two kindergarten centres for orphans and vulnerable, drilling boreholes for the kindergarten and the communities in Misanjo, buying peaces of lands for HFM to cultivate part of the food to feed the children and supporting with some other running cost for HFM.



3.6 BORE HOLE CONSTRUCTION

End of 2020 HFM started construction of three boreholes in Bokosi village, Misanjo CDSS and Mauluka area in Salamba village with funding from Mother Elisabeth through FROMO.

For people from these communities to find portable water they had to travel long distances or even just draw dirty water from near by rivers.

This project was carried over to 2021 due to challenges in short supply of materials because of covid -19 pandemic which saw our country's imports going down.



3.6 CONSTRUCTION OF A DWELLING HOUSE FOR GIFT KALEPA



HFM with the help of Georg Moldmair is currently constructing a house for one of the most vulnerable children by the name of Gift Kalepa who is also under child care support. As you can see from the above pictures, there is one dilapidated structure where this boy lives with his mother who happens to be a single parent. And the picture below the small house is the one that is being built to help the family live in a better and safer house.

The first born the Kalepa's girl left school in form two and got married. the second girl dropped out of school while she was in form four and the last born girl dropped out of school in form one.

The reason for dropping out of school was financial problems since their mother could not afford to support the children since she is just a poor farmer and can not manage to feed the family properly either

Gift being a male child survived all the challenges by working in some people's fields and moulding some bricks for sale in order to pay his secondary school fees until he got a form four certificate. He was selected to Mulanje mission nursing school to pursue his education but failed to register with the college because he could not afford to pay college fees. He visited some well to do people and members of Malawi parliament within Mulanje district but no body came to his aid.

As you can see from the photo he is living in a shabby house which was used as a bakery and he has turned it into a house.

4.0 Recommendations

1. HFM desires to be promoted in the areas of generating income to become independent
2. HFM needs to repair and improve the playing grounds for kindergartens.
3. There is need to employ additional caretakers so that children receive maximum attention.
4. There is a need to build sub kindergarten blocks to places that are some kilometres away from our main centres our observation has been that children from such areas are most of the times absent due to long walking distances.
5. Need for more capacity building trainings targeting the entire child protection committees as opposed to only targeting a few selected members of the committees with capacity strengthening initiatives.
6. Need for training in making organic manure to vulnerable families to help them increase their yields since they are at a disadvantage to feed their families
7. There is need for more sensitisation programs on covid 19 prevention measures as well as vaccination since it seems like so many people are shunning away from getting vaccinated with fear that they might not be able to have children and that the vaccine has a poison that might kill Africans in near future.
8. There is an out cry from other villages that have clean water problems that them too need boreholes
9. Vulnerable women, widows and young mothers need financial empowerment in form of loan to be doing small businesses to sustain their living
10. There is this idea where by we can group vulnerable women, widows and young mothers to buy them some livestock in form of goats and pigs and when the livestock start multiplication the young ones should be shared amongst group members so in the end every member will be having to rear and collect manure for organic farming because we cannot boost organic agriculture without animal manure

5.0 Conclusion

Overall, the activities implemented within January – November were very successful, despite the late commencement of the implementation process. Although, our needs are many, but HFM feels blessed because FROMO supported almost all activities we planned for 2021 and HFM does not take this for granted regarding the world economic crisis.

HFM promises to continue using donor aid for its intended purposes to keep up donor's trust

Many thanks to all FROMO members and well-wishers for opening up their hearts and pockets to the benefit of orphans and the most under privileged communities. HFM believes that together we can make the world a better place to live. Together we can.

Our prayer is for God to keep on blessing FROMO members and all our well-wishers with good health and good finances so that many can benefit from your generosity

Appendix 1: pictures

ONE MEDICINAL PLANTS IN HFM (GINGER)



BOARD AND SOME WORKERS



GIFT MOTHER ON CONSTRUCTED WALL



BOREHOLE IN HFM FARM LAND AND SWEET POTATOES FIELD





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