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List of Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
IGAs	Income Generating Activities
AGM	Annual General Meeting
CDO	Community Development Officer
CHAC	Community HIV and AIDS Coordinator
DAC	District AIDS Coordinator
DC	District Commissioner (DC)
DED	District Executive Officer
DMO	District Medical Officer
EVU	Empowering Vulnerable Group
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HIV	Human Immune Virus
ICHF	Health Insurance Fund
KIWAMWAKU	Kikundi Cha Wanawake Mwanga Kupambana Na UKIMWI
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
STDs	Sexual Transmitted Diseases
STIs	Sexual Transmitted Infections
VTC	Vocational Training Centre
YSM	Young Single Mother

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report elaborates list of activities implemented from January to June, 2023 under the Economic Empowerment to Vulnerable Group Project (EVU phase two). The main aim of this project is to contribute in improving socio-economic living standards of vulnerable groups in Mwanga district focusing on single mothers, PLHIVs, orphans, widows, girls and boys from less privileged families. All these beneficiaries are equipped with appropriate skills on entrepreneurship, cookery, mechanics, computer literacy, saloon, welding, HIV/AIDS education and organic farming.

KIWAMWAKU Foundation announces annually open scholarships to these students using KIWAMWAKU Foundation branches which are in 20 wards of Mwanga District Council, Mosques, Churches and Public boards available in village's offices. The list of applicant obtained is reviewed, screen and finally the selected are informed through special letter and a form which is then filled and collected at the office during their enrollment. It was from this approach we obtained 30 new students for 2023.

Key activities implemented from January to June this year includes vocational training to 31 students, 1 acre demonstration farming at Kileo ward, distribution of 2000 leaflets, 50 reflectors and 50 T-shirts to 50 ToTs motorcycle riders as well as conducting VICOBA training to 24 women from 12 KIWAMWAKU branches where 10% were PLHIVs. Other activities implemented were Annual General Meeting, monitoring visits and other activities.

The following challenges were encountered during the project implementation, accommodation for both boys and girls, destructive pests in the demonstration farm, small amount of membership fee payment collected from branches, limited amount of cash for lunch especially for students attached to garage, specific budget for protective gears, the need for more HIV education to bodaboda riders and the employment question to graduates as they cannot afford to purchase welding, tailoring machines and driers to mention just few.

1.0 Introduction

Economic empowerment to vulnerable groups project phase II is planned to be implemented by Kiwamwaku Foundation for the next three year (2023-2025), the project aims at improving the socio-economic living standard of vulnerable groups in Mwangi District by providing them with entrepreneurship skills, HIV/AIDS protection, financial management (VICOBA), demonstration farming as the backbone of the nation, cooking, tailoring, computer literacy, carpentry, mechanics, driving and welding.

