

April-June 2019 Quarterly Report



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Introduction

In the past three months, Love Binti has sought to build and elevate self-esteem, standard of living and financial independence of women and girls in remote areas in Uganda through menstrual health trainings, tailoring and sewing skills and reusable pad making skills.

Clean safe water has been provided to the Fishing Village in Muvo, a village located at the lake shores of Lake Victoria without proper access to clean safe water for use.

This report summarizes the achievements, challenges and the way forward for Love Binti in the period April - June 2019. Several lives have been improved through our shoes for life program, kuku/organic farming program and the container school program as well.

General Objective for 2019

To create an environment of sustainable livelihood and improved social wellbeing among the less privileged men, women and children in the most remote areas of Uganda.

1. Love Binti Program

Love Binti Program is geared towards empowering women and girls in communities with life skills for sustainability through training centers and keeping girls in school through pad training workshops and menstrual health and hygiene trainings.

1.1 Pad Training Workshops

This second quarter, Love Binti has benefitted 8607 women and girls with reusable pad making sewing skills through 168 training workshops held with 88% of the trained population in Uganda and 12 % in Kenya.



1.2 Training Centers

At least 89 girls and women have attained professional sewing skills using sewing machines in the two training centers located in Makerere University and Marina Hardee memorial training centers that Love Binti has equipped with tailoring machines and human resources to train and enlightened the women and girls with skills in sewing, health and business for sustainability.



Tailoring training in Makerere training Center

1.3 New Training Centers

1.3.1 HARVEST TRAINING CENTER

Harvest Training Center is a new training center with GPS Location (0.303646,32.596999) in the slums of Kampala between Kabalagala, Kibuli and Kamwanyi slums. The training center is being set up to serve the people living in these slums most of whom are school drop outs and living below 2 dollars a day.

The building where the training center locates has currently been undergoing renovation and will soon be a ray of hope to many women who have lost hope of ever attaining a skill that will enable them lead a more sustainable life. This training center is expected to take off on 1st August 2019.





Training center site before construction

1.3.2 SOROTI TRAINING CENTER

Located in Gweri village Soroti district. Soroti training center is also another training center in the pipeline.



Proposed place for Soroti Training Centre

2. Living Water Program



Muvo borehole is at the verge of completion, Muvo is one of the remote villages of Mukono district located at (0°05'39.3"N 32°40'09.2"E). The borehole is intended to serve three to four neighboring villages including Kiziru, Kasali and Muvo among others with total population of at least 1,400 people.

The communities have been suffering from water-borne diseases such as diarrhea, bilharzia as well as typhoid due to lack of clean and safe water prior to the construction of the borehole.

The borehole has taken longer than expected to be completed due to several factors, including weather changes resulting into constant heavy rains, the drilling process, as well as the construction of the concrete water tower. In fact, the concrete tower in the picture will be teared down due to the weak structure. Soon a new solid one will be established, and it will assure the communities of safe & clean water and this will curb on the water related disease infections.

We wish to construct at least four more boreholes in the next two quarters as shown in the table with their locations. As we are providing clean and safe water to the communities, we are also looking at building our reputation as a charity organization so that the government may recognize and appreciate our humanitarian intervention in the country.

Living water way forward for the next 2 quarters (planned site):

Beneficiary group	Location
Fountains of Hope Nursery & Primary School Padwot community	Nebbi district
Busoga community	Kamuli district
Nansanga B community and Harvest Church	Budaka district
Moru-ukur village	Kitgum District

3. Shoes for Life Program

On the 2nd, MAR, 2019, we received a 40ft container (**No. WHLU5263720**) with 1,100 bags of both clothes and shoes for the 2019 shoes for life project. We have been able to distribute the items as noted below.

