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PROGRESSIVE NARRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCALE UP PROJECT ON THE IMPROVED LIVILIHOD IN GISANGA PARISH THROUGH AGROFORESTRY AND LIVESTOCK

I. INTRODUCTION

In order to help vulnerable people in Gisanga Parish to overcome poverty and ignorance, Shyogwe Diocese has initiated a project to support 20 families in Gisanga to improve their living conditions through improved livelihood. This project has been financially supported by Christian Hope International and it is now in its second phase we call scale up. In this phase as it was the case in the first phase a group of 20 vulnerable families has been formed and it will be given a full package aiming to help to overcome extreme poverty and related alienation. The main activities of this second phase project include:

- Community sensitization and mobilization to raise awareness about the existing problems
- Selecting 20 vulnerable families to be assisted
- Training of 20 families on improved farming techniques, agroforestry, environmental protection and basic skills of project planning and management
- Providing farming seeds, farming tools and small animals to 20 families in order to help them increase their food production
- Providing Bibles and goats to the selected and trained families.
- Doing an ongoing follow up for guidance both for spiritual and technical matters aiming to bring holistic transformation to these families.

The project has started in May-June 2018 by selecting families in collaboration with church leaders and local government representatives. By now majority of the planned activities have been implemented and we are looking forwards to see the impact of this project on people's lives in Gisanga area.

The beneficiaries both in school and in the parish people have started to feel the benefits of this project. Present report narrates the activities done some changes we see happening and the amount of money spent. This report is presented according to the steps of the project:

Phase one: This phase consisted in sensitizing the local church about holistic transformation. At this level we met with church leaders and local government authorities to explain the necessity to be inspired by Christian love and help vulnerable people to overcome extreme poverty. After this we have selected 20 families which look most vulnerable in order to work with them. As it was done with the first group, the conditions set for the family eligibility include the following: being the in first or second social-economic category, having a piece of land in order to put into practice what they are learning, being a person living in the area (not a nomadic).

Step two. This consisted in providing trainings on improved livelihood through modern farming and animal rearing and also environmental protection, project planning and development. After the training it was planned that every family will get a small animal a goat, some seeds and a Bible.



Beneficiaries were trained on Improved Farming, animal rearing, environmental protection...



Families receiving the Bibles.

II. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	REALIZED ACTIVITIES	LEVEL OF REALIZATION	BUDGET SPENT	COMMENTS
Community Mobilization and Sensitization	This was done through meetings we have had with Church and community leaders in order to have a common understanding on the existing problems and how this project contributes to finding solutions to the problems identified in previous meetings	This was done 100% and we got total cooperation from both Church and local administrative leaders. All the beneficiaries attended	120 GBP as planned. It was converted into Rwandan currency and was 120,000Rwf. Refreshments for these two meetings and a small snack	All key stakeholders met and discussed about the project, its objectives and how it will be implemented and the expected outcomes. All local leaders joined hands and we are really working shoulder to shoulder
Selecting the beneficiaries	As it was agreed upon, we selected 20 vulnerable families following the pre-established criteria including being in the first category of economic classification, being a resident of the area, being able to learn and accepting the sharing of the acquired knowledge. The priority was given to chapels which were not considered in the last project; Kangoma and Kavumu.	The selection was done in Parish meeting so that there is no conflict of interests. We moved from Gisanga Chapel and we went to Kangoma and Kavumu in order to give chance to other people	This was done using local resources and the estimation of the work done is 30,000Rwf or 30 GBP.	It was clear that people selected were in real need and looked determined to work in order to contribute to their holistic transformation. The focus was on Kangoma and Kavumu Chapels.
Training the beneficiaries on Improved techniques of Agriculture, Agroforestry and animal rearing	All the beneficiaries attended the four days training on Improved agriculture, environmental protection agroforestry, animal rearing and erosion control	This activity was realized at 100%. The notes were produced and left to the Pastor so that whenever there is need to review what has been discussed, people can refer to those notes. It was agreed that the local Pastor Rev. Celestin Ntaganda will continue to help the group to discuss the contents of the notes	Facilitator 120,000 Stationaries: 42,000 Meals 120,000 Printing; 18,400	During the training we bought stationaries including flip chart, note books, pens, markers, and we provided meals for participants and honorarium for the facilitator.