1.1 Mission and Vision

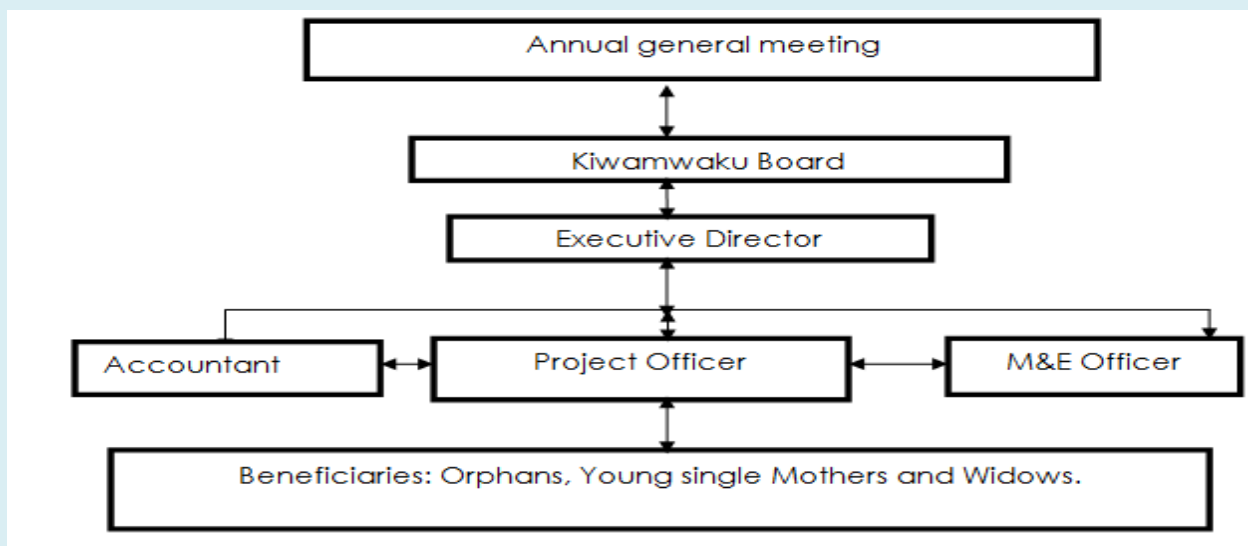
a) Vision

KIWAMWAKU envisions seeing Mwangi District community that is free from HIV infections and well developed.

b) Mission

Exist in order to contribute to minimizing the rate of new HIV infection and development through capacity building, vocational training, information, education and income generation activities targeting orphans, girls, boys young single mothers, widows and vulnerable children.

1.2 Organization Structure



2.0 Project deliverables from January to June 2023

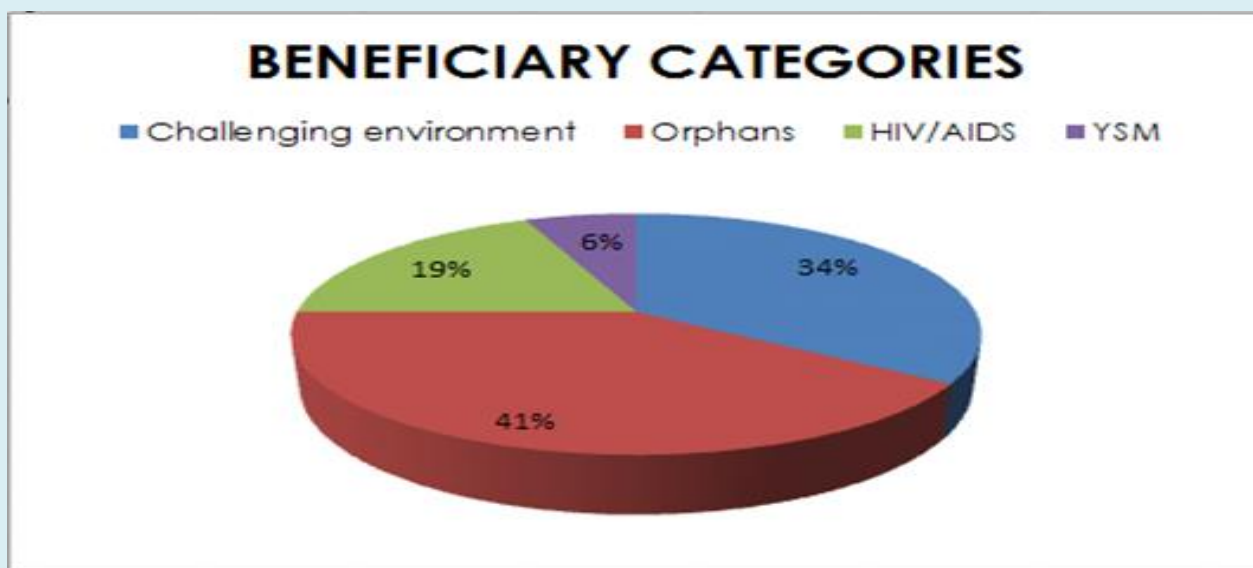
Specific Objective 4: To training 40 vulnerable boys and girls from 10 wards in Kilimanjaro on apprenticeship skills such as carpentry, mechanics, welding, saloon, cookery, computer, tailoring and agriculture by December 2023.

