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YENEGE TESFA PARENTLESS STREET CHILDREN ORGANISATION

Quarterly Report

1 Overview

- Name of NGO: Yenege Tesfa Wolaje Alba Gondana Tedadari Hitsanat Dirijit
- Country: Ethiopia
- Region: Amhara
- Zone: North-Gondar
- Project Title: Care and Support for Orphan and Street Children
- Date: 14-01-2008 G.C.
- Reporting Period: Quarter II (October-December)

2 Project components

Here, we summarize the project components planned for quarter II. Adjacent, we immediately discuss the objectives for each component.

2.1. Provide medical support for critically ill street children and orphans

This support will be available for 30 street children and orphans in the 1st quarter. If they are sick, then the organization will arrange the necessary inputs for medication by working with health institutions.

2.2. Extensions

Education support will be given to OVC's as long as Yenege Tesfa can bear it. Success at school probable will lead to success in job performance as well. So giving additional chances to study or to comprehend the subjects at school are likely to have a positive influence on the future changes of the OVC and his/her self-esteem.

2.3. Job skill training

Besides the job skill training for bigger groups of OVC's, who join each other in a kind of vocational training like hairdressing (cfr. Hairdressing quarter I), Yenege Tesfa also tries to apply a personalized approach. This means that eager OVC's who want to study or engage themselves in a vocational or skill training can count on support of Yenege Tesfa, as far as Yenege Tesfa isn't constrained by budget limitations or time for follow-up.

2.4. Workshop of child right for local entities



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The objective of the workshop is to sensitize the local government bodies and the community on the child right and the responsibility of the local entities to decrease orphan flow from rural to urban areas and thus enlarge the street children's population.

3 Project Descriptions and Evaluations

3.1 Medical Support

Description:

People Yenege Tesfa encounters in Gondar who actually should get medical support but don't seem to be able to themselves, are being assisted to a physician and pharmacist by a volunteer of our NGO. For this Yenege Tesfa works with vouchers. They allow the patients (or beneficiaries) to consult a doctor without payment but hand in a voucher instead. Every so often, Yenege Tesfa will repay the honorarium of the physician for all the vouchers used in the meantime. The same goes for the pharmacy.

The participating clinic was Kedus Gabriel. To smoothen the procedure from clinic to drug store, we started a new partnership with another pharmacy, belonging to the Kedus Gabriel Clinic.

If necessary Yenege Tesfa follows up the patient. For severe medical diagnoses or complications, Yenege Tesfa went to the Hospital of Gondar University.

Evaluation:

Yenege Tesfa is proud to provide this support – or even service. It might be clear that we are giving access to basic facilities like healthcare for this kind of vulnerable people who would otherwise be deprived from these urgent caretaking.

It is challenge for Yenege Tesfa to be able to more directly be looking for these persons. Unfortunately, therefore we have a lack of staff, time and money. At the moment, the patients we support are often met accidentally or because they are referred by other social workers who are aware of the existence of this system.

Switching to a new pharmacist was a good choice, the clinic and the drug store where our beneficiaries can go, now are neighboring.

3.2 Provision of educational support: extensions

Description:

Students who are eager to study should be reinforced. It shouldn't be the case that rich students who can afford paying extensions can increase their performances at school but other ones don't get the



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chance to prepare some aspects of the programme more in detail and attract the right professional persons for this workshop.

4 Summarize

4.1 Proposed actions who are actually carried out

The following actions that were carried out included the programme on medical support and the educational support in the form of extensions and the personalized approach for job skill training. The child right workshop is postponed but not cancelled because of the reasons mentioned above.

4.2 Challenges encountered and possible solutions

- Challenges for Yenege Tesfa based on this quarter are related to time and lack of staff. Fortunately, many volunteers like to help Yenege Tesfa without expecting any payment. Nevertheless, that means they still have to focus on another job to earn money.
- Another challenge for Yenege Tesfa is to plan over a longer period of time. Nevertheless, Yenege Tesfa can't do this alone. A global planning sometimes is undermined by urgent - but unexpected - assignments or calls for meetings from other institutions or partners. A coordinated planning for a prolonged period of time from the whole field of social work probably would result in a drastic increase in efficiency.
- If we would have the disposal of funds for salaries, we could attract coworkers or full-time employed staff which would guarantee more flexibility from Yenege Tesfa. This implies our NGO to be more easily reacting on urgent calls or needs without undercutting Yenege Tesfa's ongoing activities of that moment.

4.3 Changes and adjustments to the original proposal considered necessary to get maximum results and benefits from the project.

