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Introduction

Welcome to yet another report from Serenje Orphanage. There are a few projects that are in progress. Despite the rains that have been delaying the projects, at least it has not stopped the projects and some work has been so far done. The activities done include House/Sickbay construction, Fence construction, Data collection for skills centre, Fish farming, gardening, Health care support and some normal maintenance in the surrounding.

House/Sick Bay Construction

The structure is nearly finished now in brick laying. After the front veranda extension is finished, Roofing is expected to start immediately. Iron sheets and plunks have so far been already bought. The level of its stand is as shown bellow;



House/sickbay level & plunks ready

Fence Construction

It has taken some time since some fence construction were done. The first fence has been demolished and slowly a new fence is being constructed as we shift the boundaries from old to new. Currently the fence along the road side is as bellow;



Fence construction slowly being done.

Fish Pond Project

Something to have very beautiful is the fish-pong at the orphanage. During construction time, the Peace Corps volunteer, Ashley, was checking on the progress and provided advice for a better pond. The construction had some limitations due to land and fish-pond location. It has been discovered that the pond sinks water at a low pace.

This is however controlled by opening the water inlet to maintain the levels of water. Nevertheless, it is so interesting when watching fish twinkling as they swim and jump flash out of water.



Fish pond farming come true

Gardening

What an innovation brought in by Noreen in having some sweet potato plant cuttings to have some planted at the orphanage. A link has been make with the local expert in planting sweet potatoes and some have so far been grown as shown bellow. Nevertheless, gardening is being done adjacent to the fish pond.



Sweet potatoes and beans planted.

Children's Welfare/ Health Care Support

It is so encouraging to see Dorcus standing and walking using an extended shoe after the first operation. There is an expectation that the second operation will have to be done to lengthen her femur and then she can walk normally as others.



Dorcus stands on shoe

Volunteers at SOSH

There have been a number of volunteers at SOSH helping out in different activities. Francesco(right) has so far helped in cost listing the needs of the skills center. The Skills centre rationale and its important impact as a project was discussed. Other volunteers have done a wonderful job in helping Children in education and provide health care and support. Learning through games has been the more prevailing activity that supplement language barrier.



Francesco for skills center project and the whole group happy with children.

Playgrounds

It is a requirement to make sure the orphanage surroundings are clean. To keep snakes away, there has been a continuous slashing and grass clearing on site. As such, the place is kept clean.



Slashing up to fence boundary.

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