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Article i) EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

Education is one of the programs being implemented by NDCO project that aims at supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children by provision of basic requirements, financial and moral support so that they acquire quality Knowledge in better schools in order to achieve better life, change the face of the community and to build the nation in future. This program runs a series of activities such as; payment of school fees/levies, provision of school uniforms, learning materials, follow ups on the academic progress of the beneficiaries and school visits.

By 10\textsuperscript{th} April, both Primary and Secondary schools closed down for holidays, despite the fact that the government abolished holiday tuition so as to keep close relationship between the guardians/parents and the pupil’s/ students and to ensure that the teachers perform their best during the normal tuition period, still some of the schools e.g. Shooting Stars, Oriwo Boys Secondary and St. Josephine Bakhita Girls organized for private tuition so as to help the weak students/pupils to catch up with the required academic standards and also to complete the syllabus in good time so as to prepare the candidates for the forth coming National Examinations.

In May all the pupil’s and students resumed back to school on the first week of opening. We had one student transferring from St. Paul’s Ligisa secondary school to Got Kado Mixed Secondary School after his former school failed to register him for his final examinations due to his low performance and he could not as well repeat form three in the same school because he had repeated before. We thought it was prudent enough for him to repeat in a different school as either being a private candidate or conducting late registration was not possible due to lapse of time.

ACTIVITIES

Payment of school levies/fees

We paid School fees in all the primary and secondary schools for the whole term for all the beneficiaries, they are encouraged to work hard and stay in school always as required by the teachers so as to achieve good results by the end of the term. The students and the pupil’s are also very much grateful for the financial support being accorded to them as they are always in school and not being sent home to collect school fees as compared to their colleagues who are not sponsored. This is a great motivation to the beneficiaries as they look forward to attaining their targeted goals academically.
School visits/ Academic Days

We visited a total of 35 schools, 20 primary public schools, 2 primary boarding school, 12 secondary schools and 1 tertiary institution majorly for fee payment, confirm if all of them have reported back to school, and to follow up on their academic progress especially during Academic/clinic days, we normally appreciate those who improve on their performance and encourage those who are still below average to work hard, we also take time with them together with their teachers to be able to identify the subjects they are poor in and to look on the way forward.

We are not only interested in the pupil’s and the students’ performance progress at the school level but we also monitor their performances during inter schools competition in external examinations as may be organized by the school at both County and Sub County level. Such competitions are organized by the schools so as to prepare their pupils for the National Examinations where mass number of candidates compete, it also enables the schools that are lowly performing to adjust and set strategic plans that can enable them to improve on their performances, best performers are also encouraged and motivated through gifts.

Nyabururu Girls visiting day

St. Josephine’s Bakhita Girls Form One & Four Academic Day/clinic

Cluster External Examination Release at Ondiche Primary School.
Despite the fact that we do follow ups on the academic progress of the pupils and students, the beneficiaries guardians are not left out we normally encourage them to attend such functions /occasions so that they can as well monitor their kids progress in terms of academics and discipline.

**Education/Prize giving days**

Education days are organized by schools so as to congratulate and motivate best performers and teachers who have strived hard towards the attainment of the targeted goals, the invited guest speakers also encourage the students and the pupils to work hard so as to achieve best grades and to become better people in future. We had two Education /cum prize giving days at St. Josephine’s Bakhita Girls and Shooting Stars Academy on different days.

On 29th May, 2015 St Josephine’s Bakhita Girls Secondary School held an Education Day cum prize giving day to award best performers and to celebrate good results that they achieved last year, being their first time to sit for the Kenya National Examination Council registering 23 students and achieving an overall mean of 5.9565, we hope that this shall encourage the other sponsored girls within the school to work extra hard so as to attain best grades.

*Bakhita Girls liturgical dancers during Holy Mass.*

On 5th June, 2015 Shooting Stars Academy also held an Education Day to appreciate best performers and to encourage other pupils to work hard so as to be the achieve their dreams and to be role models in the future. Most of the sponsored kids were among the best performers who received gifts and presents this acted as a motivating factor to them and even to the rest of the pupils, some of them also participated during entertainment which helps them to nature their talents.

*Shooting stars girls presenting a traditional dance*
School uniforms

During this mid-year session two pupils and one student was issued with new school uniforms, all the uniforms have been distributed to the beneficiaries both in primary and secondary schools as per the budget of this year.

