



Ingwavuma Orphan Care

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1.1 Changes in the last quarter.

- The capturing of data through data collection sheets has started for paralegals, social security, school support, outreach and family support teams from Mzinyeni area. Capturing of activities is also starting as data base is already set.
- Thembi has started with new schools for the schools support programme.
- Umndeni project is setting up place for children that have no place to stay. Mr. Neil Coetzee had come up with the idea. He has been working as a manager with local Spar Supermarket. This will operate on the basis the children will enjoy a home like environment staying in a unit that is separate from others. This is after we placed a child with Lilly of the Valley home in Cato Ridge.
- Woodwork project building is finishing and awaiting electricity.
- A nurse (Onica Sepuru) has joined the organization from Pretoria.
- Four additional vehicles have been acquired; 3 through lease agreement and one that is bought.
- Mr. Elias Mpontshane has been appointed as a Youth pastor to assist households that are working with family support team members with provision of spiritual support and counseling. He will also meet with team members themselves to give spiritual support.
- A meeting was held with Mr Ngcobo form Umhlathuze water and has given information with faulty boreholes in the area and cost implications.
- We are paying schools fees for Londiwe Mngomezulu (final year social work student at the University of Zululand). She lost her mom and is staying with another family. She was with the project as a clerk before she went to study.
- Managed to get work permit for the social worker.

1.2 Challenges

Home Based Care :

- We have faced challenges in our relationship with the hospital. They cut off our supply of drugs with no warning or communication- our nurse was just apprehended at the hospital gate and told she may not remove drugs from the premises. We have not received any gloves, nappies or home based care kits from the hospital for at least 6 months. Dr Dean is trying to get the hospital to agree to an MOU so that it is clear how we can work together.
- Patients are struggling without food. Their disability grant only lasts for 6 months and then is stopped. When the disability grant starts, all the child support grants for that family are stopped and then at the end of the 6 months, they suddenly have no income at all. The hospital is not supplying food to patients unless they come themselves to the hospital every month for assessment and collect the parcel, which is very heavy. The hospital only supplies for 6 months maximum.

School Support :

- Children have no documents; some carers applied for kid's documents using their identity documents.
- Most children have no uniform.
- No food at home.
- Kid's dropout from school to look after siblings and their sick parents.
- Kid's dropout from school to look for jobs.
- Teenager pregnant.
- Child abuse {sexual abuse} by the school mates.

Social Security:

- Inaccessibility to clients due to lack of proper channels of communication.
- Majority of clients do not have any documents especially death certificates because deceased were buried somewhere else usually in the neighboring countries.
- Food security not sufficient to sustain households.
- Assisting children that are abandoned and needing alternative accommodation.
- Clients not meeting criteria to qualify for grants.

2. Progress

School Support :

- 30 children were taken to a camp (Nyala lodge in Mkuze for three days) in which activities such as: games and life skills.
- 100 more kids have been identified in five more schools.
- Awareness campaign has been conducted in one school that included depts... Police, Welfare, woman's Centre, Education.
- 16 school visits.
- Additional 40 home visits to house holds.
- 30 referrals to Paralegals and social worker.

Paralegal and Social Security:

- 88 OVC families
- 96% OVC visited and assisted
- 41 families accessed Foster Care Grants
- 76 children placed in foster care
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- 40 Birth Certificates
- 1 child placed in a place of safety
- 26 launched cases
- 36 children waiting Grants
- 2 Child neglect cases

Outreach program

- Family Support Team members have been given training on data quality, childrens rights, basic hygiene and psychosocial issues.
- 60 monthly were distributed including emergency food parcels. Sponsored families have been able to get other basic household needs like, pots toys, shoes etc. 8 households have benefited from such.
- 100 households have been given 90 litres Hippo Water Rollers for water which assist them to fetch water.

- Five houses from the building project have been finished and 15 renovations have been done.

Home Based Care:

- We are delighted that we have at last recruited another nurse, thanks to the Placement Project. This means that sick patients get to see nurses more often.
- We have set up our own dispensary and buy a supply of drugs from a pharmaceutical supplier. This involves a lot more admin and time to dispense the drugs, but it means that the medicines that we have are more suitable for palliative care. Our patients have expressed appreciation at the change.
- Our data quality officer has proved invaluable already in the audits she is doing. We are seeing an improvement in the way our caregivers are working. They are filling in their patient records more completely and visiting sicker patients more often.
- Our 20 stipended volunteers had 3 weeks of training at our training centre; 2 weeks of HIV counseling and one week on ARV adherence.

HBC Statistics

Indicator	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007
Visits made	2490	2798	2020
Number of patients	942	1272	1062
Visits per patient	2.6	2.2	1.9
% HIV+ or suspected	96 %	88 %	89 %
% bed-bound	10 %	11 %	10 %
% on ARVs	58 %	56 %	57 %
% with TB	14 %	16 %	17 %

2.2 What helped the Project to make good progress?

1. Commitment from local church leadership and has significantly assisted the project achieve its goal of setting support teams.
2. A doctor and a nurse from abroad assisted with visits for home based care.
3. Willingness by local government to assist with water problem.
4. Getting new vehicles.
5. Our data quality officer is greatly assisting with quality improvement.
6. Our new financial system is empowering more people as budget holders who manage the funds for their own projects.

2.3 Problems holding the Project back from achieving the results

- OVC not up to date with the filling of data sheets for capturing.
- Waiting for district municipality and Umhlathuzi water to finalise boreholes fixing.
- Department of Health not providing gloves, nappies and care kits and generally being unhelpful and hostile.

Planned activities not fully completed in this report

- Fixing of boreholes in the communities.
- Capturing of OVC data sheets in not up to date yet.

3 Project Beneficiaries

- 160 school children from eight schools and 40 from other two schools that run food gardens have benefited in terms of generating income and food security.
- 5 households have had houses built.
- 6 families have had their homes repaired- fitting roofs, windows and doors, plastering walls.
- 95 families with about 200 children receiving monthly support
- 1100 home based care clients receiving home care
- 100 HIV positive people attending support groups
- 100 families visited by Family Support Teams

these are accumulative figures for the year

4 Overall assessment of the project

- The project is growing in terms of staffing and skills that come along.
- The community and other stakeholders are growing to acknowledged that we are making a significant interventions hence they strongly feel that we need to join hands in provides these services.
- The Home Based Care project is becoming more transparent and accountable in its work.

5 Priorities for the next quarter

- Building satellite offices in Gwaliweni and so that our services are brought closer to the communities we serve.
- Employing the orphan coordinator for Gwaliweni and set up more family support teams.
- Recruiting more nurses, equipping an ambulance and buying more medical equipment so that we provide a better quality service to our patients.
- Sending home based caregivers to train as professional nurses who will come back and work for us in the future.
- A scholarship fund for orphans who want to go on to study beyond matric.
- Running workshops with 60 local pastors to assist in mobilizing the churches to support widows and orphans.
- Recruiting 4 new community representatives to the management committee.