In the period from January to June 2023 the project had different activities performed to achieve the objective as explained below;

2.1 Vocational Training

Vocational Training is a type of education given to an individual to prepare him/her to be gainfully employed or self-employed with requisite knowledge and skill on specific business. Kiwamwaku Foundation initiates student's enrolment procedures for vocational training for the new phase of economic empowerment to vulnerable groups in early September 2022 up to end of January 2023. The screening of these students was done carefully involving branch leaders and local authority to verify the selected students; finally they were selected by the management. Below are their characteristics:-

Description of project beneficiaries for vocational training in 2023;



This new phase have 19 female and 12 male from different from (Mwanga, Kileo, Lembeni, Usangi, Kilomeni, Kirya, Mgagao and Vumari) the table below show number of students enrolled and courses they were selected to:-

S/N	Program	No. of students enrolled	Female	Male	Total
1	Tailoring	20	19	1	20
2	Cookery				
3	Salon				
4	Computer				
5	Carpentry	02	-	02	02
6	Driving	02	-	02	02
7	Mechanic	03	-	03	03
8	Welding	04	-	04	04
					31

2.1.1 Tailoring

This class is designed to train students to become expert in tailoring, designing marketing tailoring products. The class has 20 students enrolled 19 female and 01 male. From January to June, 2023 students were equipped with knowledge and skills in tailoring principles, reading tape measure, design different shirt and gowns, trousers, below are some pictures from class sessions together with their trainer/ teacher. The trainer access vocational training curriculum from VETA and use it

through training. Assessments done daily using assignments and they are tested through internal examinations supervised by the management.



Photo 1: Students during practical lessons while others displaying tailoring products they made.

2.1.2 Cookery

The class is designed to support nutritional and cookery business skills. Originally was established from the background that some of these students are PLHIV so they need special attention when it comes to meal so special training was essential also it was found from such training a business can be created for them to get employed or employing themselves. It was from Jan-June, 2023 these students learnt cookery basic terminologies, food preparation techniques such as baking and frying specifically deep frying using cooking appliances (oven, stove and other utensils), preparing balanced diet and general cooking hygiene. Learning covered some different bites such as Chapatti, scorns, half cakes and baggies.



Photo 2: Students participating in making bites during cooking session at Kiwamwaku Foundation compound.

2.1.3 Computer

This class is newly established one aimed to develop computer skills to this special group. It is from ICT a student they will be able to find new designs extracting from websites, social media and he/she can design her own, the same case applied to cookery. In this computer class from January to June are now able to demonstrate computer basic (hardware and software) and use of software applications such as Microsoft word.



Photo 3: *Students discussing advantages of computer in relation to programe they undertake (cookery, saloon and tailoring).*

2.1.4 Salon and hair beauty

Salon class in another class for business and aimed to better lives for these special human being. This year we registered 20 girls' students who are undertaking their studies at Kiwamwaku Foundation premises/classes. These girls covered salon principles; such as customer care also they are are able dress different handily African hair styles, apply different Rasta designs such as mabutu and yeboyebo.



Photo 4: *Girls students during hair dressing practical session at Kiwamwaku Foundation compound.*

2.1.5 Mechanics

Under mechanic class we have three 03 students enrolled from Mwanga and Vuchama ward, the students are placed at Rotto Auto Garage and Msuya garage. So far they have learned topic such as introduction to mechanics, safety skills, tires repairs, air filling, water, re-filling, check vehicle tire pressure and oil.



Photo 5: One of the mechanic students adding water to a vehicle as a practical lesson.