Books

During this second quarter we have issued a total of 10 text books as follows:

Primary English -3
Kiswahili -1
Mathematics -2
CRE -3
Atlas -1
ACHIEVEMENT

All the targeted schools were visited as was planned and all the pupil’s and the students were able to resume back to school in time both healthy and ready to learn.

CHALLENGES

Three of our students from St.Josephine’s Bakhita Girls Secondary School are expectant, one is in form three and two are in form four, this condition might lead to a drop in their performances especially those that are soon sitting for the final National Examinations in November this year.

Some of the high school boys get involved in Motor bicycle riding (Boda Boda) for business during the Holydays, this might distract their academic performances and may also lead to school drop outs.

RECOMMENDATION

As an Organization we still need to involve the community, provincial administration and the church in sensitizing the importance of education to the children.

We also need to organize for more programs and trainings on Behavior Change and Positive Living especially to the girls so that they can learn how to live responsibly, to be able to eliminate high chances of pregnancy for their own benefit and for the betterment of the Organization.

CONCLUSION

We wish all the beneficiaries good health and strength throughout the term and even during August holiday, may our Good Lord protect and bless the Project Sponsors for their tireless support for the children and guardians and may He also protect NDCO Project Director and the entire staff. We also wish all the candidates good luck in their forth coming National Examinations.
Article ii) SOCIAL WORK AND WELFARE/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

Notre Dame Children Outreach Program social work and welfare/health department deals mostly with the social welfare of the kids’ and their care givers in different perspective. 2015 midyear activities were as follows;

- Pregnancy test for all girls above 14 years.
- Deworming of kids and guardians
- Environmental health talk.
- Monitor kids and guardians health progress.
- Provision of nutrition food support.
- NHIF mobilization and registration
- Birth certificate process
- Baking business
- Get together
Pregnancy test

In the first quarter pregnancy test was done twice in January when all schools were opening and in February when form ones were joining their respective schools. 23 girls in primary and 70 girls in secondary schools, totaling to 93 girls who went through the test at the NDCO premises by the help of social worker and Sister Esther. All the primary girls tested were free but out of the 70 secondary girls tested, one girl was found positive. In the second quarter, pregnancy test for secondary girls was not done at the NDCO premises but it was done in their respective schools and two more were found pregnant. For primary girls was done at the NDCO premises and all of them tested negative. In total we have three girls pregnant, two in form four and one in form three. It was a big blow for NDCO, JHH and ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA GIRLS as a school because all of them are in that school.

Deworming

The first deworming activity was done in January where 70 kids and their guardians were dewormed through homes and schools visiting. The second deworming activity took place in May where 57 kids were dewormed. This time round some kids were not dewormed by NDCO because during our visit in schools, we found that some kids had been dewormed by the government and so we could not repeat. The activity took place for two consecutive days. The tablet is enough to cover them from anti-fungal infections and worms until the next deworming activity which will take place in august.
Environmental health talks

We didn’t do any talk in January because we were still making a manual for the talk which will guide us for the whole year. We came up with the following topics, and the actual talk started in February.

- Self empowerment
- Body and environmental hygiene
- Prevention of home accidents
- Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and Aids (PMTCT)
- Exclusive breastfeeding/complementary feeding
- Malaria as a common ailment.

The above are some of the groups we visited during health talk which was done through home visits, school visits, saving and loaning groups and Notre Dame Home. We have conducted five talks in five different groups in February, March, April, May and June. We repeatedly give the talk because we deal with both the young and old. The topics covered are; malaria as a common ailment, prevention of home accidents, body and environmental hygiene. In the second quarter we added two more topics; self empowerment and exclusive breastfeeding/complementary feeding. The two were added to the three which were covered in the first quarter. In total we have covered five topics, out of six topics; we are only remaining with one topic to cover the whole manual prepared for 2015. Our main objectives for carrying out these talks are;
• To have a conducive environment for a healthy stay.
• To have strong and healthy people who are capable to take care of themselves.
• To prevent common ailments like malaria, typhoid and diarrhea since prevention is better than cure.
• To improve personal hygiene and environmental hygiene.
• To create awareness of first Aid management in case of outbreak or accident.
• To be aware of home accidents and preventive measures.
• To know signs and symptoms of common ailments
• To know how to prevent and care for our environment.
• To know causes and preventive measures.
• To know where to seek for help in times of need.

