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**A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF PLANTING SEEDS, DELIVERY OF SELF STUDY MATERIALS AND RADIO TALK SHOW ON THE RAISE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY DURING COVID 19 LOCKDOWN 2020.**

**Introduction.**

The outbreak of covid19 lockdown caused an alarm in rise of food insecurity in many countries globally. In Uganda agriculture remained an essential business in mounting special efforts to keep it safely running and markets well supplied in affordable and nutritious food, and consumers still able to access and purchase food despite movement restrictions and

income losses. As coronavirus crisis unfolded, people of Uganda continued to face acute hunger. Formerly Yawe Foundation has been giving immediate consumable food supplies such as posho, rice, beans, sugar, salt and other basics needs as soap. However this could not be sustained thus this round we distributed planting seeds of maize and beans as common and highly consumed staples Uganda.



In addition, COVID-19 pandemic lockdown led to the unexpected closure of schools in Uganda where approximately 15 million learners were sent on an unparalleled program to learn from home. The majority of such children in Uganda don't have access to online platforms to learn and many come from communities where opportunities for home learning are

very challenging due to the lack of learning materials. It was under this background that YAWE Foundation decided to change this narrative by supporting the Ministry of Education and Sports to print and give home-learning materials to our sponsored vulnerable students in primary and secondary schools.



Furthermore after President Museveni ordering the closure of school and Universities, this created challenges especially on girls in accessing sexual and reproductive health rights and information due to movement restrictions which led to the rise of

teenage pregnancy in Uganda. YAWE Foundation hosted a radio talk show to send a loud voice to the communities around in helping the ongoing school girls to stay safer in avoiding these unwanted pregnancies.

## **Objectives**

- Seed distribution aims at increasing food production and income in addressing hunger problem among the vulnerable families.
- Self-study materials are to help learners study on their own while they are at home and acquire the required competences and knowledge for their specific levels.
- Teenage pregnancy aims to address the challenge of child marriages, help girls understand their unique menstrual health and the transforming social norms.

## **Methodology**

- ❖ House to House delivery model
- ❖ Static delivery model
- ❖ Radio talk shows.

## **Description**

Over 450 food vendors in Fort-Portal municipality in the Kabarole District and many vulnerable families continue to go hungry. They are left depending on food donations from NGOs and government. The Ugandan government allowed the transport of planting material to prevent food and hunger crisis. YAWE Foundation reached 100 vulnerable families and gave them beans and gave them maize and beans to plant. This will help to increase food production on a larger scale and keep some the next season unlike the immediate food supplies we have been giving which they consume and it is finished for good. Most families appreciated our contribution and promised to plant the seeds since it's a planting season. YAWE team will go back to inspect the planted gardens after 1 month and follow up until the harvest is ready.



As we plan for the re-opening of schools, YAWE Foundation paid special attention to distribution of self-study materials, especially targeting the most disadvantaged children, including children with disabilities, children from the poorest families. YAWE Foundation mobilized our vulnerable sponsored students and gave them packages of self-study materials. This activity contained a number of educative talks to help learner keep focused on their education as they patiently wait for schools to open. The learners highly appreciated YAWE for its contribution towards their lockdown revision and promised to stay safe and study hard to achieve their desired goals in life.



Furthermore we did a radio talk show whose topic was about the raise of teenage pregnancy in Uganda during this time of corona lockdown. Over 2300 school girls conceived and 128 married off during lockdown in Uganda by July 2020. 1519 girls below the age of 19 visited hospitals for antenatal in just a few selected districts around the country. This were partly attributed to the lockdown that created more redundant time for the learners who ideally are supposed to be engrossed in government learning program. Poor parenting coupled with greed for dowry, poverty, peer pressure, displacement and deeply entrenched traditions and views are being blamed for rising child marriage in Uganda.



## **Achievements.**

- ✓ There was effective mobilization in all activities hence enabling smooth running of activities and serving all our clients as planned.
- ✓ There was team work at all levels thus leading to positive results.
- ✓ There was proper time management which made our activities start and end on time.
- ✓ A moderate facilitation was provided to enable the implementing team work more motivated.