2.1.6 Driving

In this year to have two (02) boy's students (from mechanics class) took driving lessons for the period of one month at Wereni driving school which is located in Mwanga. During the course the students learn the basic of car driving, control and they drove two hours in both highway and local roads. They also learn navigating and roundabouts, changing gears and signals and road marking. It is interesting that they were able to get this training that will help them to better their mechanic skills.



Photo 6: Two mechanic students attended a driving class for one month at Wereni Driving School in Mwanga.

2.1.7 Carpentry

In this new phase the project enrolled two boys for carpentry class from Usangi branch. The boys are taught how to take different measurement to ensure carpentry work is good and attractive, and basic carpentry skills in making different products such as chairs, tables, cooking intensely, doors and windows frames. These boys are at Kirongwe VTC as their area of placement.

2.1.8 Welding

Under welding class four (04) boys students were enrolled and they all from Usangi branch, they are undertaking their training at Kirongwe vocational center. The students have covered topics such as welding concept, equipment and gear used for welding, types of welding sticks, safety while doing welding work and creation of various furniture like tables, chairs, desks, windows, gates, cooking stoves and doors.



Photo 7: Welding students from Kirongwe Vocational Center during practical lessons and the other photo was taken during the receiving the protective gears.

Specific Objective 6: To enhance knowledge and skills of 05 vulnerable youth (04 boys and 01 girl) students in agriculture production in Mwangi District by December 2023.

3.0 Demonstration farm

Agriculture impacts society in many ways including supporting livelihoods through foods, habitat and jobs, providing raw materials for food and other products and building strong economies through trade. Furthermore, organic agriculture yield such vital benefits as soil preservation and above all reduce the risk of human, animal and environmental exposure to toxic materials. This project enrolled (04) four boys and (01) one girl on organic agriculture demonstration farm. The purpose of this activity is to enhance agricultural knowledge and skills to youth in Kilimanjaro region to enhance their economic status. The farm is located at Kileo-Barabarani village in Kileo Ward and it is one acre farm. Training started from cultivation, seed germination, seed planting, weeding, pest control and irrigation.

List of Trainees under Organic Farm Project

S/N	NAME	GENDER	AGE	WARD
1.	JOSEPH GENVASI	MALE	23	KILEO
2.	IBRAHIMU SAULI	MALE	19	KILEO
3.	SAID HAMID	MALE	20	KILEO
4.	RACHEL MCHOVU	FEMALE (SINGLE MOTHER)	19	KILEO
5.	ABDUAL ALAMINI	MALE	18	KILEO



Photo 9: Photos taken before farm slashing and after seed planting and the current status.

Conducting TOT training on loans and savings program (VICOBA) for 22 people from 12 selected wards in Mwangi District by December 2023

4.1 VICOBA Training

VICOBA training was conducted in two days, participants attended day 01 were 25 while day II were 31 participants. Trainees were from 12 branches of KIWAMWAKU Foundation, board members, District community development officer, CRDB, NMB and Mwangi Hakika bank. The aim of the training was to empower women on better ways of improving their groups through VICOBA while expanding their understanding in saving and financial management. The training topics includes were formation of regular VICOBA groups where requirements were items such as Letter of loan application, group constitution copy registration certificate, group history, copy of a business license and copy of group account information (Bank statement), it was revealed that if a group has all these tenets, they are able to get loan. Furthermore the community development officer also informed the members that the government has temporary suspended the process of given loans to women until July 2023. Augustine Lazaro from CRDB bank explained that they have (Malaika) account service designed suitable for women as it is free from account operating monthly cost so helps them to keep money without deductions. He also gave description of types of loans provided by the CRDB bank as well as the criteria.



Photo 10: On the right side is Community development officer Mrs Radhia while on the left, is CRDB Bank officer Mr. Augustine Lazaro presenting on financial management.