**NHIF Registration**

We have registered nine families for NHIF services. During mobilization we had a big number of the people who were interested in the idea, but as the increment of 500 shillings was announced by the NHIF office, it demoralized many people because the increment is three times higher than the usual amount. After registration, the card is ready for use after two months. In April the increment was implemented and so we are back to square one because of the people who had already registered, none of them is willing to continue with monthly payments since the money is too big for them given that most of them are just small scale famers.
Monitor kids and guardians health progress

In the first quarter we had more cases of ailments and referrals compared to second quarter where we only experienced two referrals to the district hospital homabay for ear management, and the other one to mission hospital for wound stitches. All are doing well, while the referrals done in the first quarter for Susan Achieng and Eugene Otieno are still being managed.

Susan and Eugene with their guardians, being attended to by nurse at the district hospital.

Deaths

We lost one guardian at the beginning of February. Lillian Jogoo was only 35 years of age but sickness made her very vulnerable. She has been sick since the year 2008 after the death of her husband. She was HIV positive and later got paralyzed and on 16th February, she was laid to rest.

In the second quarter we again lost two guardians in the month of June. Julia Awuor Oyweka was one of the old guardians visited in June when she was ailing and that was the same month she passed on.

Judith was dewormed in May when she was very fine. She didn’t show any sign of ailment. Her main source of income was through selling local brew hence she was drinking too in the process of selling. In June she had a slight headache, was rushed to the hospital but died immediately.

Lillian even in her sickness was running a shop business for her kids to feed

May their souls rest in peace.
Old is Gold

As we monitor health progress of kids and guardians, we met some of the old guardians we have in the program and attended to their needs especially helped them to reach health centers for medication. We cherish them so much because they are our pillars.

Patricia Aende a guardian to Saline Adhiambo and John Ouma is down due to fracture, she has also been sick for years but by the grace of God she still has the strength to smile.

These guardians are doing well even though most of them are very old and their organs like ears, eyes and bones are failing them. Some cases are normally managed at the health centers near their homes and some they live with.

Provision of nutrition food support

We have one addition to the stay at NDH which is increasing the number to twenty, twelve girls and eight boys. Nineteen are in primary and Brenda is the only secondary student here. She is in form four in a day school and her home is very far from the school so she was accommodated at NDH to shorten the distance. The number usually increases during half term break and holidays since some of our kids do not have a proper place to go to so they stay at NDH throughout. Menu remains the same too except for the big days like Christmas
Social worker with NDH kids enjoying nyoyo and tea at lunch hour.

Guardians meeting

We usually meet with guardians three times in a year unless there is emergency that needs more than the number that is planned. We already had the first meeting in February where 80 guardians attended. The second meeting was held in May where 77 attended. Attendance was low because there was parents meeting in Ligisa for form one so others went for that meeting.
**Birth Certificates**

There were thirty birth certificates to be processed this year. Due to challenges on how to get documents for easier process like national identity for parents, baptismal cards and the forms that are signed by the chiefs, it has not been easy for us to complete the process but at the pace we are moving, they will be ready before the year ends.

**Get Together**

We organized for get together for the secondary students and tertiary institution students as from 13\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th} and 15\textsuperscript{th} April, 2015 and for primary pupils as from 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 24\textsuperscript{th}, 25\textsuperscript{th}, and 26\textsuperscript{th} April, 2015. The two workshops were successfully done with the attendance being 91% and 70% respectively. The topics for discussion were on Insecurity, Corruption and Gender Equality and Roles for the Secondary/Collage Students and Self Esteem and Peer Pressure for Primary pupils. During Get Together, the kids interact socially; it brings a sense of belonging and togetherness among themselves, the project staff and the management too. The facilitators, guest speakers being invited always encourages and empowers them to be role models, have positive behavior change and to be able to achieve the best in life. We also organize for group discussion and presentation sessions where the kids can air out their suggestions, feelings and ideas freely towards a given topic. This improves their reasoning capabilities and public speaking abilities.

![Primary Kids during Group Discussion](image1)

![Secondary students during group presentation](image2)

They also engage in activities that nurture their talents like drama and music during Talent show nights/entertainment as scheduled in the program and also sporting activities, indoor and outdoor games that enhances their concentration and expands their intelligence Quotient in various fields.
ACHIEVEMENTS

The activities planned for Get Together were successful and the turn up for the Secondary and Tertiary institution students was overwhelming. All the planned activities for mid year were carried out successfully. Some of the referrals made worked out positively because we have never experienced the same.

