



**LWANGOLI CHILDREN'S CLUB  
FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2024.**

## A) Introduction

This is a first quarter activity report for Lwangoli children's club from the month of January to March, 2024. Many activities were planned, some implemented and others are to be carried out in the second quarter such as Vaseline making and finalizing of the updating of children's lists.

All that was achieved was by the funding for UCUK. The areas pointed out for work improvement and questions asked on reports feedback, and meetings held in January during the visit at office and communities by our partners in the quarter is much appreciated.

## B) We planned to carry out the following activities in the last quarter;

- Purchase of porridge items
- Partners' visit to the children's club
- Purchase and distribution of scholastic materials
- Monitoring of club activities
- Psychosocial support to some few families
- Payment of school fees for primary 7 children and Joseph
- Training on Vaseline making
- Finalizing on the children's lists.

## C) Below in the table are the accomplished community activities as planned

NO	ACTIVITY	FINDINGS
1.	Purchase of porridge items	Purchase of porridge items of 100kgs of porridge flour and 50kgs of sugar was made for children at the centre. Porridge is a key issue on a club day and it is another strategy for mobilizing children for club activities. This is important because many children take up weekend study program that makes them find it had to pass home for lunch before coming for centre day and some still go home but find nothing for a bite! So they decide to come direct at the centre with the hope of having a cup of porridge as their first meal of the day. Some children claim that they are sick especially when the porridge is delayed but after eating a cup of porridge, they normalize confirming that it was hunger and not sickness!
2.	Visit with UK guests	The children in the club were visited by our partners. Many activities were done like presentations by the children, games by the partners and children using play kits from UK. This brought excitement and the children felt proud!
3. a).	Payment of school fees	School fees top up of Ush 20,000 was made for primary 7 children in the club in different schools, and this makes both the children and parents thankful to God. The Schools administrations where our children are studying are also grateful for the top-up because most of these children would take long to be paid for fees, which resulted in absentees in schools coupled with poor class performance!
b).	Joseph	We visited Joseph at school to interact with his teacher on his performance

		and she said that there is an improvement in his concentration in class, writing and he is trying to do some communication in English compared to previous terms, and this was good to hear. We paid his school fees and other requirements for school like scholastic materials and others. Joseph is excited to be at school, although he is a slow learner due to his health condition. However, medically he is progressing well as reported by Cure Children's Hospital through the regular medical reviews and checkups. His parents are thankful to God for support towards his education and psychosocial benefits. God bless you friends for supporting Joseph and the family.
4.	Purchase and distribution of scholastic materials	Scholastic materials were bought and distributed to club children in Lwangoli. We bought different types of books according to classes, for example counter books which are always given to secondary and primary 7 students due to large content of notes given in schools; then 200 A4 books to primary 6 to 5; 96 short for primary 3 to 4 then 48 for primary 2 to nursery pupils. We give pens to children from primary 4 to secondary students and pencils to those from primary 3 to nursery. This has encouraged both the children and parents because scholastic materials are very expensive, so parents only do a top-up. Teachers are very happy for this act because it enables children copy notes in class compared to days before our intervention as children would sit in class without writing materials.
5.	<b>Psychosocial support</b>	
a)	Christina	We visited christen at school and she shared that her health was not good as her body was itching. So the centre guide made a follow-up on her at home and she realized that her itching issue was due to poor beddings she uses to sleep on because she used to sleep on old clothes that were dirty as a mattress. We decided to buy her a mattress and a pair of bed sheets for improvement of her hygiene and health. This made her and her guardians very happy for the blessing because they had found it hard to provide her with the right beddings, yet her skin is very sensitive due to the skin infection she already has since her childhood!
b)	Dina	We visited Dina, a child who missed out final national primary leaving examinations last year due to pregnancy. She is now a mother of a baby girl. However we did not get her at home because she had gone to visit her elder sister who is married far away, so we left the package for the father and the siblings as seen in the photo.  Dina had earlier on wanted to sit for primary 7 this year, but she was advised by the father to do a tailoring course within the community so that she can still care for her baby, which she accepted to do although she has not started due to finances but the father is still hopeful of supporting her if things improve.
c)	Rebecca	We monitored these 3 children in their school since they are sisters and they are too committed in the porridge program. These children were followed up although in lower classes because they have always been very different from

		<p>others in the club, we realized that all the 3 have not had school uniforms for now 2 years but the school administration had allowed them due to their hard conditions at home. We had to pay for their uniforms at Ush 20,000 each which totaled to Ushs 60,000, which made them so excited plus the school administration because it was a big miracle for them!</p> <p>In addition to the above, we also monitored these children at home but we realized that life is generally hard for them, because their mother is a house wife of 8 children and the father is a herdsman. The different community people give him cows to rear during day and he gets paid for that to support the family which in most cases the money is spent on food items making it difficult to pay school fees and providing other needs for the family.</p>
6.	Monitoring of club activities	Children are always monitored on the Centre day to evaluate the progress of the program. We realized that they practice what they are taught by centre guides and are now responsible in all their endeavors like starting devotions as they wait for the centre guides in case of any delay, visiting others who have not turned up for more than 3 centre days, this is especially done by the older ones.
		Liquid soap marketing is still a challenge for them as it is done at slow pace affecting their incomes ever since Juliet, the former centre guide who was a teacher by profession and also handled the older children for centre days, left for work in Saudi Arabia for a better pay. However as we report now the Lay reader has taken on the class for the older children as their centre guide and the children are so excited about it because he even trains them how to lead service and also preaching during morning devotions, which they do even when he is away, and the community members are comfortable with it because most of them now know what to do.
7.	Medical review for Steve	Steve was taken back to Mulago on 20 <sup>th</sup> of Feb 2024 for review with the hope of a second operation as scheduled by the Doctor. However it was not carried out even after undergoing through different medical tests, purchase of some drugs and admission which were an assurance to us that he would be worked upon, but all this was in vain even when we were in line waiting to go to theatre only to be told that his surgery needed more time and it was late! So we still are waiting to be told when to get back to Mulago for a new appointment.

#### D) Next quarter plans

- Purchase of porridge items
- Purchase of scholastic materials
- Fees payment for blessing and registration for Brenda
- Monitoring club activities
- Home visits and school visits for children
- Psychosocial support to few families
- Training on Vaseline making

- Registering Steve for school because the parents say they don't have money yet he has grown and he is a bright boy. In my observation I see him good in concentration and he understands things.
- Updating and finalizing with the lists of children because some children are no longer in the club. So we are still following up on parents and guardians for assurance that there will be no reclaiming of any benefits from the program when their children return in the nearby future for any reasons.

### **Conclusion**

The achievements above have been observed due to the love and support of our dear partners from UK concern, who have worked hard to impact lives in Lwangoli community no matter the cost basing on the different situations! May the Almighty God bless you dear friends and may He continue using you to make His people changed in order to change the future generations within the community and world at large for the glory of His Name.

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