Specific Objective 9: Distributing 2000 leaflets with HIV/AIDS/STIs basic facts by trained volunteer to commercial motorcycle riders (BODABODA) at commuter terminal

5.0 Distribution of motor cycle rider's (bodaboda) equipment

The organization purchased 2000 leaflets, 50 reflectors and 50 T-shirts with HIV/AIDS/STIs basic facts from Dar es Salaam from JOINTASOFT ICT TECHNOLOGY who designed and printed as it was recommended by the organization in order to serve the intended purpose. The main aim of these materials was to provide HIV/AIDS, sexual reproductive education to bodaboda and community awareness in general. The program was done by assistance of the bodaboda chairman who helped to connect with the network of bodaboda around Mwangi. It was from dissemination task and monitoring, we identified that these mobile groups still need HIV education and other income generating activities such as beekeeping, farming and poultry. Below is the order of distribution:-

The distributions of motor cycle rider's equipment were as follows:-

S/N	BRANCHES	TOTAL NUMBER OF EQUIPMENT
1	Bodaboda Kirya, Kisangara and Lembeni	T-shirt 10, reflectors 10 and leaflets 500
2	Bodaboda Mwangi, Kifaru and Kileo	T-shirt 10, reflectors 10 and leaflets 500
3	Bodaboda Ugweno and Usangi	T-shirt 10, reflectors 10 and leaflets 500
4	Bodaboda Jipe, Kivisi and Butu	T-shirt 10, reflectors 10 and leaflets 500



6.0 Other activities implemented under this project

6.1 Health Insurance Fund (iCHF)

Health insurance Improve access to care, support positive health outcomes including an individual's sense of their own health and well-being, incentivizes appropriate use of health care resources and reduce financial strain on individuals, families and communities. The project ensures the health of the students is given a first priority; provide room to affordable the health expenses by providing Improved Community Health fund (iCHF). Community Health fund (iCHF) is an alternative health insurance scheme meant to cover the informal sector and rural communities with essential services up to the regional hospital with referral from primary facilities. This year the project enabled to obtain insurance cards for 23 students (9 boys and 14 girls). The table below shows name and students who were able to obtain the health insurance cards:-

S/N	NAMES	AGE	THEIR COURSES
1.	Rayhana Juma Shabani	14	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
2.	Paula Joseph Bessi	21	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
3.	Elizabeth Mattayo Thomas	18	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
4.	Zuhura Swedi Juma	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
5.	Scolasticka Juliaus Ramadhani	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
6.	Nasma Amosi Mussa	14	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
7.	Nitness Mussa William	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
8.	Anita Elias Mtepwa	20	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
9.	Halima Bakari	20	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
10.	Gift Enock Mrutu	15	Mechanic
11.	Peter Gabriel Meja	21	Mechanic
12.	Emmanuel Ernest Mndege	20	Tailoring, cooking, & computer
13.	Valeriana Videlis Njau	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
14.	Avila Ezekiel Gazulo	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
15.	Amina Joseph Mvungi	20	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
16.	Cremensia Gilbert Sinkala	18	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
17.	Prisca Matata Kisinga	19	Tailoring, cooking, salon & Computer
18.	Rashidi Ibrahim Mshana	15	Welding
19.	Juma Hassani Hemedi	17	Welding
20.	Mwedadi Sufiani Hemedi	17	Carpentry
21.	Juma Ramadhani Hamisi	18	Welding
22.	Hamisi Athumani Abubakari	15	Carpentry
23.	Mohamedi Ally Idd	18	Welding



Photo 11: Boys and girls students showing their Health Insurance Cards.