Seedlings for fruit and agroforestry trees	Different kind of seedlings will be bought and distributed to the beneficiaries to plant in their family land in October when we will have international tree day. These include, avocado, papaya, mangoes, grevillia	This activity was done at 20%. We only bought seeds for vegetables	Buying the seedlings: 50 GBP equivalent to 50,000Rwf Transportation:	
Preparing the field and planting	This is done at family level and at the parish a small garden designed to serve as a demonstration unit for those who come to Church services so that they can be inspired on how one can produce vegetables on a smallest piece of land	This is being done progressively	This activity is done using local labor force and the estimated cost for it is 400GBP equivalent to 400,000Rwf	
Providing goats	20 goats were bought and given to 20 families.	Twenty goats in the age of reproduction were bought and given to group members. Every family received a goat.	-Buying Goats 470 - Taxes at the market 20 GBP - Transportation 110	Goats were bought at once in Misizi animal market and before leaving the market the veterinary has checked them to see if there is any abnormality. As it was said in the project, the goat helps the family to have manure which is a requirement for soil fertility and then increased food production.
Bibles	Each member of the beneficiary group was given a Bible. There was also a provision of the annual Biblical devotional guide which is a very good tool helping the beneficiaries to study the Bible.	This activity was accomplished at 90%. We are waiting for the lectionaries to help people to read the Bible and these will be available in December	20 Bibles were bought at 119,000Frw and 20 devotional booklets will be bought at 10,000	
Roofing Gisanga Church Building				CHI has generously provided 3858 USD to buy iron sheets and gutters.

III. MID-TERM PROJECT RESULTS

At this end of September 2018, there are some encouraging results the project has brought:

- Another group of twenty vulnerable families has been created and it is working to bring holistic transformation in Jesus' name. The members of this group feel happy and expectant as they have started to work in order to develop themselves.
- Basic knowledge in relation to food production, animal rearing and environmental protection, project planning and management has been acquired
- 20 goats are given to the families and now some manure is being collected and used to grow vegetables. This help the families to progressively fight undernourishment
- Vulnerable families selected are now sharing the Word of God and their hopes are being restored as they see something transformative happening in their lives.
- Upon seeing what the Church is doing to help vulnerable families, parishioners are happily working on their church building.
- Fruit trees have been ordered and will be planted in October and in three years to come people will be enjoying their first fruits

See additional pictures below



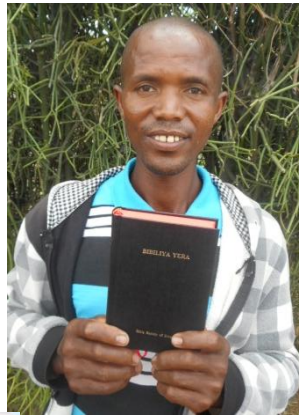
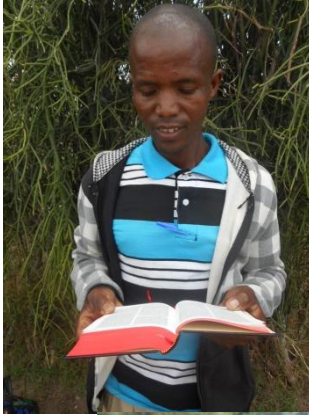
These are some pictures showing different activities already done in the project.

-First line right side, church building under construction and tree seedlings being delivered to Gisanga

- First line left side, Beneficiaries rejoicing upon receiving their Bibles
- Second line, goats being distributed to beneficiaries
- Third line, goats being given to family representatives

IV. SOME TESTIMNIES FROM BENEFICIARIES

1. Niyomugabo Daniel



Daniel was born in 1984, he is a father to four kids after receiving training and the gift of the Bible he said, “this is a sign that God loves me and has a long-term plan over me. This Bible I will read and it will help me to share the Good news with my neighbors. Having someone who thinks about you cares for you is a special gift. The new skills we acquired from the training of modern farming will necessarily help me enhance food productivity at home, we will have enough to eat and I will sell the surplus to the market and the money will be used to meet other needs. I will continue to support the project of our church building and for sure there will significant changes in my life. Please do give thanks to CHI and its supporters for their generosity. Manure from the goat will contribute to food growth while the words from the Bible will nourish our souls. It is a complete package!”

2. Mukanyandwi Therese

Therese was born in 1979, she is a mother of five kids living with her husband who is a trouble maker, always giving hard time to her. Therese said, “The church has been a place for refuge to me for care and counseling when my husband troubles me. The things I am benefiting in this CHI project are very central to me. I learn new skills to increase my production and be able to care for my children. The Bible will be my spiritual food and I will use it to teach my children the fear of the Lord and the love Jesus has for us. My favorite verse in the Bible is the other one which says I am the Way the Truth and Life. Thank you so much.”



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