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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2023
PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023
4th JUNE 2023

PLANNED ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	LESSONS LEARNT, COMMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
Drop in clinics	4 drop in clinics	Five drop in clinics were conducted and twelve new cases were registered and according to them, they got to know the services through the recommendation of those who benefited from the service. Through the clinics care givers are able to share experiences and also receive counselling from the social team. The activity also helps to strengthen the bonding between the care giver and the child since it encourages the care givers to spend more time with the children.	<p>The increase in the number of clients benefiting from the programme is notable however, some of the clients are inconsistent in turn up which affects the progress or impact of the activity on the children.</p> <p>Much as we offer little transport refund to the clients, it's not proportional to the actual costs they incur hence causing the inconsistency in participation since they cannot afford the weekly expense</p>
Centre clinic	One clinic	During the centre clinic, three new cases were registered and all these were attended to. The	One client who was in need of psychosis drugs was referred to Jinja

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		<p>new clients were taken through counselling to enable them easily identify themselves with the old clients and also prepare them to psychologically handle the various situations that they come across in their day to day life. They were also given the opportunity to share their past experience, what challenges they face in the community and how they overcome them.</p>	<p>referral hospital for further management.</p> <p>Some of the beneficiaries come days after the real day hence making it had to ascertain the actual number of beneficiaries while others never turn up at all</p>
Home based therapy	Resident children	<p>With the support of the care givers, the therapy team has helped build the capabilities of children through daily therapy drills which has reduced on the risk of development of secondary disabilities such as contractures among the children. Some of the children are now able to perform daily living skills such as movement from one place to the other, feeding and also hygiene improvement such as toileting among others.</p>	<p>Noticing the changes among the children needs time and patience and the care givers together with the therapy team need to be persistent with the strategy if we are to register positive results.</p> <p>The number of the children in need of therapy is overwhelming hence the number of hours spent on each child is limited to enable the team reach out to every child.</p>
Outreach clinics	2 out reaches	<p>The Busede outreach attracted two new clients while the Buwenge outreach attracted one new client and those who have been on the programme for some time reported improvement in their day to day lives as a result of continued uptake of the medication. During the outreaches, clients in need of counselling and guidance were</p>	<p>One client in Busede was referred to the regional referral hospital for further management since her condition (mental) could not be managed by the team.</p> <p>The long distances moved by the clients to the outreach points affects</p>

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		also attended to and clients were able to share personal experiences among themselves. The outreaches also act as a platform for sensitisation and advocacy where participants are educated on the key community issues that impact to their lives.	their participation and consistence due to high costs incurred in transport. Some of the clients are from the neighbouring districts and therefore prefer that the services be extended to their areas for easy access.
Education and skilling	Formal and non-formal skills	During the month under review the school going children were engaged in numerous activities that included accomplishing their holiday packages with the support of the social team and also involving them in practical skilling activities such as art and craft where they were able to develop their capabilities in making productive art work that can help them even earn a living in the future. As a result the children came up with a variety of art pieces such as bracelets, bangles, ear rings and paintings among others.	Some of the materials used to produce the art pieces are quite expensive yet these are necessary for the children to perfect their skills hence higher costs incurred in the procurement of raw material. Some of the children are slow learners hence more time is taken in making them understand the various techniques.
Routine medication	40 children	As a result of proper and continued uptake of medication with the close supervision of the medical, social and the therapy team, the children receiving daily medication have been in a steady condition and these include those with HIV and epilepsy. There has been no events of seizures also reported during the period under review.	The children's progress and response to the medication needs to be monitored closely by all key players to avoid short comings. Medical recommendations made also need to be adhered to by all players.

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Referrals	None	Due to their medical conditions (sicklers) two children were referred to other facilities for blood transfusion, a service that is not offered at our medical facility. Currently they have all recovered having got the service	There is need to lobby for the establishment of a blood bank at the facility to avoid further occurrence of such situations and also reduce on the risks that may surface during the process.
Therapy outreaches	4 therapy sessions	A total of five therapy outreach sessions were conducted and there has been an improvement in the turn up of the children participating in the programme. Care givers have also reported improvement in the capabilities of the children since they receive more frequent time for therapy and the programme has helped equip the care givers with more skills in therapy compare to the monthly programme before.	Some care givers attribute the inconsistency in attending to the exercise to the current season which has kept them more engaged in the gardens and also impacted on the transportation costs they incur due to the poor road network
Stake holders' meeting	One meeting	With the support of sub county stake holders, one stake holder's meeting was conducted to share the progress of the action points developed during the previous stake holders meetings held and this involved all the sub county leadership ranging from the town clerk, LC III, representatives from the police, councillors for disability at sub county level, health sector and the community based services sector. The meeting yielded into the development of another follow up action plan that is to be	The participants were able to share key challenges they were facing during the implementation of the previous action plans and also raised concerns that needed to be addressed by each stake holder. Some of the stake holders have been using schools as the entry point for advocacy and sensitisation and this was affected by the holiday

