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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023
PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023
4TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PLANNED ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	LESSONS LEARNT, COMMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
In house therapy	All children	Daily therapy for the resident children is conducted by the therapy team with the support of the care givers and this has helped enhance the children's capabilities and also improved their daily living skills. Daily therapy has also helped reduce the risk of development of other second disabilities among the children.	Equipping care givers with therapy skills has helped reduce on the workload of the therapy team and has helped increase on the time children receive therapy services on a daily basis.
Drop in clinics	4 clinics	Five drop in clinics were conducted and fourteen new cases were registered. Through the drop in clinics, there has been an increase in the number of community	Lack of consistency in attending the drop in clinics by some of the care givers has caused a setback in

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		children benefiting from Home of Hope programming and services. The care givers are also able to share personal experience and ideas during the clinics. During the clinics, care givers also receive counselling and guidance.	adaptation of capabilities by the children. Follow up on the families of the new clients and their social setting is to be done.
Assistive devices	Assorted	Care givers in the community have been equipped with skills of making supportive devices to help in the development of the children under their care using locally available resources/materials such as standing frames, corner sits among others. This has helped solve the problem of lack of access to the devices by the community.	Some of the care givers who stay in the urban setting are challenged by lack of resources to put in place the devices and lack of space and security for the devices once installed in the open.
Home based activities	Variety	During the period under review, both the children and staff members were engaged in various team building and capacity building activities that include among others indoor and outdoor games, play, art work, cooking, aerobics etc. and further engagement of the community was conducted through the community walks and participation in home	More team building activities to be arranged within the organisation to strengthen the bonding among the children, staff and community members. Participation in such activities develops a sense

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		improvement activities such as sanitation and hygiene promotion activities.	belonging and love among the children
Skilling of care givers	All beneficiaries	Through the various home of hope programme areas, care givers have been skilled in a variety of fields ranging from developing assistive devices, income generation, business development skills, home improvement among others and this has caused empowerment and reduction on dependency on external aid/support by among care givers.	Follow up with the beneficiaries of the various programmes is to be done to ascertain proper implementation of the skills attained.
Outreach clinics	2 clinics	<p>During the Busede outreach, four new clients were registered while one new client was registered in Buwenge outreach. As a result of constant uptake of the medication, there was no case of serious attack reported by the clients in both outreaches.</p> <p>Some of the beneficiaries of the outreach programme come from the neighbouring districts of Luuka, Iganga, Kamuli, Mayuge and Namutumba which is an indicator of the significance</p>	Some of the community members/beneficiaries of the programme request that the services be extended to their areas especially those from outside Jinja however, Home of Hope is limited by resources to extend the services to other districts.

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		and impact of Home of Hope services to the community.	
Centre clinic	1 centre clinic	One centre clinic was conducted during the month under review and the clients were able to share their progress with both the medical and social team and no case of seizure was reported while some of the clients shared personal experiences from the time they joined the programme while others received counselling and guidance. The beneficiaries appreciate the fact that Home of Hope gives them a platform to easily access services and also create a sense of belonging among them through other programme areas.	In the bid to save costs on transport, clients from neighbouring each other collect funds in a pool for one person to pick the medication making it hard for Home of Hope to monitor their progress which therefore calls for an increase in the number of Home visits.
Health camp	Two days health camp	In the bid to give back to the community and also create awareness of the services available at our Health facility (Derrick and Emily Memorial Medical Centre) a two days health camp was held and community members received free medication and also conducted tests at a subsidised cost this month.	Great thanks go to all those that supported and facilitated the activity and also the partners who stood with us that is Uganda Blood Transfusion Services, Raising Hope and Wakitaka

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		<p>partnership with friends and well-wishers, community turned up in big numbers for the services which among others included, Dental, antenatal, blood donation, immunisation etc. A total of 418 patients attended day one while day two was attended by 449 people.</p>	<p>Health Centre. As a result of the camp, there has been an increase in the number of patients registered per day.</p>
Medical reviews	2 children	<p>As per the schedules, two children were taken for medical review and all these are in steady condition and all precautions set by the medical team have been adhered to.</p>	<p>As a result of adhering to the set precautions, the children have not developed any further complications resulting from their medical conditions.</p>
Referrals	None	<p>One child (Mudeyi Jonah) who was in need of blood transfusion was referred to a higher hospital that had the service and currently, he stabilised and is in good condition.</p> <p>During the outreach clinics, 4 clients who were in need of specialised treatment were also referred to areas where they could access the said</p>	<p>With the acquisition of a Blood Bank refrigerator, Home of Hope is in the process of having a blood bank at the health facility which will reduce on the risks of searching for the service elsewhere</p>

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		services.	
General medication	20 children	Much as some new malaria cases were registered during the month, there has been a reduction in the number of children treated against malaria (four) while 17 children were treated against other infections such as cough and other related infections	Some of the infections are caused as a result of contact which increases the number of children undergoing treatment per month.
Daily medication	40 children	Children with epilepsy, sickle cells and HIV/AIDS are subjected to daily medication for a healthy life and therefore all the forty children with the above conditions were able to receive their daily medical supplies and have been in a steady condition. All the concerned staff are to continue monitoring the conditions of the children and report any unfamiliar conditions among these children.	Some of the children are subjected to medical reviews and there is need therefore to observe the set medical review dates to avoid any short comings. The children are also subjected to special nutrition diets to boost their immunity.
Medical appliances	Dental seat	In the bid to extend services to the children and the entire community, Home of Hope acquired a dental seat at Derrick and Emily memorial medical centre and the children shall now be able to receive dental services which	During the health camp, awareness on the availability of dental services at the facility was made and a number of community

