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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024
PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024
1ST NOVEMBER 2024

PLANNED ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	LESSONS LEARNT, COMMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
Medical review	6 children	One child living positively with HIV was taken for medical review in Nalufenya children's hospital and was found to be in steady condition with no complications caused by her medical condition while Five children with Hydrocephalus were also taken for review at Cure children's hospital and were found to be in stable condition as per the medical findings. This is attributed to the proper adherence to the set medical conditions by the Home of Hope team. Upon the medical review, the concerned staff were urged to uphold the set standards to avoid short comings resulting from poor management of the children's condition.	All responsible persons are to follow the set guidelines by the doctors and the new review dates are to be observed. There are more children to be taken for review in the fourth coming month and all staff responsible are to take note of the dates.
General medication	30 children	Following continued adherence to the set precautions and control measures for the management of disease, there has been a total reduction of the number of cases registered and treated of the various illnesses and a total of 13 children were	New case of illness among the children should be reported immediately to avoid further complications.

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		<p>treated and properly managed. Some of the children have to date healed while other are still under taking treatment. There has been no case referred for further management since all cases were handled.</p>	
Daily/routine medication	42 children	<p>All the 42 children under daily medication received their medication timely and regularly which reduced on the risks of possible complications hence stable conditions among the children. The team also monitors the children's response to the medication on a daily basis to reduce/minimise the risks of possible complications resulting from non-compliance to medical guidelines in case of any.</p>	<p>For all medication issued on a daily basis, records are made by the care givers to ensure that the right dosage and procedures are taken.</p>
Referrals	None	<p>During the outreach clinic in Buwenge one new client was referred to the regional referral hospital for further management due to her condition.</p> <p>One child from the drop-in clinic was also referred to an orthopaedic health facility for assistive devices and further management since her condition required corrective surgery</p>	<p>Responsible staff need to make a follow up on the referred children since some of them do not give updates on the outcomes of the referral.</p>
Centre clinic	One centre clinic	<p>One centre clinic was conducted during the period under review and one new case was registered and served. With the cross examination conducted on the clients especially the old/continuing clients, they have been able to enjoy a stable health condition due to continued and constant up take of the medication. None of the beneficiaries reported of any complication from the month of September to October</p>	<p>Some of the beneficiaries are inconsistent in participating in the clinic which causes a relapse in the response to the medication since some of them can't afford the high medical costs in the open market and hence miss out on the medication.</p>

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		<p>2024. The beneficiaries have also reported of improved social relationships between them and the surrounding community members resulting from the changes in their life style and the continued sensitisation done by Home of Hope Jinja Uganda (social acceptance)</p>	<p>Much as there has been social acceptance of the beneficiaries in the community, there is still a gap between the community members which needs more community sensitisation.</p>
Outreach clinics	Two clinics	<p>One outreach clinic was conducted in Busede and one clinic was also conducted in Buwenge town council. There has been an increase in the number of cases registered during the clinics which calls for an increase in the cost of medical supplies. The increase in number is a sign of the scaling on the number of beneficiaries of the programme.</p> <p>During the Busede outreach, 8 new cases were registered and some of whom are from the neighbouring districts of Iganga and Luuka while during the Buwenge outreach, one new beneficiary was registered</p>	<p>Some of the beneficiaries send other people to pick medication for them making it hard for the team to ascertain their conditions.</p> <p>The escalating numbers of new cases registered impact on the budget allocations hence need for budget reviews to meet the growing demand.</p>
Education and skilling		<p>There has been a drastic change in the level of learning capabilities of the children under the formal education system. Children such as Bridget have developed writing skills and with the provision of tablets, the children are now able to assimilate different sounds and objects which they never had before.</p> <p>We also participated in school visitation days for all children in their respective schools where we were able to share with the various teachers and discussed the performance of the children and how best to improve.</p>	<p>Much as they have developed the skills, it may take them time to cope up with the standards of other children in the normal schools especially when not assigned a specialised education assistant.</p> <p>Our children are also able to participate in various activities together with children without disabilities which is a sign of inclusive education we advocate for.</p>

