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LVC NEWS LETTER

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‘Dear all, as we promised through brief regular updates to you about our work at Lake Victoria Children , we shall now be sending you every three months quarterly News letter as a way to share with you reports on our work in the community as we know you value our work so much that we are sure you would be interested to know what is happening,

LVC is now growing from strength to strength because of your unwavering support , we continue to expand our work and reach more remote families and children so desperate in need and continue to change more lives ‘.Our special thanks go to Ecole school community in Canada, Smiles to Tanzania UK, Kids Aid Tanzania UK, Cathy and Elizabeth in Canada for massively supporting our work so much that we have now become the strongest and most effective community Organization on the Island.

Alex Magaga

Executive Committee Chairman LVC

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Through our child protection program we continue to support children and families in our community and also empower them to prevent and respond to exploitation, neglect, abuse and other forms of violence affecting children, especially the most vulnerable. This is done through our sustainable projects (i) *Back to school Campaign* (ii) *Health Action* and *Family legal support*

1. EDUCATION

(Back to school campaign project)



‘For us to help disadvantaged children get chance for an education is our top priority’ (LVC team)

Education to children continue to be our top priority through our *Back to school campaign project* t we have between

June/September this year 2014 reached **152 families** in 20 villages on the Island and were able to support **84 children** with Exercise books, school Uniforms and Nutritious food to children facing malnutrition , our village ambassadors who are based in the villages do a fantastic work to identify the children in most need at the time and how they should be helped.

This round of support has helped **15 children** who had completely dropped out of school to start attending lessons again they were forced to drop out due to not having proper school uniforms , exercise books to write on, in addition another **72 children** who received exercise books and pens have improved their school attendance , lack of school materials lead to children dropping out or missing school for fear of punishment from teachers for not writing and being teased and picked on by their classmates for not wearing proper school uniforms

Anastasia



Anastasia (9) lives with her mum in a broken house which is flooded when it rains , she loves school but stopped when her old school uniforms had holes everywhere , with LVC support she is now attending lessons again and she is very happy

‘ Am so happy to finally be able to attend school again ’

Deograthias Mkala



Deograthias (7) lives with his old grandmother in Kakerege village on the Island , both his parents died of HIV, he is in the first year of Primary school but does not attend regularly as his classmates make fun of what he wears as he didn't have school uniforms, He now has received LVC support uniforms and shoes and he is very excited going to school and

showing off his new school uniform, Deograthias often go to bed hungry as his very old grandmother can not work which makes life for them a daily struggle,

‘Am very excited cant wait to show off my new uniforms at school tomorrow;

Benado and Joseph



Benado (11) and Joseph(9) live in Buhima village they are wearing new uniforms given by LVC , standing with their brothers in front of their small hut where they all sleep their brother completely dropped out of school and have no hope of going back as they are now getting too old for Primary school, they live on their own after their parents separated and abandoned them they feed themselves by laboring which has

affected their schooling as they often miss school and had no school uniforms and exercise books,

‘We are so happy now we have proper school uniforms we cant wait to go back to school, we missed school and friends ‘

2. HEALTH

(Health Action Project)

We believe that Health of an individual is built at childhood, many vulnerable children on the Island are at a very high risk of suffering malnutrition, through our projects in the community we have discovered that vulnerable children often go to bed hungry and have absolutely no chance to access nutritious food let alone having any enough food to eat ,

Besides providing education to vulnerable children families on the importance of good nutrition to children we have between June/September distributed 60 packs of Highly Nutritious flour to disadvantaged children in rural and remote areas on the Island, these reached 20 children in 5 different villages suffering or in danger from malnutrition



As part of our Child Protection program, Health Action project has turned around many children's lives, Fighting malnutrition on Ukerewe ISLAND remains one of our key goals (LVC team)

Aneth (Muhula)



Aneth lives in a remote village on the Island with her grandmother, her parents died of HIV, she has not been attending school for a year as she is ill and doesn't have enough energy in her body to manage school and she can barely walk. She is now attending Clinics at the Local Health centre where the Doctor recommended she gets enough nutritious food to eat, LVC team through the village ambassador are helping her with Nutritious food to improve her health as the family doesn't have enough to eat.

(Aneth loves school very much, not being able to attend school has affected her so much that she is now a very unhappy child---Grand mom)

Nezia



Nezia (5) is the small girl standing in front in this photos, she lives with her mum (right) and little sister Grace (1) , Nezia ,Grace and their mom are all HIV positive , Nezia and her liitle sister were infected the illness by their mom at birth, life is difficult for this family as mum frequently falls sick, the children have no access to nutritious food which is affecting their growth,

(In the photos (left) are two LVC staff giving the family packs of nutritious food for the children to improve their health)

3.CHILDREN’S RIGHTS

(Family legal support)

One other aspect of our Child Protection Program is ensuring children’s rights in the community are respected and valued . we protect Children from all forms of abuse, exploitation and violence ,We implement this aspect through our sustainable projects called **Family Legal support (FLS)** which involves providing basic legal advise to vulnerable children

and families . Between June/Sept.2014 the project has reached and helped **15 children**

Florida



Florida (3) was living in Muriti village on the Island with her Very violent Grandmother (Her father's mother) until one day when she burnt Florida's arms in fire flames accusing her of stealing fish from cooking pot, when we learnt about the incident through our village ambassador in the area we helped get Florida to Hospital where she got treated , one of our staff Benjamin Mtebe donated blood to save Florida's life who was badly injured and also had other health issues, On the other hand we reported the matter to the Police and then court , sadly the case was dropped in the last minute on grounds that there were no sufficient evidence to convict the accused which was a serious disappointment to our team, the best news is that Florida is now recovering well and now living with her other Grandmother (Her Mother's mother) who is a good person, Florida was almost abandoned by her parents who separated and live in

fishing sites on the Island, LVC continues to monitor Florida's progress and well being.

Hemed



Hemed 10 lives with his dad in the outskirts of Nansio, Hemed constantly suffers abuse in the hands of his violent father, If he missed Madrasa (Islamic classes) he gets beaten and tied to a tree the whole day, when we learnt about the incident we visited the family and talked to the father about domestic violence and how it affects children, we explained how punishment was not a workable solution to getting a child to listen, we also reported the matter to the local leaders in the area who warned Hemed's father of legal consequence if he continued with his behavior . One months later Hemed is now

living happily with his dad and has never experienced any further violence. We however continue to keep an eye on him,

4. LVC CHILDREN CENTRE



LVC children with their teacher and LVC Theopister

At LVC centre we continue to support children living in the neighborhood , the number of children now stands at 45, we offer Breakfast that is highly nutritious for good health of the children, as well as offering them uniforms and exercise books , the centre continues to be very beneficial to children within the area and the community as whole.

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