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		have been lacking yet very much required. This will help cut the costs on dental services on the children while also helping avail the service to the community.	members were able to receive the services signifying the need of the service by the community.
Minimising administrative costs	Construction of alternative water source	A lot of funds have been spent on payment of utility bills especially water, which is a necessity in the home, however, with the drilling and motorisation of a water point at Home of Hope, costs on water bills will be cut by more than 75% since the pump shall be supplying both the home and the health facility. This will also eliminate the problems of water shortages which have been rampant as a result of breakdown by the suppliers.	There is need to cut down more costs made on electricity used to pump the water by putting in place an alternative power source through installation of a solar system for the pump.
Expansion of the health facility	Construction of medical space	Following an increase in the demand for more services at the health facility which was limited by lack of room, we were able to transform the shade into more valuable space by reconstructing it and partitioning it to give room for the Emergency room, an ultra sound and Dental section which has given more space for other services in the previous rooms hence	There is still more space for expansion for other services to be put in place such as the maternity, radiology among others. The expansion has created space for more admission rooms at the facility especially

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		increasing on the services available at the health facility.	for patients in need of private services.
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Prayer points

- Pray for perfect health for all the children and staff at the home.
- Provision of an alternative power point for the water pump
- 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

Without the support of all friends and well-wishers of Home of Hope, the above achievements would not have been made possible and it is therefore our prayer that the Almighty God keeps on protecting and providing for all those who have stood together with us at all times. Grate thanks also go out to the Management and staff of Home of Hope Jinja Uganda for their dedication and commitment in ensuring the success of the home and well- being of the children. **“BE BLESSED”**

Pictorial



Figure 1: appropriate sitting positions for the children prevents them from acquiring secondary disabilities. Above are some of the Home of Hope children sitting in wheelchairs as part of their daily therapy.

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Figure 2: Mind-set change is one of the reasons for low participation of the men in the drop in clinics however, as a result of continued sensitisation and engagement by Home of Hope staff, there has been an increase in the number of men embracing services offered at the drop in clinic and these ensure that their children attend the drop in clinics every week. Above is Joel the Therapist skilling one of the male parents with simple Therapy techniques during the Drop in clinics the month of August 2023.



Figure 3: Counselling of new clients of the drop in clinics helps prepare the care givers psychologically and also helps clear myths attached to children with multiple disabilities. Above, Social worker Steven having a counselling session with a new client of the drop in clinics in the month of August 2023

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Figure 4: Care givers have more time with the children than the Therapy team and equipping them with therapy skills helps give the children an opportunity to get more therapy time since they are able to perform it while at home. Above one of the care givers who had turned up for the drop in clinic in August being trained on how to apply the therapy techniques while at home by Joel the Home of Hope Therapist.



Figure 5: Assistive devices play a big role in the development of the children, however, most of the parents/care givers cannot afford them. Home of hope Supports children in need of assistive devices have access to the necessary devices they need. Above is Home of Hope Occupational Therapist Edward explaining to one of the caregivers how to improve on the CP. Sit she received from Home of Hope.

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Figure 6: one of our key objectives is to have children with multiple disabilities living a self-reliant life and we therefore equip the children with daily living skills. Above is Maureen who suffers from cerebral palsy doing her laundry independently.



Figure 7: As we prepare the children to live independently they deserve the chance to learn the skills that support independent living and hands-on skilling makes the young adults learn better. Above are Home of Hope children cooking food for a meal as a practical way of equipping them with daily living skills. This also helps in team building since they all participate.

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Figure 8: while out of school, the children are engaged in home based learning such as participating in Art and crafts based on their capabilities.



Figure 9: During the outreach clinics care givers are sensitised and given the opportunity to raise their concerns and also share experiences. Above is Social worker Sharifa responding to some of the issues raised and also sensitising the participants during the Busede outreach in the month of August 2023

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10: Across section of some of the participants who turned up for the outreach clinic in Buwenge Town Council. The outreach also benefits clients from the neighbouring sub counties of Buwenge Rural, Butagaya Sub County and also the neighbouring districts of Kamuli and Luuka.



Figure 11: The Centre clinic targets beneficiaries from the sub counties of Mafubira, Budondo and Bugembe however, it attracts participants from the neighbouring districts of Buikwe, Mayuge and Mukono. Above are some of the beneficiaries during the centre clinic in the month of August 2023

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Figure 12: Community members turned up in big numbers to benefit from the services that are offered at Derrick and Emily Memorial Medical Centre during the two days health camp that was organised in the month of August 2023.



Figure 13: Blood donation was part of the activities that was involved in the health camp held in August 2023.

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Figure 14: With the equipping of the dental section with the new dental chair, both the children and community have now gained access to dental services that have been lacking. Above is the Home of Hope dental Team offering dental services to a community member.



Figure 15: In order to solve the high water bills at Home of Hope, it was necessary to drill a water point for safe and cheap water supply.

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Figure 16: Expenditure on utility bills need to be cut further by improvising a solar system for the motorised water pump that was installed at Home of Hope in the month of August 2023 to avoid high electricity bills.



Figure 17: Kick-starting the transformation of the waiting shade at Derrick and Emily Memorial Medical Centre to create space for more services.

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Figure 18: The shade above after re-construction now provides room for the Emergency, Ultra sound and Dental services at Derrick and Emily Memorial Medical Centre.

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