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		Through the art class, the children have also been able to develop self-sustainability skills for self-reliance especially in painting, art and design.	
Assistive devices	None	During the period under review, we receive a consignment of wheel chairs from well-wishers (10 wheel chairs) which will boost and support the mobility of our children. Great thanks go out to all those who made the donation of the wheel chairs and now our children can get the opportunity to move from one place to the other.	More wheel chairs are required to meet the demands of the children at the home hence the need for continued lobbying.
Drop in clinics	8 clinics	A total of 9 drop in clinics were conducted during the month of October and one general meeting for all drop-in clients was held and these had the opportunity to share progress, challenges and programme activities. During the month of October four new cases were registered while some of the care givers testified of great improvement among their children due to the therapy services they receive. They also boasted of the skills that they have attained since joining and the experiences share with other care givers which raised their hope and prepared them psychologically to go through the day to day challenges they face.	Following prolonged illness, two children who have been part of the drop-in clinic passed on while receiving treatment at the Children's hospital. Due to the rain season some of the beneficiaries of the drop-in clinic have been unable to turn up regularly in fear of the bad roads.
Staff welfare	Day out for all staff	in the bid to refresh the staff and boost their moral for work and passion for what they do, a trip/retreat for all staff was organised to Busowooko falls along the Nile river where all staff members were engaged in a number of team building activities such as swimming among	Such activities create motivation among staff and play a big role in team building.

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		others. Staff members were also engaged in aerobics which helps to boost their fitness and general health on a weekly basis at the home. This has helped reduce complications of body pains and boosted performance among staff members.	
Home visits	8 home visits	<p>7 home visits were conducted and a total of 38 house holds were visits and these included households of members of the drop – in clinics, centre clinics and the outreach clinics. The visits were conducted majorly on the new clients to establish the social setting and understanding of the community on disability related issues. The visits also help breach the gap between home of hope and the programme beneficiaries</p> <p>During the home visits, we were also able to identify new cases that had not visited home oh hope for services and these were advised to visit the organisation as per their needs ranging from Therapy, counselling, guidance, referral medication among others.</p>	Most children living in the urban areas are at high risk of being abused since most of their care givers go out in such for work to earn a living and end up leaving the children at home with no one caring for them while those in the rural areas hardly have access to social services which has put the children at risk.
Sustainability	Poultry and dairy	In the bid to minimised loses of chicken we have ensured that all recommended vaccination dates are adhered to and this has kept them in good health and growing steadily. In the month of November, the layer chicks are expected to start laying and the children will have a boost in their nutrition which will also reduce on the expenditure on eggs. Surplus eggs will also be sold out as a source of income for the organisation.	On a sad note, we lost one Frisian cow having had a long illness and was not responding to medication causing a set back in the dairy project.

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In house therapy	65 resident children	With the support of the care givers, all the 65 resident children were able to receive therapy services during the month of October and there have been milestones registered in their day to day living skills. Daily therapy has also reduced on the risks of developing secondary disabilities among the children.	With an increase in the number of clients registered in the drop-in clinics, the therapy team is now overwhelmed with workload and there is need to recruit additional therapist to enable the resident children get more therapy time.
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Prayer points

- *Good health of all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Expansion of the Therapy section*
- *Procurement of more assistive devices and equipment such as wheel chairs.*
- *Renovation of the old Home of Hope building*
- *Procurement of interior items for the supported home*
- *Establishment of a special needs school.*

Conclusion

*The social welfare and wellbeing of children with multiple disabilities is paramount and with the interventions of home of hope, service delivery to children with multiple disabilities have been greatly improved however, more efforts are still needed in achieving the full potential these children. Without the support of well-wishers, we have been able to achieve some of the objectives. On behalf of the children, staff and administration of Home of Hope Jinja Uganda, I take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us in one way or the other to ensure that we achieve and meet our goals. I would also request all those capable and willing to support our cause to join us in the struggle we are in to promote the rights of children and persons with disabilities. **"MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL"***

Pictorial

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Figure 1: The use of practical methods of learning helps the children understand better and having a special teacher for the children at home of hope has helped the children learn based on their capabilities. Above is the home of hope class session during the month of October 2024.



Figure 2: Having gained mobility skills from the drop-n clinics, Joy has been enrolled in the formal education system and now needs a wheel chair to support her in her education career

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Figure 3: The Home of Hope centre clinic has supported hundreds of children and persons with epilepsy and sickle cells have access to free medication which has improved their medical and social conditions.



Figure 4: Some of the Home of Hope staff having fun on the banks of river Nile. having a day out together with other staff members builds moral and team work among staff.

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Figure 5: During the Outreach clinics, new clients are prepared psychologically by the social team to cope with their condition. Above is Stephen the Social worker having a joint counselling session with new clients during the Outreach clinic in Busede.



Figure 6: Home of Hope Jinja Uganda has provide avenue for skills development for international students through engaging in various programmes. Above is Brenda a social work intern from Belgium sensitising clients of the outreach clinic in Buwenge during the month of October.

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