

## KWAWAZEE: QUARTERLY REPORT JULY - SEPT 2020.

### 1. Pension Fund

116 non self-collectors have been visited to control their funds delivered by their relatives/older people. The older people who had been receiving child benefits and their grandchildren were found grown up we have cancelled the benefits. The older visited were found using their pension to investment in agriculture, keeping animals and other family expenses. “Yustina purchased a pig at a rate of 20,000 and after three months she sold it at 70,000 which she used it to repair her house”.

### 2. Universal Pension Pilot (UPP)

#### 2.1.1 Admission

2 elderly people were registered into the program and make a total of 195 pensioners in both villages of Ikondo and Nsisha.

#### 2.1.2 Dissemination of Baseline II results

We disseminated the baseline II results to 49 leaders of OPC and 40 community leaders from 20 wards with the purpose of letting them understanding what Universal pension is and for OPC to strengthening them to have supporting evidences when doing robbing and advocating for the universal pension. During the sessions we also involved the social welfares officers from the district and regional officer as the key officers responsible with the older people.



**Member of Village Pension Committee who is also a pensioner sharing the impact of UPP to the participants**



**The regional social welfare officer responding on some issues raised by OP during the session.**

### 3. Around PSS - Light

Recently the groups of PSS have become more an asset and health security for the older people. The income securities for the older people have increased due to the paramount support from the groups. The members have increased their income through making small income generating activities and the revolving funds which help the older people in groups to attain the basic needs and fulfill their obligation. The revolving funds have helped to pay the school fees, repair their house, purchase goats, chicken, meet the house requirement like blankets, utensils, bed-sheets, and pay for the day labor. This is done with the additional monthly pensions.

The saving in the groups have been used to support the older people who gets sick and having specific needs which is basically forcing the older person to sold the asset to attain them. "My grandson passed the standard seven examinations last year and was selected to join secondary school this year in Karagwe. Because revolving fund the group, I used them to purchase goats which have already reproduced to 6 goats. I sold four goats to purchase the school requirement which cost 100 USD. If it would be the group of older people I wouldn't manage to send my grandson to school".

### **PSS - Monitoring**

92 groups were visited in monthly basis; every group has its activities which promote the members capability to livelihood, participate in community activities, savings, revolving funds, Agriculture, Goats keeping, Trading, sharing life experience, and health support.

The groups have accumulated funds to 9,310,400/=Tsh equivalent to 4013.1USD and they withdraw Tzs 2,702,000/= equal to 1164.66USD where they have the balance of 6,608,400/= equal to 2848.45USD, this show the status on the area of support of the groups and the development of the saving of the older people. In some cases the older people have started person savings which gave them an opportunity to save for the emergence issue.

We have trained older people in vegetable production, leadership, animal keeping in each cluster, hygiene especially toilets building and support older people with manure at loans basis.

The groups have processed their cultivated product so that to increase the profits: "groups in Ngenge have produced nutritious maize where they sold them and attain 90,000/ and some shared in the group for production, Nsisha groups; processed the sweet potatoes and maize to make nutritious flour where they sold them at 219,000/="