## **CHBHC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

Number of homes visited 17

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Week 1

In this week we visited 04 clients and among the homes was of Musinguzi Raphael. Raphael was found home and reported to be well. He was given seeds for planting in order to address hunger problem. In addition he expressed need for self-study materials which were finally given to him. Raphael at 10years now fully attained his developmental milestones and his cognitive abilities are good. Further more we visited Kugonza Mackline, who stays with her Aunt. Mackline was found with her aunt at their newly opened shop selling groceries. The two rent but we able to start a family business in meeting family demands especially in this covid19 lockdown. His who works from a distance occasionally visits her and still in touch with her daughter Mackline.

Week 2

This week we visited 7 homes and among the families was of Kezabu Cissy. Cissy is having endless joy and extreme happiness as her new permanent house is being constructed. Cissy story was shared with a good Samaritan who took interest in helping Cissy pressing needs and started now with constructing for her a permanent house and kitchen. At the moment she helped Cissy to rent in the opposite houses and the builders are building so fast within a few weeks the house is on roofing now. Cissy's children Kamata and Keneth were also among the beneficiaries who got self-study materials and seeds.



In the same week there was another big activity of seeds distribution to 100 homes. The outbreak of covid19 lockdown caused an alarming rise of food insecurity in many countries globally. In Uganda agriculture remained an essential business in mounting special efforts to keep it safely running and markets well supplied in affordable and nutritious food, and consumers still able to access and purchase food despite movement restrictions and income losses. As coronavirus crisis unfolded, people of Uganda continued to face acute hunger. Formerly YAWE Foundation has been giving immediate consumable food supplies such posho, rice, beans, sugar, salt and other basics needs as soap. However this could not be sustained thus this round we distributed planting seeds of maize and beans as common and highly consumed staples Uganda.

### Week 3

This week we visited mama Maureen who had been involved in a road accident early this year. She is now recovering on an open wound after being grafted. She is able take steps a few independently and was given a sack of posho to support her family since she can't go out to work at the moment. In the same week we conducted self-study materials. COVID-19 pandemic lockdown led to the unexpected closure of schools in Uganda where approximately 15 million learners were sent on an unparalleled program to learn from home. The majority of such children in Uganda don't have access to online platforms to learn and many come from communities where opportunities for home learning are very challenging due to the lack of learning materials. It was under this background that YAWE Foundation decided to change this narrative by supporting the Ministry of Education and Sports to print and give home-learning materials to our sponsored vulnerable students in primary and secondary schools.





## Week 4

We visited our new clients for home assessment. Among the client was Angella who is now 3 years who was born with a cord tie but she has failed to grow normally. Angella is unable to sit, stand and walk. Angella will be introduced to physiotherapy to help her attain her full or part of the missing milestones.



In the same week we were hosted on Radio to talk about the raise of teenage pregnancy. Radio plays a powerful and life-changing role. It provides a vehicle for true empowerment and development through gaining access to accurate, timely, factual and consistent information as well as having an opportunity to voice opinions through calls. Communities use radio to address problems and find lasting solutions. YAWE Foundation used a radio to send a loud voice to the communities around in helping the ongoing school girls to stay safer in avoiding these unwanted pregnancies.

### **Bakery Activities for the month of August 2020.**

During the month of August, the bakery has increased its production rate which is driven by market demand. We managed to make 19 productions and managed to make some profits which were used to repair motorcycle and paying off some workers. Due to increased demand on the products we have also tried to increase

the human labour by adding one more youth (Mugisa) who assist as in marketing. Since the fundamental objective for the bakery was to reduce unemployment among the youth, the five employed youth are happy since they are earning something from the bakery. We hope to increase the production as well as human labour in the subsequence month.

On addition to the new product, in the last month we had added one product which was banana crisps and have realized that the market demand is low and we are looking forward to add daddies and cakes in the coming month.



### **Recommendation.**

- Lobbying for more support through networking in mobilizing more resources to reach the remaining group.

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