BENEFICIARY GROUP	LOCATION	NUMBER OF BAGS RECEIVED	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
Fountain of Hope Discipleship Ministries	Nebbi district	250 bags of shoes and 20 bags of clothes	1000
Victory Family Center	Kakira in Jinja district	112 bags of clothes	900
Comfort Africa	Kampala slums	20 bags of clothes	100
Living Gospel Missions	Hoima district	196 bags of clothes	1000
Children with nodding disease syndrome	Kitgum district	100 bags of clothes	500
Victorious Women Mission	Kyenjojo district	58 bags of clothes and 1 bag of shoes	200
Harvest Vision Ministries	Kampala slums	230 bags of clothes	400
Gospel Believer Church	Sorti district	133 Bags of Shoes	1000



Loading bags of clothes to Hoima district



The shoes for life project through the donations of clothes to the beneficiaries, has been able to help around 4000 people. Among the beneficiaries, at least 15 people have been supported by the project to set up small scale businesses through the clothes for themselves for financial sustainability.

The container was completely dispatched and sent to Mukono campus for fabricating.



We are looking forward to receiving at least three more containers for the next 2 quarters of the year. The shoes and clothes to be received are to be donated in the remote, poor, rural areas of Uganda to the most vulnerable people and to areas that have been affected by jiggers. We believe lives will be empowered.

4. Organic Farming



Organic Farming in Mukono

4.1 Agriculture

From the project of vegetable growing which started in mid-February 2019, we have been able to harvest at least 50 crates every month since March through June this year. With such harvest, we have been sharing with guest house in Kampala with at least 20 crates per month and the Mukono campus (site) and also to the neighboring communities in Mukono.

In April we started planting seeds of castor oil plants which take 6 months to mature. Of the 704 seeds of castor oil planted, 650 seeds germinated.

4.2 Rabbit Incubation

The rabbits project in Mukono campus started with only 6 rabbits which were taken from the guest house in Kampala and later 40 rabbits were bought making a total of 46. Unfortunately, we lost 19 rabbits due lack of proper knowledge by the staff on rabbits housing and maintenance.

In the last week of June 2019, some of our staff in Mukono campus and who are directly handling the rabbits project were trained on rabbits housing, feeding, hygiene, water system supply in the houses, breeding among other practical lessons.

Therefore, the making of proper housing structures is ongoing for the safe and conducive rabbits environment to keep about 200 rabbits.



5. Mukono Campus

Looking at establishing a more and fresh habitable place for our volunteer teams and tourists coming to Uganda, we have made and installed self-contained camping tents. The tents give you services of a self-contained house with toilets and showers installed inside the tent where you can have a warm shower as well. The six tents that have been installed and can accommodate a total of about 12 people.



With the container fabrication, below is the artistic impression of the expected result of the work by the end of July 2019. The container fabrication going on, more space will be created with two bedrooms, office, boardroom and store.



Finance

四月- 六月 Apr. - Jun.	收入 Income	支出 Expenditure
Balance from LB Last quarter 上個月餘額	\$28, 363	
Funds from Taiwan 台灣匯款	\$130, 884	
Total Income	\$159, 247	
各項花費 Projects Expenditure		
Love Binti 愛女孩		-\$33, 937
Living Water 活水+Step30 舊鞋+Village Transformation 偏鄉翻轉		-\$78, 269
Organic Farming 養兔農耕		-\$4, 531
Container Project 興學計畫		-\$10, 421
Total Expanses 總花費		-\$127, 158
Balance 餘額		\$32, 089

Challenges

1. More clothes were in the container compared to the shoes whose plan was already available. The beneficiaries had been promised shoes and they were waiting to receive shoes instead of clothes. This affected the flow of the container dispatch.
2. The general delay by the contractor in installation of the Muvo borehole and the frequent heavy rains have greatly affected the project time lines.
3. Lack of clear project plans and execution strategies before project execution greatly affects project time lines, standards and the quality of work and project performance.

Way forward

1. Involve more contractors in the water project to enhance competition and improve service delivery.
2. Involve the District NGO monitoring committee on our plans to work in the district
3. Get endorsement letters from local leaders of areas where LBI work/activities that benefit communities have been done
4. Non collaborative Partners should be terminated and we look for partners who can buy in to our vision.
5. Identify and open up new training centers to replace the non-collaborative partners.