6.2 Annual General Meeting

According to the KIWAMWAKU Foundation constitution section 7.2 stipulates that, the general meeting will be attended by two representatives from each foundation's branch. This year the meeting was held on 17th of May 2023 at Kiwamwaku hall with 31 participants. The following agenda was discussed during the meeting:- opening of the meeting, endorsement of meeting agenda, election of foundation chairperson, annual general report (2021-2022) financial report

(income and expenditure) 2021-2022, amendment of constitution, membershi and closure. Kiwamwaku Foundation constitution section 8.1 explains that chair would be elected during the annual general meeting in three years tenure. It was from the meeting member elected Mrs. Tausi Abdallah Mbagga who seats again for the next three years (3). Furthermore the meeting endorsed amendment to the constitution aimed at improving thematic areas and operations as a whole. Membership discussion provided alternatives to contribute membership fee such as monthly and quarterly submitted to KIWAMWAKU. It was finally agreed that membership forms should be disseminated, each branches should supervise the activity, and members should pay 1000 per month. Part of the membership fee shall be used to cover AGM budgets.



Photo 12: *Some members presenting their ideas about the membership fees during the annual general meeting.*

6.3 Women Day (March 8, 2023)

International women day 2023 celebrates women and address issues such as women's equality, and reproductive rights. The international women day has become a forum to raise awareness and stimulate change in society. The theme for this year was "digitally: Innovation technology for gender equality" in Mwanga District, the day was commemorated at CD Msuya stadium where different stakeholders from developmental organization/institutions attends. The guest of honor during the event was District Executive Director Mrs. Mwajuma A. Nasombe, while addressing she insisted on proper use of technology to fights against all forms of discrimination that bar women from development (economically, politically and socially). **KIWAMWAKU foundation attended to support the movement as part of her theme.**

6.4 Florian Visitation on 9th and 10th of March 2023

On March 9th of March 2023 we hosted Florian a visitor from DKA Austria accompanied by Amina Ndiko who is Tanzania DKA representative, the aim of his visitation was to know status of projects implementations by partners. During his visit, Florian visited one of Kiwamwaku branch at Lembeni ward in Mwanga Districts and also Kirongwe Vocational Training in Usangi ward. During his visit at Lemebeni, he insisted membership fee and improved IGAs; he also saw member's

income generating activities being affected by drought and limited fund. At Kirongwe VTC he saw few welding machine, carpentry tools and gears. He then ordered gears should be bought as soon as possible and be given to students as basic need for protecting their health. On March 10th 2023 Florian had an exit meeting Kiwamwaku Foundation workers and the board; he discussed the sustainability plan for Kiwamwaku since EVU phase two will be the last year for DKA to fund the organization. During the meeting the following suggestions were identified; strategic plan, accounting software, VETA registration, membership activation and internal training.



Photo 13: Some of events happened during Florian visitation to Kiwamwaku Foundation

7.0 Monitoring and follow-Up

7.1 Follow up on KIWAMWAKU branches on the membership activation.

Kiwamwaku Foundation have 50 registered members contributed 291,000 as membership fees. The fee is currently stored at a **group clerk** because some group bank accounts are inactive or not opened. During our monitoring it was recommended that t groups should open bank account as soon as possible and call for members group meetings in order to discuss matters aimed at building strong relationship.

List of Active Members (Active Members)

S/N	Group Name	No members	Membership Fee paid
1	Vumilia Kisangara	13	130,000
2	Tumaini-Mwanga	08	24,000
3	Tupendane-Vuchama	12	60,000
4	Amani-Mwanyiko	11	77,000
	Total	44	291,000

7.2 Monitoring for Bodaboda

Kiwamwaku Foundation team visited motorcycle riders (bodabaoda) centers in their branches. The aim were to find out where they so far reached on the issue of sexual reproductive and entrepreneurship a lesson obtained from 2022 training. It was through the monitoring visits it was identified that more education concerning sexual reproductive health and sexual transmitted disease (STIs) still needed, the following were the branches visited and dates of the visits:-

S/N	AREA/BRANCH REACHED	DATE OF VISITS
1	Bodaboda center in Kirya, Kisangara and Lembeni	17/02/2023
2	Bodaboda center in Mwanga, Kifarua and Kileo	20/02/2023
3	Bodaboda center in Ugweno and Usangi	21/02/2023
4	Bodaboda center in Jipe, Kivisini and Butu	22/02/2023

