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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 2024
PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024
6TH MAY 2024

PLANNED ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	LESSONS LEARNT, COMMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
General medication	25 children	32 children received medical services during the period under review and these were treated of illness such as flue, cough and malaria however, there has also been an out brake of Red eyes in the entire country and at Home of Hope, some of the children who have been identified with the infection have been isolated and managed by the health team. Care givers have also been sensitised on how the infection is transmitted and how best to control. As a result, there has been a reduction in the rate of infection especially among the children.	Some of the care givers identified with red eyes have been given time off and free medication to enable them manage their conditions, this has helped minimise the level of infection among the children. The increased number of children infected was as a result of cross infection.
Routine medication	30 children	During the period under review, 32 two children were treated with different conditions ranging from malaria, respiratory tract infections among others. Some of the treated children have healed while others are still undergoing treatment and are greatly improving and are still on treatment.	Early identification and isolation of the infected children helps control the rapid spread of the infections. Care givers on night shift have also been cautioned the management of the children at night.

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<p>Medical review</p>	<p>2 children</p>	<p>2 children with skin infections who are currently undergoing medication of skin infections were taken for medical review at Buluba hospital and as per the report, there have been improvements in their skin conditions however the infections are still progressing though at a slow rate and the medical personnel therefore recommended a change in the medication being applied</p>	<p>The new medication given to the children is to be monitored till the next review dates when the medical team has to assess the progress of the children.</p>
<p>Outreach clinics</p>	<p>2 outreach clinics</p>	<p>2 outreach clinics were conducted in Busede and Buwenge respectively targeting beneficiaries from 6 sub counties in Jinja district however, we are able to reach beyond our expectations since some of the beneficiaries are from the neighbouring districts of Luuka, Namutumba, Iganga, Mayuge and Kamuli which has increased our coverage in the community and improving access to medical services by the vulnerable groups in the community. During the month under review, 3 new clients were registered and these received counselling and orientation to the programme. Other services offered during the outreaches include medication for epilepsy and sickle cells, psychosocial support, sensitisation, therapy among others.</p>	<p>As time goes on, there has been an increase in the numbers of clients/beneficiaries reached out to and this has led to an increase in the quantity of medication coupled with the rising costs of the medicine which has impacted on the organisation budget. However, we have always ensured that we appropriate the little funds available for the good of the beneficiaries</p>
<p>Centre clinic</p>	<p>1 centre clinic</p>	<p>Three new clients were registered during the centre clinic and those who have been on the programme for a longer time have testified great improvement in their day to day life as a result of continued and consistent uptake of the medication. New clients were given a brief on how to handle/cope up with the entire team and also had the opportunity to share their experience with others.</p>	<p>Some of the clients tend to send other family members to pick the medication making it hard for the medical team to assess their progress and response to the medication. Some clients develop complications due to poor drug compliance.</p>

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Drop in clinics	8 drop in clinics	<p>Due to the increasing number of beneficiaries visa vi the available staff, there was need to split the activity into two days per week. 9 drop-in clinics were conducted during the month of April and 3 new clients were registered. Care givers have reported improvements in the capabilities of the children’s capabilities and skills resulting from consistent therapy they receive. During the clinics new clients are prepare psychologically to understand and accept the conditions of their children and they also get the opportunity to interact with other care givers hence changing their mindsets and perception of their children’s conditions.</p>	<p>Much as we do cost sharing in transport cost with the care givers some of them are not consistent in attendance due to lack of the capacity raise the funds to facilitate their movement regularly as required and this affects the effectiveness of the service to the children since none attendance causes setbacks in the children’s abilities.</p> <p>On a sad note, we lost 2 children of the drop-in clinic and we condole together with the briefed families.</p>
Follow up	1 child	<p>Having made a referral of one child (Precious from Nazigo in Buikwe district) for corrective surgery of the lower limbs, we followed up on the child and the surgery had been successfully conducted from Entebbe and the girl is currently in good shape and rapidly recovering. Precious is to be taken for medical review in the month of May 2024.</p>	<p>Some of the children referred do not communicate on the outcomes of the referral and without follow up no information is obtained. The responsible Home of Hope team should therefore endeavour to follow up all cases referred.</p>
Education	All school going children	<p>Following the government curriculum, all our school going children were sent back for holidays having ended the 1st term of the school programme and they were also given holiday packages which they are to be guided through by the responsible staff.</p> <p>Having identified capabilities to learn the formal system of education in some of the children, we hired a qualified teaching personnel to engage three children in the</p>	<p>The children competitively performed well in their different levels of learning and in the bid to enhance their performance, the children are to be engaged in their holiday packages.</p> <p>The children need more time to learn given their nature of disability and also</p>

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		formal education system while at Home of Hope and these are Farouk, Frank and Bridget.	need to be provided with assistive learning devices such as tabs to ease their learning.
Inhouse therapy	All in house children	During the month under review, all children in need of therapy were engage various activities that help enhance their capabilities ranging from one on one therapy to group work with all staff members based on the children’s needs and this helped not only to enhance their skills but also build team work between staff and also the children.	Responsible staff are to develop more activities to engage the children especially during the holiday period.

Prayer points

- *Good health of all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Establishment of a maternity wing at the health facility*
- *Procurement of more therapy equipment*
- *Renovation of the old Home of Hope building*
- *Transition of the young adults to supported homes*
- *Procurement of CCTV cameras for security purposes*
- *Expansion of the therapy section to meet the increasing number of beneficiaries*
- *Procurement of office equipment such as cameras, computers and projectors.*

Conclusion

*On behalf of the children, staff and administration of Home of Hope Jinja Uganda, I take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us in one way or the other to ensure that we achieve and meet our goals in the month of April. I would also request all those capable and willing to support our cause to join us in the struggle we are in to promote the rights of children and persons with disabilities and ensure that they have a befitting life just like any other person in the community. With your support, we have been able to achieve beyond our expectations. **“BE BLESSED”***

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Pictorial



Figure 1: Drop-in clinics give opportunity to families in the surrounding communities having children in need of therapy access to services that are hard to access by all. Above is a care giver engaging a child on a standing frame during one of our drop-in clinics in April 2024.

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Figure 2: During the centre clinics, beneficiaries and care givers get the opportunity to share how they have benefited from the programme and also get sensitised on various issues of concern. Above is a care giver sharing her experience during the centre clinic in April 2024.



Figure 3: Ssemakula Abudu is Autistic and has a rare skin condition that is being managed by a skin specialist. During the month of April, he was facilitated by Home of Hope to attend a medical review in Buluba Hospital.

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Figure 4: During the outreach clinics, children in the hard to reach areas get opportunity to receive therapy sessions and the care givers are also equipped with therapy skills that they apply while at home. Above is a therapy session during the Busede outreach in April 2024.



Figure 5: Community outreach programmes are an avenue for sharing and developing strategies to streamline disability related issues in the community. Above is the Chairperson of the Disability fraternity in Busede Sub County Mr. Mulindwa (with a white cane) communicating to members during the Busede outreach in April. The Session was led by Home of Hope Social worker, Stephen.

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Figure 6: Swimming is part of the therapy activities that the children are engaged in to help develop their capabilities.

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