

**YALA WIDOWS AND ORPHANS SUPPORT  
PROJECT**

**2019**

**GENERAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

**FOR THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS  
PROGRAMME**

**WITHIN SIRIWO SUB-LOCATION**

**IN CENTRAL GEM LOCATION,  
GEM SUB-COUNTY,  
SIAYA COUNTY,  
KENYA**

## **Message from the Director**

To all YAWOSUP supporters, receive Christmas and Happy New year greetings in Jesus Name. The year 2019 has been a year of great challenges in life yet most blessed year since we began our partnership with Ashtead Parish and Rehema Trust. I say this because by God's grace, through your support, we have achieved more than our expectations. As can be seen in our previous reports for this year, the Lord has been so gracious to us and may He receive all the glory and honor as you help us create a great impact in our community which has been hopeless in the past. We are so excited as we move towards achieving our goal of empowering widows and caregivers of OVC to be self-sustained while we also proving conducive environment for quality education for orphans and vulnerable children. I am also grateful to WMT for the extra support they gave which enabled us to equip the school to the required standard leading to the provisional registration of the school.

May the good Lord richly bless you as cross over to the year 2020. I believe the Lord has even greater things in store for us in the New Year.

God bless you all.

Rev. Edward Wata

## **2019 SUMMARY REPORT**

As we close the year 2019, we are happy that we managed to carry out all our planned activities which included the following;

1. Providing school fees to five secondary, day school going students.
2. Paying one full year boarding school fees to a bright total orphan [Daniel Omondi]
3. Constructing two houses to two widows
4. Doing farming to support feeding program at Barbara Academy.
5. We provided school uniform to OVCs
6. We provided farm input to widows.
7. We paid our staffs.

## **1.0: AWARENESS CREATION.**

This was a continuous process that operated in the whole Siriwo sub-location. Our main aim was to enhance community integration and cohesion. There were eleven sub-units within this Sub-location and all of them were covered with the programme. Our main target group was the widows, irrespective of the age, tribe, religion, level of education or even the status in the community. The total number of people reached with the information was as follows;

1. ACHUTIE WIDOWS were 16 people,
2. KEYO WIDOWS were 16 people,
3. LELA WIDOWS were 21 people,
4. MAHOMA WIDOWS were 20 people,
5. MASIINDE WIDOWS were 12 people,
6. NYAMULA WIDOWS were 10 people,
7. NYANG'OMA WIDOWS were 24 people,
8. SADIEDA WIDOWS were 12 people,
9. SIGANGU A. WIDOWS were 14 people,
10. SIGANGU B. WIDOWS were 26 people,
  
11. SIRIWO WIDOWS were 30 people.

This brings a total of 201 people reached as beneficiaries.

## **2.0: UNITY ORGANIZATION.**

A divided community cannot develop. Our major focus was to encourage togetherness to increase the level of participation within this community. Unity brings a sense of belonging and enhances sustainability of the community projects.

We were able to unite widows within this community and we facilitated the development of structures within the community. These structures were to carry out the resource mobilization process and the identification of the resource allocation centre. All the widows were to join the structure within their respective sub-units.

There were 11 groups of widows within Siriwo sub-location. The young widows were also encouraged to form their group which specifically served the interest of the young widows.

## **3.0: MANAGEMENT TRAINING.**

There were a number of trainings that were organized in every quote. All the 201 widows benefited from this training programme. There were different areas of training, e.g;

- 3.1. Ways of planning
- 3.2. Ways of organizing
- 3.3. Ways of correcting
- 3.4. Ways of controlling.

Some of the groups received some kind of special training which were organized according to their interests.

Mahoma widows received training on the manufacturing of the liquid soaps and detergents, Siriwo widows received training on rope making and weaving, and the all the young widow were trained on dress making, and household design.

#### 4.0: PARTICIPATING ASSESSMENT.

This was being done periodically to understand the level of participation from each group. It was being done through continuous visits the groups. Each and every group received a visit two times every month. Most of the group members had the ability to participate in every stage of the project.

#### 5.0: COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.

All the widows within this community were involved in the action planning process. We identified a number of problems the community was facing, e.g.

Poor housing which was a major problem among many widows, lack of school fees, diseases and gender-based violence against women.

Different groups represented their area of interest or their most pressing need eg.

- i. Mahoma – Capital to expand their business of making and supplying liquid soap and detergent.
- ii. Achutie – Capital to expand on serial banking business and to boost their table banking.
- iii. The rest of the groups, Sadiesa, Nyang’oma, Siriwo, Keyo and Nyamula, wanted their table banking activities to be expanded by adding a steak on it.

Most of the members had individual problems. Most of them had a challenge with school fees for their children who are also orphans. Some had a problem of poor housing. Among those with the housing problem, members were requested to identify one person, since the organization is only in a capacity to construct one house for a widow next year. So members agreed in one accord to have Evelyn Anyango Owino to benefit in the year 2020. Evelyn Anyango Owino was in the worst state compared to those with the poor housing problem.

#### 6.0: Community outreach:

There was a series of community outreaches within Siriwo sub-location. The eleven groups i.e.; Siriwo, Lela, Achutie and Nyang’oma, Mahoma, Sadiesa, Keyo, Nyamula, Sigangu A and Sigangu B were trained on group savings and loaning. The groups were encouraged to work as one team in order to enable them solve their common challenges.

All the newly formed groups started the table banking activity where all the groups started saving. Some of the groups had acquired a land which they used for vegetable farming.

**NB:** Siriwo as a community has been well consolidated and ready for the implementation of our programme.



General meeting for the widows in the program.



One of the groups distribute savings as they close the year.



Children perform during the closing day.



2019 Barbara Academy Staffs.



Grade five classroom ready for use.



Renovation work gives the school a new look.

### **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020**

- 1. Education Sponsorship for 5 students in day secondary school.  $5 @ 10,000 = 50,000$**
- 2. Sponsorship of one student [Total orphan]. Daniel Omondi in a boarding school = 65,000**
- 3. Rented maize land farm project = 30,000**
- 4. Housing for one widow = 70,000**
- 5. Micro finance project for widows = 100,000**
- 6. Barbara Academy running cost support = 120,000**
- 7. Christmas Celebrations = 11,000**
- 8. Staff Salaries = 264,000**
- Admin. Costs = 40,000**

**Total Kshs. 750,000**