8.0 General lesson learnt, Challenges and Opportunities

8.1 Lesson Learnt

- i. A need to supporting KIWAMWAKU Foundation alumni students to ensure that they have been economically empowered and project sustainability.
- ii. Bodaboda is unique group that requires special attention for HIV/AIDS otherwise the rate is expected to rise as some of them are still new and not yet received education.
- iii. Urgent need for internal training based on resource mobilization and proposal writing.

8.2 Challenges

The challenges encountered during the activities implementation are as explained below;-

- The numerous cases from girls students who are staying with relative such overworking them that in turns hinder punctuality, facing some forms of abuses while others were unable to continues with studies due to accommodation matters.
- Unfortunately the mechanic students were unable to get the protective gears quarterly due to limited budget.
- After graduation for mechanics class, driving course and license raises another puzzle to be filled for the next budget, 2024.
- Most of students fail to employ themselves when they complete their studies because they obscured to fund access.
- The demo-farm was been invaded with destructive pests which cuts crops leaf hence hinder its development while organic pesticides are non-reactive to the case.
- Low responds to membership contribution from the branches due to majority member are dependent due old age factor hence not able to pay their membership fee timely.
- Poverty that affect every initiative to mobilize resources from members such as charity events
- Limited knowledge to some board members in NGO managerial matters which call for immediate internal training
- High competition for donors that affect our NGO to win for new donor(s).

In conclusion: Kiwamwaku foundation need to invest in human resources development (board and staff in area of resource mobilization), create new businesses such as VETA and other IGAs such as tie and die which will help to boost its economic status and win potential donors. It is from next year sustainability plan, the NGO envision to start taking off to revamp from odd.

9.0 Implementation Plan for January 2023 to December 2023

Months

Objective	Activity	Months											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1.0 To improve students access to medical facilities by December 2023	1.1 To register for health Insurance Fund to obtain insurance cards												
2.0 To improve the economic conditions of 20 young single mothers, Orphans and vulnerable girls from impoverished families from 10 wards in Mwanga by December 2023	2.1 Training 20 orphans and young single mothers in apprenticeship skills such as tailoring, tie and die, computer, salon and hair beauty and cooking by 2023												
	2.2 Conducting 20 days' workshop for two intake (10 days for each intake) on entrepreneurship skills to 20 orphans and young single mothers in Mwanga by 2023												
3.0 To improve the economic conditions of 20 vulnerable boys from impoverished families from 10 wards in Mwanga by December 2023.	3.1 Training 20 vulnerable boys from 10 wards in Mwanga on apprenticeship skills such as carpentry, mechanics and welding by 2023												
	3.2 Conducting 20 days' workshop on entrepreneurship skills to 20 vulnerable boys from 10 wards in Mwanga by 2023												
4.0 To improve the economic conditions of empower 100 widows from 10 wards in Mwanga on business operation skills towards improving their economic	4.1 Conducting 1 day awareness creation on the importance of loan and saving through VICOBA to communities in 10 wards of Mwanga District by May 2023												
	4.2 Conducting 10 days VICOBA trainings to VICOBA												

<p>9.0 To conduct one annual project progress review meeting with stakeholders in Mwangi; District Commissioner (DC), District Executive Director (DED), Community development officers, social welfare officers, health department officers, education officers, District AIDS Coordinator (DAC) and Community HIV/AIDS Coordinator (CHAC) by 2023</p>	<p>9.1 Conducting annual project review meeting with stakeholders in Mwangi namely District Commissioner (DC), District Executive Director (DED), Community development officers, social welfare officers, health department officers, education officers, District AIDS Coordinator (DAC) and Community HIV/AIDS Coordinator (CHAC) by 2023</p>												
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