



# CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMANITARIAN AIDS AND LIVELIHOOD  
SUPPORT TOWARDS COMMUNITY REHABILITATION

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**BARLONYO AND ABERIDWOGO VILLAGES  
(ERUTE NORTH-LIRA DISTRICT)**

**2011 - 2012**

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**Annual Report**

Humanitarian Aids and Livelihood Support To Barlonyo Community, 2011-2012

## **Objectives:**

- a) To provide humanitarian aids support from Crossroads to Ogur Health Centre IV, Barlonyo community school and people disadvantaged by the Barlonyo massacre.
- b) To facilitate initiation of village rotational credit and savings scheme by formation of 12 self help group support of widows and orphans to strengthen income earning, saving culture and business enterprising development at family level.
- c) To support 12 self help groups with 480 KTB hives as starter capital investment for food and traditional medicine as source for alternative energy and income generation.
- d) To provide moral, social and spiritual support through preaching of the gospel to the community of Agweng, Barlonyo and Orit villages.
- e) To provide education and sponsorship support to 300 orphans and vulnerable children in Agweng, Barlonyo and Orit villages through go back to school and retention program.

## **Program Activities:**

1. Humanitarian Aids support received from Hong Kong.
  - a) Relief aids provided to Ogur Health Centre IV.
  - b) School supplies given to Barlonyo community school.
  - c) Communities of Barlonyo and Orit villages given household materials goods.
2. Moral, social and spiritual support provided to the vulnerable communities affected by LRA war with funding from PEPFAR small grants from American Embassy Kampala.
  - a) Women village rotational credit and savings scheme was established.
  - b) Ten self help groups for vulnerable women and war widows formed
  - c) 480 KTB hives given to 120 self help group members.
  - c) 120 self help group members trained in bee keeping, book keeping, community dynamics, leadership and management of self help groups, business enterprise and marketing skills.
3. Education and sponsorship support with funding from Missions with Africa, Inc USA.
  - a) 300 orphans and vulnerable children were supported and retained in 8 different schools in Lango Sub region.
  - b) Scholastics materials provided to 300 orphans and vulnerable children in form of uniforms, books, pens, fees and sanitary wears for grown up girls

## **1. HUMANITARIAN AIDS SUPPORT**

The community of Barlonyo was provided school, household and medical supplies with donation support from Crossroads Foundation Hong Kong.



*Container of assorted relief aids donated by Crossroads Foundation, Hong Kong.*



*Offloading relief aids from container by casual loaders*



*Off loaders taking out donated goods from container, Lawnsome standing next to door*



*Off loaders removing the school supplies from container*



*Nurse at Ogur Health Centre IV spreading donated beds from Crossroads Lawnsome looks on.*



*Patient standing ready to take on donated beds, Lawnsome takes memory photo. Rays of hope spreads on her face and joy fills her heart as she takes on new bed from an old one.*



*Old lady aged 71 admitted with fractured legs at Ogur Health Centre IV. She was sleeping on old hospital beds at the time hospital beds were delivered.*



*71 year old lady given sleeping mattress presented by Lawnsome to hospital administrator standing in front of her bed. She feels happy and testifies that this replaces the beddings she lost to the rebels two years ago.*

## **2. EDUCATION AND SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT**

With funding from Missions with Africa, Inc USA 300 orphans and vulnerable children supported in school over the two years under go back to school and retention program.



*Lawnsome praying for orphans and vulnerable on school visitation day*



*Lawnsome commending the best performing child to the audience.*

### **3. SOCIAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT**

With facilitation grant from PEPFAR small grants American Embassy Kampala 120 Self Help Group for widows and orphans was formed and provided capacity building training on groups dynamics, leadership skills, business management, networking and marketing skills.