CHALLENGES

Some of the beneficiaries did not attend as was expected, because of the private tuition program that was organized by some of the primary and secondary schools.

When we do follow-ups at home, we get contradicting stories about our children because the guardians find it hard to say the truth about them hence this makes it difficult for us to deal with an issue before it goes too far. For instance we had a big task of looking for some kids from their relatives because they were missing from their usual resident homes yet the guardians were just staring from far.
RECOMMENDATIONS

The separation of the whole group into two distinct groups during get together meetings to be encouraged and the topics for discussion, machines and equipment to be used during Get together dates should be in position /in good time to avoid unnecessary inconveniences.

It will do us good if the program is registered with social department and also collaborate with children office so that all the challenges we are facing with our kids be referred to children office for legal action, in case of those who elope with our girls, impregnate them or any kind of abuse.

We also need to do more training and awareness creation with our guardians because some behave the way they do due to ignorance.

CONCLUSION

The Get Together was a good workshop that we believe shall impact positive change in the lives of the beneficiaries. We wish all the beneficiaries good health throughout their study time until the end of the term.

We are only in the middle of the year and we already see fruits of our labor. We are hoping to double our efforts and make sure that our planned activities run smoothly and accurate so as to achieve the goals we have set for the year.
INTRODUCTION

Under the agriculture and food security department, there are a number of projects that have been implemented to help achieve the project’s goal. Among these include crops production, poultry production, local cows rearing, woodlot and group savings and loans. Savings and loans and woodlot projects are being promoted as a backup source of income to households besides environmental conservation. This is due to drastic climatic change that has resulted to extraordinary occurrences of drought and rainfall that leads to destruction of things in the region. However, this season begun with an extensive drought up to late March. The unusual prolonged drought caused great challenges right from plants, animals to human survival at the time. Many trees weathered and animals especially cows died due to extreme shortage of feeds.

Trainings, follow-ups and implementations have been done to the respected targeted beneficiaries to ensure adoptability of the activity in promotion. All have gone well to both the beneficiaries and the project on the side of crops production since the onset of rains in April, whereby there are joy to those who adopted the use of either manure or fertilizer and hybrid seeds for production. On poultry production there is positive improvement on the numbers since there was serious reduction in their numbers during past drought.

ACTIVITIES

CROP PRODUCTION

Various crops have been promoted to help bridge up accessibility to balanced diet and consistent availability of food to the beneficiaries. Among these crops include vegetables:- spider flower, black night shade, mellow jute, crotalaria, pumpkin and kales; maize, sorghum and fruit trees. Traditional vegetables are being promoted as they withstand climatic condition of the area and are culturally accepted, but above all is because of their high nutritive value. The surplus they can sell to earn them income and some they preserve for use during scarcity season.

Cereals constitute the core of meals for the people living in this region. They are used to make porridge and ugali (local bread made from maize and or sorghum flour). This is why we have consistently promoted the production of maize and sorghum among the beneficiaries. Due to change in climate it has made us emphasize on adoption of improved seeds and techniques of production to maximization on production. This season despite of late planting the subsequent agronomic operations have been done even though planting was done almost at once to all plots; this made it hectic for weeding that made some plots to be weeded not in time. However, this has not caused much effect on the affected crops’
growth as there is high expectation of good yield from the look of crops. Many beneficiaries have adopted the use of improved inputs like hybrid cultivars and fertilizers; practicing of early land preparation and timely planting.

Lilian Awuor’s grandmother in her garden showing her joy how she is happy about the yield she is going to get from her small garden.

Evance Aloo and Irene Oduk’s caretaker in her kitchen garden harvesting local vegetables for her family lunch.

Grandmother to Brian Okomo and Rose Akinyi is from her sorghum farm. Sorghum is one of the cereal crops believed to be helpful in preventing diarrheal, diabetic infections among other diseases.

Angelina Awino, grandmother to Brian and Rose in her kitchen garden plucking tomatoes.
Maize plants growing at the NDCO Project farm. Hybrid seed maize is fast maturing hence competes with the rain shortage and its uneven distribution.

Pineapple intercropped with maize grown at the project farm. Pineapple is one of the crops that are drought tolerance, grown in the region as food and cash crop.

DRIP IRRIGATION PROJECT

Is a project aimed at addressing constant vegetable production even during drought using little amount of water. This is promoted to the young children to help instill agricultural production technology to them and for collective environmental conservation and preservation for better future. At the organization level it is to help raise income for its sustainability. A total of 34 pontifical missionary children have been started with, who have been drawn from 34 church centers within the parish coverage as representatives.