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		<p>implemented in the next quarter. As per the reports presented by various stake holders, there has been a great improvement in the level of engagement and participation in various development programmes by persons with disabilities at all levels</p>	<p>programme, however, with the re-opening of the schools at the end of the month, more efforts shall be school focussed. Local leaders and opinion leaders at grass root level also need to be followed up to assess their progress.</p>
Home based activities	Variety	<p>The children together with the care givers and other departmental staff members have been engaged in various activities that promote team building and also enhance the children's growth such as games, both indoor and outdoor, community engagements among others. These have been key in strengthening the relationship among all parties and also supported child development.</p>	<p>Children need to be given more time to play as a tool in helping them discover more of their abilities.</p> <p>Due to the heavy rains, more outdoor activities have been affected especially the community engagements due to the poor roads.</p> <p>The previous volunteers also helped establish more engagement skills that have been passed on to the entire staff for implementation.</p>
Child development	Develop care plans for all children	<p>On a weekly basis, the care givers led by the Therapy team and other administrators share/discuss the progress of the previous care plans made and also develop new care plans for the children. Each care plan is developed based on the child's capabilities and a thorough assessment of the child is done by the entire team.</p>	<p>It's the role of all staff members to keep registering all the positive and negative effects of the children's care plans developed such that necessary adjustments are made for improvements.</p>

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<p>Income generating activities</p>	<p>Poultry and dairy</p>	<p>The two projects have supported in improving the children's nutrition and have also minimised expenditure of the organisation while the bi-products are being used as manure in the gardens where green vegetables are grown for the children's consumption. The surplus products are sold out for income to support in a few needs of the children.</p>	<p>There is need to expand on the projects if we are to increase on the yields.</p> <p>For better and sufficient utilisation of the bi-products there is need to set up a bio gas system which will help reduce on the cost of fuel and electricity used for cooking</p>
<p>General medication</p>	<p>25 children</p>	<p>This time round 23 children were treated indicating a reduction in the number of children compared to the previous month. The most common illnesses were those that can easily be transmitted through body contact such as cough and flue while others were as a result of chronic illnesses like sickle cells. A few malaria cases were registered during the month under review.</p>	<p>More precautions need to be taken to avoid further infections.</p> <p>In the bid to perfect their mobility techniques, some the children are able to reach the isolated ones hence making it difficult to maintain the strategy.</p>
<p>Medical reviews</p>	<p>6 children</p>	<p>All the six children taken for review were in stable condition and these were cases of hydrocephalus. As a routine, the management was able to observe the set review dates and also follow the previous recommendations made hence ensuring their good health.</p>	<p>Staff is to abide by the new recommendations made and also follow the new review dates set.</p>

Prayer points

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- *Good health of all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Pray for perfect health for all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Pray for expansion of the medical facility*
- *Pray for the establishment of learning institute for Physio therapists and Occupational therapists*
- *Pray for establishment of a special needs school*
- *Pray for the construction of a bore hole as an alternative for the high water bills*
- *Pray for acquisition of specialised therapy equipment*
- *Pray for the furnishing of the guest wing*
- *Pray for more provision in abundance at the home to be able to meet all home needs*
- *Pray for the establishment of more income generating activities within the home for sustainability*

Conclusion

*Home Of Hope Jinja Uganda through the dedicated staff strives hard to provide a good and healthy environment to children with multiple disabilities who happen to be the most vulnerable species of mankind and grate thanks and gratitude be given to the team. However, this would not be made possible without the support and love of all those who sacrifice their funds and time to solicit for the wellbeing of these children. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.***

Pictorial



Figure 1: during the drop in clinics, few men are devoted to participate in the development of their children. We therefore always encourage the mothers to come with them such that they receive counselling and guidance which helps change their attitude towards the children. Above, Stephen the social worker providing counselling services to a couple that turned up for the drop in clinic during the month of May 2023.

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Figure 2: New clients in the drop in clinic are always taken through counselling which helps and are also given the chance to air out their expectations from the service. Above; is Sharifa attending to some of the new clients during the drop in clinic day.



Figure 3: While waiting for their turn to be attended to, drop in clients have the chance to share experiences and how they have benefitted from the services offered and this is an opportunity that helps especially the new clients have their expectations answered

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Figure 4: It's always the care givers' pleasure to see changes in their children as a result of much effort in attending the drop in clinic. Above; a care giver looks on as Joel the therapist applies his techniques on the child. Caregivers are always encouraged to apply these techniques while at home.



Figure 5: During the Centre clinics, beneficiaries are educated on a variety of issues attached to their conditions and how they can handle different situations. They are also given the opportunity to raise concerns and share experience.

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Figure 6; Beneficiaries/caregivers with issues are given a one on one session of counselling from the Social team. Above is Stephen the social worker counselling one of the clients during the centre clinic.



Figure 7: Home of Hope medical team given health education to the beneficiaries of the outreach clinic in Busede during the month of May 2023.

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Figure 8: During the holidays and over weekends, the children are given the opportunity to learn hand craft skills for self-reliance.



Figure 9: While others are engaged in practical skilling, those with home packages are guided to have their tasks accomplished before the schools reopen.

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Figure 10: Engaging the care givers during the therapy exercise helps equip them with therapy skills that they are able to apply while at home. Above are participants taking part in the therapy outreach in Busede during the month of May 2023



Figure 11: We ensure that all sectors of the government are represented during the stake holders' meetings. Above is the Stake holders' meeting of Buyengo that was conducted in May 2023.

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Figure 12: Much as more emphasis is put on child development, staff fitness is also paramount, above is the Executive Director leading staff in aerobics in the month of May 2023. This is conducted twice in a week.



Figure 13: Given his nature of disability, Daniel is always severely affected by illnesses such as cough and flue, Above is Victo, Daniels care giver attending to him in Derrick and Emily Memorial Medical Centre during the month of May 2023, Daniel was discharged and is now in good health.

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Figure 14: Home of Hope staff and children awaiting for their turn to be attended to by the medical team during the medical review in the month of May 2023

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