BKB ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014 FROM THE MANAGER, SSAGALA DAVID

Greetings and happy new year from Bega kwa Bega Uganda. I am pleased to share with you, in summary, what the charity managed to accomplish during the month of January 2014.

Education:

The school holidays are over and our ovcs (Orphans and vulnerable children) are ready for yet another busy school year. The ovc providers engaged them in both house and garden work to help them grow with some important skills that are of great help in their future.

The Schools opened this week and we are getting our ovc back in schools. This mainly involves school fees payments and buying of school supplies for the ovc under our care.

Many thanks to our partners in the USA for helping us find sponsors for 14 new ovc.

US - SPONSORED OVC 2014

- 1. Molly Nampijja: 9 years old, SOS Primary School, Naddangira
- 2. Experito Magembe: 4 years old, Mweera Christian School
- 3. Patience Namutebi Kuteesa: 11 years old
- 4. Fatuma Nassiwa: 8 years old, Kakiri Modern Primary School
- 5. Penina Nalwadda: 6 years old, Child To Child Primary School
- 6. Bridget Nakungu: 8 years old, Bugabo Lake View
- 7. Shaluwa Nampijja: 9 years old, Child Care Primary School
- 8. Sharen Naddumba: 10 years old, Nakyelongosa Infant School, Mpeggwe
- 9. Teopista Nanvuma: 4 years old, Buwanuka village
- 10. Maria Nanganda: 10 years old
- 11. Noelina Bwekembe: 5 years old, Kakiri
- 12.Benjamin Mutawoza: 7 years old, Step Step Primary School
- 13.Deborah Nabbale: 8 years old, Kakiri 14.Grace Nansukusa: 7 years old, Kakiri

Health:

Mobile Clinic currently goes out once in a week. This has been so due to lack of funds. We have been approached by village leaders from the communities in which we serve about the need to have the mobile clinic services resumed in their communities. As usual, we try to explain to them what exactly led to the reduction in the number of mobile clinic sessions in those areas. In another development BKB mobile clinic introduced the use of malaria detecting kits. The kits help the nurses to detect malaria parasites in the blood. The introduction of the kits has led to proper use of medicines unlike before when the nurses could only prescribe basing

on the signs and symptoms. We now buy less malaria drugs. The kits are a bit expensive and the nurses now spend more time in the field than before.

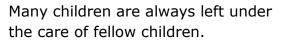


Immaculate, BKB nurse-mid-wife, gets ready for taking blood samples from the children.





Where are my parents???

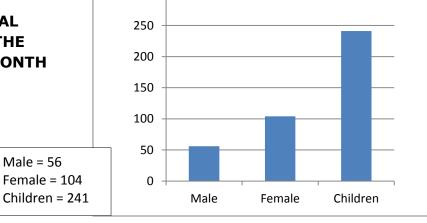






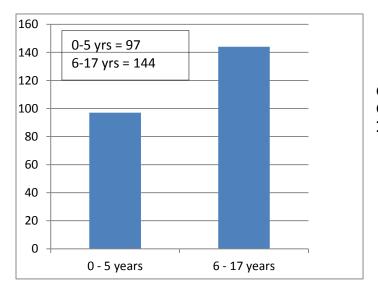
It is not often that you get to see such a responsible father. Usually it is mainly the mothers who carry their kids to the clinic. Dad was about to give medicine to his girls.

GRAPH SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE MOBILE CLINIC FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014



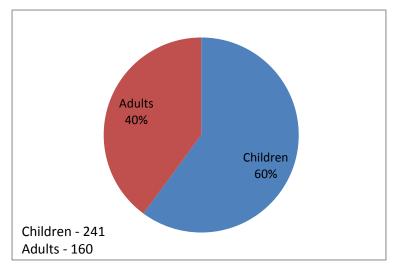
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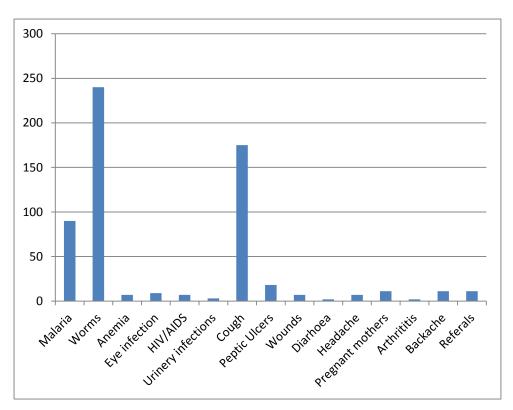


GRAPH SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN PATIENTS IN JANUARY 2014

PIE CHART SHOWING COMPARISON OF CHILDREN TO ADULTS IN BKB MOBILE CLINIC JANUARY 2014



GRAPH SHOWING TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER DISEASE TREATED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014.



N.B. The number of diseases exceeds the total number of patients handled each month because some patients suffer from more than one ailment.

Home Visit:

60 families were visited during the month of January 2014. The families visited are in both Kakiri and Namayumba Sub-Counties.

A new home visitor is yet to be identified. We think she should be someone from within or around our area of operations. The task of identifying a new home visitor was given to our mobile clinic nurses.

Farm:

The farm is progressing well despite the fact that no big group visited us. We hope to receive some in the near future. We continue to receive small groups of two to three and some individuals who stop by for advice. We recently had two people who wanted to see how a greenhouse is built and they also asked for the contact details of the person who constructed the one at the farm. Some visitors stop by for seedlings, and many more are interested in the bio gas system and the piggery section.

We have started on the process of expanding our poultry farm. This project, in addition to the other already existing farm livestock, will generate more income so that the farm can financially support itself.



Play Center:

Work has started on the children's play center site. We started with the grading/leveling of the site. The site being on a slope, the leveling exercise took two days i.e. Friday and Saturday of last week. Some of the tree stumps couldn't be removed by the machine so we had to hire the services of some strong local men to do the needful.

The exercise of removing the stumps and the clearing of the drainage system is still on going and building works is to follow shortly. We spared as many trees as possible. We would like to cover as much as possible before the rainy season. We will keep you posted on the progress.





Leveling of the children's play center site.

All in all it has been a great beginning of the year and I am sure it is going to be yet another successful year in the lives of those we serve.

Thanks you so much for supporting us.

David Ssagala. Manager BkB