Photos during PMC animators training at NDCO farm Nyalieng’a.
Pontifical missionary childhood members participating during drip irrigation workshop at Nyalienga parish. They are practicing on how to use ice cream pocket in watering plants.

NDCO has bought a 6000 liters water tank, drip line, and water pump to help the project facilitate its own irrigation project.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Poultry farming is being promoted to the beneficiaries both as medium and long term enterprise and to boost the access to balance diet as protein supplement through provision of eggs and white meat. This involves practice of semi free range type of poultry production.
GROUP SAVINGS AND LOANING PROJECT

This is a back up project that help the rural societies have access to loan fund at their autonomous groups based on their savings to respective groups. So far the youth savings and loaning has reached to 37 youth groups with a total membership of 974 people. Trainings on selection, planning and management of business projects, enterprise development, financial education has been done to 26 groups with a total membership of 581 people. Now linkage program is on going to ensure that these groups have access to formal financial institutions’ services for commercial developments and entrepreneurship.

*Manga women, a GSL group sharing out after 12 months of transacting. Members get back their year’s cumulative savings with the interest gained based in percentage of individual total saving.*

WOODLOT PROJECT

This involves planting of trees for domestic or commercial use. Besides this it helps in management environment which is crucial to the entire globe- earth. A total of 2107 trees have been planted and 1018 trees have picked up well. The variance was caused by prolonged drought that affected the area early this year.
LOCAL DAIRY COWS REARING

The project is aimed at providing milk to the children staying at the project Notre Dame Home.

Two local dairy cows for the project, one is expectant - the white.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the department of agriculture, there are a number of achievements experienced within this quarter of which include improved crop yield within the beneficiaries, accessibility to balanced diet through implementation of kitchen gardening, reduced movements of orphaned children from relative to another due to scarcity of food, starting and expanding small scale businesses for those in GSL groups, improved project-community relationship.

CHALLENGES

Drought is one of the major challenges that affect agricultural production in the region. Other challenges experienced this fast half of the year include chronic illnesses that are faced frequently by caretakers, aging factor among grandparents.

RECOMMENDATION

There is need for initiation of more back up income generation projects to help subsidize on sustainability of food security. Emphasizing on practicing drip irrigation to promote consistence production of vegetables even during dry season. More groups to be linked to formal financial institutions to help them have access to funds for commercial development.
Article IV) BAKERY BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION

The Notre Dame Children Outreach Project opted to start the bakery business in Nyalieng’a Parish, Homa Bay County, we planned to start the production and warehousing within the NDCO premises but we lacked enough and spacious premises, we also lacked three phase power supply that can run the Oven, therefore we decided to change the location of the business to Omoya Market along Olare-Rodi Road, in Kochia East Location, Rangwe Sub-County in Homa/Bay County.

We have changed the name of the business from Notre Dame Children Outreach Bakery to Shalom Bread Bakery, “Energizing Families Every Day…” owned by the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children Outreach Project. We also designed a suitable and appropriate Logo for the business.

We planned to incorporate one person who was to do the production and sales but we have realized that the baking needs a series of processes and therefore there was a need to employ more than one individual.

THE PREMISE

The premise that the business operations are going to take place is a permanent house made of iron sheets and cemented floor with enough ventilation. It has two rooms, the main production space and the store with an extension of a veranda that we shall use for sales. It has already been renovated and painted and it’s now in good condition for baking. Three phase power supply has also been installed.

The figures show the business premises.
THE MACHINERY

The machines have been procured and installation has also been done. The machines include the Oven 2 dec, Mixer 20litres, Proover, Slicer and two Weighing Scales, both manual and digital.

![Oven](image1)  ![Mixer](image2)  ![Proover](image3)

![Slicer](image4)  ![Weighing Scale](image5)

EQUIPMENT AND INGREDIENTS

We have bought two tables, three aprons, disposable nose masks, twenty crates, fifty five Baking Tins, eight Baking Sheets (four came with the Proover), polythene Bags for packaging. The ingredients that are already in place are; Bakers Floor 50kg, Yeast, Cooking Fat 17kgs, Sugar 10kgs, improver and preservative.
BUSINESS PERMIT

The inspection of the business have already been done, the business met the minimum requirements as per the legal obligations of starting up a business operation within a given area. The Public Health Office Recommended the commencement of the business following the positive assessment Report. Though we qualified for the business, we still have some few adjustments to make as was advised by the P.H.O Officer, like constructing two washrooms for both male and female workers, to erect a hand washing facility at a strategic position, having a cloak room where the workers can change their clothes before they start work and even after work. The Health permit is renewable annually.