*Self help group formed for bee keeping project and rotational savings and credit scheme.*



*480 KTB hives procured to supply to 120 self help group members of Agweng, Barlonyo and Orit villages, Lawnsome, PEPFAR small grant representative and Ferdinand.*



*Self help group members attending training in bee keeping and income generation.*





*Bee hives hanged on bee farm for widows, orphans and vulnerable children and their care givers.*



*Lawnsome poses for photo at the Bee farm.*



*Lawnsome took photo inside Bee farm.*

#### **Achievements:**

The project implementation contributed in the creation of capital assets for its beneficiaries in the following category of:-

- a) Natural capital - stock of bee colony, a place to keep them (modern bee hives), bio-diversification of environmental resources from community based forest favoring agro business enterprising in the project community;

- b) Human capital - acquiring knowledge and skills of organic farming with bee keeping and fruit trees planting for sustainable household income generation and marketing expertise to ensure sustainability;
- c) Physical capital - self help group provided human capital through group synergy for food production and home based marketing, KBT hives to source for honey harvesting, crops of honey, beeswax and other products, market opportunity for honey to village and urban traders, community based forest to improve on environment, soil conservation and better crop production with ensured soil moisture content within the project area;
- d) Social capital - community moral and spiritual transformation, available labour from families, friends and networks, membership of groups and access to a wider society and market information;
- e) Financial capital - assured cash earning from group savings, sales of farm produce, bee products, having regular savings and opportunity to access credits or grants from other sources to scale up bee keeping, organic farming and tree planting projects by the community.
- f) Moral, social and spiritual rehabilitation - hope was restored into the community that suffered heartache and social deprivation from the LRA insurgency for nearly 21 years.
- g) Households and school supplies provided - the community of Barlonyo were given humanitarian aids support from donations from Crossroads Foundation, Hong Kong.

### **Challenges:**

The majority of our beneficiaries are people living with HIV/AIDS who require home based care support with referral directives to access further management at fully established health units from other places. The orphans are youth who dropped out of school and they are heads of families that would need vocational guidance to choose right career path that would empower as well enrich them with rewarding income opportunities to provide sustainable support to their families.

The funding support provided was very limited to accommodate many vulnerable community groups with genuine needs for assistance and the majority funding was a one time support only.

The official documents reached late which caused the delay in accessing of tax clearance from the government line ministries. This brought about incurrence of additional cost on the storage and handling sur charges against keeping the container in Mombasa Port for seven days by the Port Authorities. Again in Uganda we went through the same experience of meeting other costs against handling and ware housing surcharges on the consignment in Kampala for four months.

There was communication gap between the times of container departure from Hong Kong to Mombasa, especially the delivery of shipping documents sent through DHL which was received two and half weeks after the container had docked at Mombasa Port.

### **Remarkable Benefits:**

The project registered the following benefits:-

- a) Women and girls within the project area were greatly inspired about how to invest their time and energy in meaningful and gainful activities regardless of their prevailing conditions and situation.
- b) Provided the opportunity for productive and less labour intensive economic activity for women and girls who are often times marginalized or underserved by the traditional cultural ethnic groups and other actors.
- c) Enabled women and youth especially girls involved in income generation as preparatory effort to family or community leadership and inheritance management when they lose paternal parents.
- d) The communities of Barlonyo experienced trauma healing and hope as the result of humanitarian aids supplies donated by Crossroads Foundation.
- e) The community school supplies were given to aid education support of one primary school in Barlonyo.
- f) Ogur Health Centre IV received donated medical equipment and supplies.

### **Conclusion and Recommendations:**

The activities were successfully implemented because of the level of commitment and participation of the local community.

Due to limited funding not all community members were able to access the support, which therefore calls for more support to expand the project coverage to reach many community groups.

The project envisages establishing community book café in the near future to provide learning opportunities to children and adults to improve level of their literacy and numeracy with access to computer and internet technology.

The community desperately needs safe water for domestic use and irrigation to support farming activities to generate enough food and more income.

The alarming needs for foster care and education support by orphans, calls for more support from the government, charity organizations and international donor communities who feel led to share their financial resources to ensure these young generations have a future.

The organization is planning to establish children village to cater for Kindergarten (Nursery and Primary) and Vocational Skills Development Training Centre in the near future to help put many vulnerable children back at school.

The organization looks forward to expand their humanitarian aids support services into South Sudan and Eastern DRC in the near future as resources will allow.



*Widows and care givers moving to Bee site.*



*Beneficiaries preparing Bee farm.*



*Trainees wearing honey harvesting gears.*



*Bee farm Executive members.*