



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

July-September, 2014 Report

Introduction

It has taken some time since there was an update of activities for SOCH. This news letter has comprehensive update on the activities as of latest 9th September, 2014. Amongst activities have been the SOA Geneva visiting impact at SOCH, the change of workers duties allocation, Painting of old dormitory structure and charcoal shelter, fixing new goal posts for netball and football, cementing of basketball half coat, Repairing of fence, fixing the store room shelves and drawers, and organising of curtains and other fabrics. In addition to this, an inventory, illustrated in a form of balance sheet has been made and presented. Be advised that there will be no photos of children on this report because children have been on holiday during the capture of this report.

The July 19 Volunteers SOA Geneva (with two St. Georges students) Visiting Impact at SOCH

Amongst the activities mentioned above, SOA Geneva had a great role in contributing financially, hands on work, materially and in kind. The projects that are pictured bellow were heavily funded and implemented by the great support of the said volunteers. The other great work volunteers did was to keep up a social interaction with orphans through playing of games, reading skills support and outfitting the orphans with new shoes and clothes. This was fantastic of all. One encouraging touch is the self motivation and the ability to work under minimum supervision the volunteers had. The group did the best they could to make the two weeks of their stay productive and successful.

Basket Ball Coat

The Basketball court that was left pending concrete has now been cemented. Children are often using this court.



Football Metal Goal Posts

In replacement for the wooden posts which were not looking very beautiful, the metal posts which are stronger have been fixed.



Netball Metal Goal Posts

The netball pitch has also been considered to have metal posts and rings. These are quite more durable than the wooden ones.



Painting and Drawing

The SOA Geneva had done the drawings and partly painted the orphanage facilities and currently they have been finished.



Fence Repairs

The portion where the fence was pulled down and loosened has been fixed.



Storage Shelving and Drawers

This was one of the projects that was well initiated and done by the SOA Geneva visitors. The orphanage property is now safely stored in order. Edible materials are kept separately from the non-consumables.



Termly Rotational Duty Rosta For SOCH Workers

There has been a concern as to how the workers performance would be improved at SOCH. The workers are now assigned to duties at rotational basis, so that in case of absenteeism of one worker, a replacement would not be a challenge since all workers will have learned all types of tasks partners would do. The former carers are now cooking at chicken as shown bellow whilst the former cooks are now working at dormitories.



ORPHANAGE DUTY ROSTA. ROTATIONAL WORKING AND HOLIDAY PROVISION FOR WORKERS

TERM/MONT H	CATERING/KITCHE N	DORMITORY/LUNDR Y	GARDEN	HOLIDAYS
Term 3,2014 (September to December)	Mrs A. Kalilamoyo & Mrs B. Kunda	Mrs Mukosha (Boys Dormitory) and Mrs F. Mulonga(girls Dormitory)		
Aug, Sept, October			Mr Jerrystern Mwape	
November	One watchman on night duty for 1 Month, November		Evaristo Chikwane & Mr Jerrystern Mwape.	One watchma n off (Mr Jerrystern Mwape helps day watching)
March,2015	One watchman on night duty for 1 Month, March		Mr Jerrystern Mwape	One watchma n off

Curtains Fabric & Sewing Machines

In addition to duties the matron has, she is expected to make curtains for the orphanage from the fabric that has been bought using the electrical sewing machines that have been bought. The blankets were also bought to supplement the available blankets in cold weather.



SOCH Balance Sheet

The balance sheet bellow illustrates the current worthiness of the Orphanage Property. It is important to realise that there are some assets that devalue as time goes. Good examples are generator, lawn mower and a vehicle which keep on wearing out and lose value as they work. Capital items such as buildings may have their value depreciating when they start cracks or the roof becomes rusty of the building as a whole becomes weak, hence change of value after some years or so.

SOCH Balance Sheet as at 31-August, 2014

31- August, 2013		31-August, 2014	
Not Recorded	CURRENT ASSET	Recorded in ZMW Currency (Zambia Kwacha) Estimated value	
	Cash savings/profit	3000	
	Chicken stock	3700	
	Chicken feed stock	1500	
	Orchard (Tree investment)	1000	
	Debtors	0	
	Total Current Asset	9200	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	Creditors	0	
	Bank charges	600	
	Pension savings	SOA responsible	
	Total Current Liabilities	600	
	Net Current Asset (9200-600)		8,600
<i>Estimated value</i>	FIXED ASSETS	<i>Estimated value</i>	
100	Old Dormitory (building)	95,000	
110	Older Girls Dormitory ii	108,000	
40,000	Canteen/Laundry(building)	39,000	
150,000	Storage Room (building)	149,000	
190,000	Manager's house (building)	189,000	
15,000	Chicken run house	13,000	
25,000	Fish pond	15,000	
50,000	Water tank/pump	30,000	
5,000	Playground (posts/ swings)	4,000	
5,000	Office furniture	5,000	
15,000	Chairs, benches & tables	15,000	
8,800	Beds	8,800	
Not recorded	Kitchen Utensils/Fridges	5,800	
5,500	Lawn Mower	5,300	
65,000	Vehicle	60,000	
30,000	Fence property	28,000	
3,200	Generator	3,000	
Not recorded	Computers	7,000	
	Printers	3,000	
	Camera	1,500	
	SOCH land/plots value	50,000	
	Total Fixed Asset	834,100	834,100
	Total Net Assets		842,700

The balance sheet above implies that as at now, the orphanage property is worth ZMW842,700 (approximately, £120,285.71) in terms of available assets at SOCH site. Above this asset, there is the most expensive asset, the excellent health care of orphans that is in progress, through the support in food, accommodation, clothing and education of these orphans.

Conclusion

It is important to realise that the activities above are a once off funded, but SOCH has a continuous feeding, clothing, education and running costs activities that requires constant funding every year. Considering these, SOA is thinking of how best the Orphanage would become self sustainable in the long run. This has been fully recommended by SOCH management and that appreciations are forwarded to the sponsors and all fundraisers who are committed to supporting SOCH in all dimensions.

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