HEALTH LICENSE

Health examination was carried out to four individuals who are likely to work in the bakery. From the Laboratory Report, all the individuals were free from communicable diseases and were proved to be fit to handle food in the bakery. Individual Health Certificates have been issued but the Health License for the business is still in process and it shall be issued soon. Individual Health Certificates are renewed quarterly and the Business Health License is renewed annually.

KENYA BEAUREW OF STARNDARDS (KEBS)

We contacted the Head office in Nairobi; we were referred to their offices in Kisumu and we were asked to start our operation first and then later on call them for inspection of our products, to ensure that our products are consumable and meet the required standards. We enquired that the inspection fee for a single product manufactured e.g. Bread costs Ksh.31, 900 and for additional or subsidiary products like bans, cookies, biscuits, cakes etc an additional fee of Ksh.7500 is paid per product.

KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY (KRA)

We are planning to process the KRA pin for the business as soon as possible.

NATIONAL EVIRONMETAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

We are yet to register with NEMA organization as soon as we start our operations.
ACHIEVEMENTS

We have already identified an individual who has experience in baking.

We are also collaborating with an individual who has knowledge and skills on Food and Beverages and he is also an expert in Baking, he has really journeyed with us and he has been able to share his ideas with us on the success of such a business.

We have been able to acquire the most needed machinery.

CHALLENGES

Frequent power black outs might lead to break down in production and loss of sales.

It is a bit tricky handling the Public Health Offices due to high levels of corruption in Kenya and this is why the processing of some of the documents has delayed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Although we have already installed three phase power supply, we still need a three phase Generator that picks up immediately when the power goes off.

In case of power blackout when the dough is still in the Proover from the Mixer then there is need for a Deep Freezer.

We still need training on baking.

CONCLUSION

We are opting that if things go well we shall start the operations as soon as possible to meet the financial plan as was idealized in the Business Plan.
Article v) COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Catechist Training

From the onset of the project we have worked closely with the catechist. We believe that a child needs to receive holistic development from the beginning. In interacting with the catechist we learnt that most of them do not have proper foundation as catechist. We therefore have used different ways of addressing this challenge. We are indirectly encouraging the parish to invest in training the catechist. This year we sent one more catechist for training at Kadie Patrol center. By the end of this year we will have six trained catechists, three facilitated by NDCO to get the training and two by the parish and the sixth one was trained before Nyalienga become a parish.

Income generating activities

We had planned to have two very income generating project, one very small one worth 5000 and the main one for bakery. We are very grateful that the board gave us consent to start the bakery. As we set off to start this business, we realized that there many things that we were not aware of. We learnt that the requirements for starting a bakery were very many. At the moment we are ready to start. We have bought all the equipment and baking ingredients. Though the bakery is connected to a three phrase power as required we are afraid of the fluctuating power in our area. We are requesting to be allowed to purchase a three phrase generator to manage this power disturbance.

Justice and Peace/shalom

We continue to be very aware of the issues around us. All the staffs of the project are aware to the basic issues like separating the garbage. Through the agriculture project we have gotten various avenues to share our conviction. The training we had on drip irrigation was an eye opener to a number of sisters, PMC animators and the children, on how we can get fresh food.

We were able to facilitate one day training of the catechists and the Justice and peace commissioner on domestic violence; we achieved this through the collaboration with the Aosk national office. Some of the women requested that in case of a next time we invite couple to such workshop.

We are taking shalom to the community, we felt the best name to give to our bread is Shalom energizing families every day.
Life skill training

So far we have addressed this area through the get together, but due to the activities of the year, we hope to implement this later in the year.

PMC

We are glad that we have received two sisters in NDCO who can work with PMC. The sisters are still in the inserting stage. So far we had a workshop for the PMC, the turn up was low but we see this just as the beginning. There this really gap that our sisters fill fulfill in answering hunger of this little ones. Those who came participated very well.

Retreat for the orphans – this activity usually takes place at the end of the year.

TOT/EFL/BCP – this activity was planned with the hope that we were to receive support from EFL national office but this year their training was taken to Eldoret. We are still hopeful for the later in the year or next year.