One adjustment is the elaborated educational support which now also includes a more personalized approach. In this case, clearly motivational benefits are seen.

Postponing the child right workshop was necessary because of the reasons mentioned above.

5 Realized benefits

5.1 Amount of beneficiaries

Subtotals:

10 for the medical support

5 for the educational support in the form of extensions

The pilot case for job skill training: 1 boy



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Total number of beneficiaries: 16 OVC's and street kids, excluding the indirect support for the relatives and families of the beneficiaries.

5.2 Reaching the OVC's

Since this is the main target group of Yenege Tesfa, we definitely reached a considerable amount of OVC's in and around Gondar town.

5.3 Sustainability

OVC and streetkids who do go to school, thanks to the support from Yenege Tesfa, have a much higher probability to be productive citizens and are much more prepared to take care of themselves in a sustainable way.

5.4 Level of participation

Yenege Tesfa is a major advocate in working together with other NGO's and social workers. Our network spreads itself out to other organizations in Gondar, international organizations like WFP, NGO's overseas and we try to have a well integrated approach encouraging Gondarians themselves taking care of the more needy people among them.

5.5 Gender

Being a small NGO, we can't always equally support both girls and boys, since they require a different approach and another kind of caretaking. Nevertheless, we include as much as possible female and male beneficiaries. With projects like medical support we positively realized doing so.

5.6 HIV/Aids

Many street kids are OVC's because of indirectly being a victim of HIV, for example when they lost their parents due to Aids.

Directly, Yenege Tesfa provides regularly information on the subject of HIV/Aids to people we meet at the office. Thanks to the network and cooperation with other institutions or NGO's, we have the right knowledge to refer people to bodies who are more specialized and involved with this matter.

Testing and follow-up, prevention and awareness about HIV/Aids is often going together with the medical support programme of Yenege Tesfa.

The members of YT were also represented on the International HIV/Aids day at Meskel in Gondar.

5.7 Environmental effects

Our proposed projects are certainly very environmental friendly. All new implemented projects are very ecological in that way that they include Habeshas and Ethiopian materials as much as possible.



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Thus, giving more input for the local economy and providing valuable jobs. E.g. extensions and vocational trainings by Ethiopian teachers and institutions in Gondar.

6 Other development updates

6.1 Shelter YT

- Together with the 10 OVC's living in the shelter of Yenege Tesfa we had productive monthly meetings. Our OVC's could formulate problems they encountered and express their dreams for the future. Every week on Monday the OVC's come to the office of YT to get their breadcoupons and to evaluate the last week. Yenege Tesfa listened attentively since this information is fruitful to develop further strategies to realize our vision and mission.

6.2 Committee

- Normally a monthly meeting with the committee members would be held. Unfortunately we had to assess this to be very difficult in the second quarter. Because of various reasons, committee members didn't make it to attend the planned meetings. Yenege Tesfa felt this as an obstacle to make important decisions at the required time. Because of the same ground, strategies to be implemented in the future are sometimes delayed.
- In January, the management of Yenege Tesfa will try to settle this problem and suggest an adequate solution.

6.3 Cleaning day

Together with the OVC's at our shelter, we organized a cleaning day.

The results were tremendous: a nice and healthy place which motivates each other to live together at the shelter in harmony. Everybody has now more respect for the belongings of themselves, one another and Yenege Tesfa. The awareness of being careful for material and maintain it in a proper way definitely raised.

6.4 Supervision breadcoupons

Like explained in the first (previous) quarter report, Yenege Tesfa now is taking care of the Piece of Mind project, once introduced by foreigners living in Gondar.

Yenege Tesfa adapted it a little to be more sustainable and diminish its side-effects:

Every coupon now has a message in Amharic or English about sustainable support for street kids without creating dependency. Furthermore, Yenege Tesfa encourages Habeshas as well as tourist to both use the system and at the same time discouraging begging for money.



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6.5 WFP

Not only through the 5 caregivers assigned by Yenege Tesfa, together with UNWFP, we are able to support 100 families foodwise. This quarter we had two more volunteers involved in the follow-up of this project, including visiting the families in their own Kebele.

6.6 IGA

To be prepared for a life on their own, the OVC's at the shelter should learn to deal with working and administering money. So for an acceptable amount of time, our kids are involved with income generating activities. This IGA mostly consists of a shoe polishing service or walking with a small selling plate for napkins, chewing gums, biscuits and so on. To control this IGA we motivate the OVC's through a individual budget plan.

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