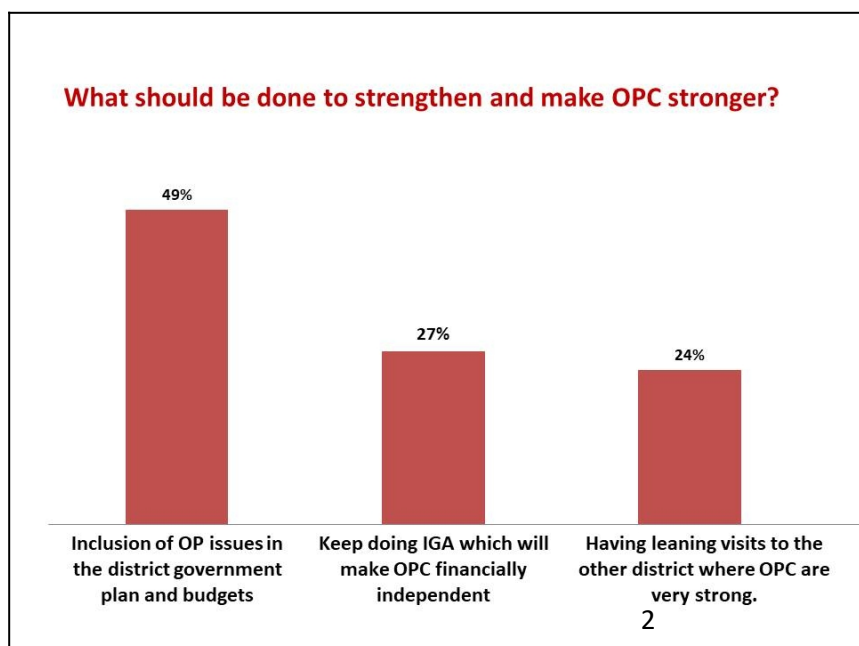
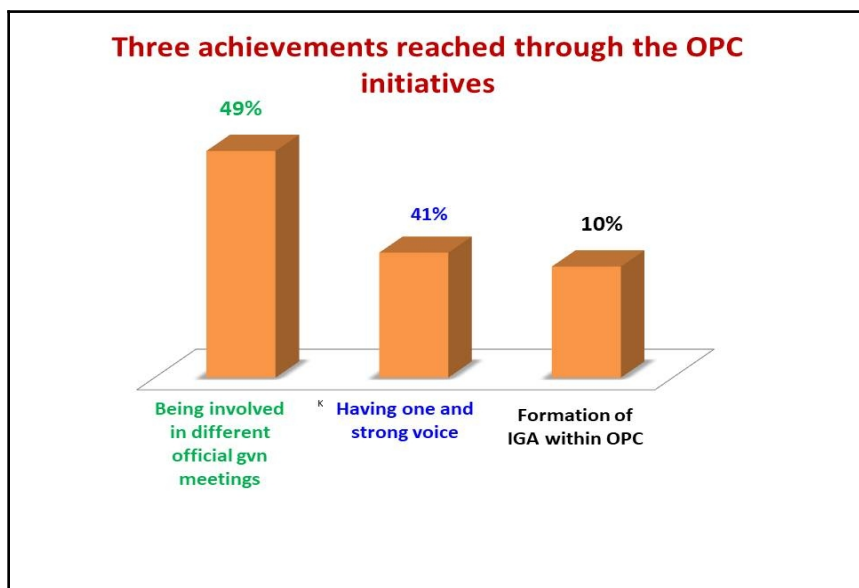
All the groups have sold crops they kept in this season of plantation. They also plant for the group's production.

**One of the groups getting technical and practical instructions from Extension Officer**



## 4. Advocacy Work

We have conducted an assessment on key areas of advocacy work which involved 50 leaders of OPC from 25 out of 43 wards of Muleba district by reflecting the following issues: -



Other areas reflected during the assessment were about the **threat** on OPC movement: were 48% of the participants mentioned **lacking of ageing act** as one of the biggest threat of their movement, 41% mentioned the issues **of lacking political will on the implementation of universal pension** and 11% lacking the representative in the high level of government decision meetings.

Another cycle reflected were about the main issues to keep in their advocacy agenda were they mentioned Universal Pension 61%, Free and quality health services 23%, Involvement in different levels of decision meeting 7% and 9% were for other issues.

In the response of the Kwa Wazee organization; most of the issues raised by the participants will be considered in our next year plan in a way of keep empowering the OPC movement.

#### **Other activities implemented**



**We trained 122 leaders of OPC on IGA and support them with seedlings which will enhance them to sustain their advocacy work**



**We facilitated the formation of OPC at the regional level which involved OP from 8 district of Kagera Region. Regional OPC will help to push advocacy movement at the regional level**





**Members of one of the group under OPC dealing with IGA with the main objective of using their generated income to support each other in case of emergence and use part of it to run their advocacy activities**

## **6. Health Program**

### **6.1. Eye Treatment**

11 elderly who were operated in May went back to the hospital for the checkup. They were given droplets and tablets with vitamin which could increase their eyesight.

During the checkup of the older people the eye care workers advised them to use vegetables and fruits which can help to increase vitamins which affect the eyesight like carrot, oranges and mangoes. Older people asked questions concerning the eye problems which were addressed by the doctor.

### **Health meeting and Training**

Health program were introduced in 370 older people from Burungula, Nsisha, Nshamba, and Biirabo. The aim is to educate the older people on the issue of ageing and disability and how to overcome challenges that accompanied with ageing. There are some behaviors that contribute to increase of no- communicable disease that we discussed to be changed.

The participants highlighted some common problems to them are joint pains, eyesight problem, getting weak/frail, loosing memory, urethral structure, blood pressure, heart attack and diabetes. The procedures to reduce the possibility of getting attacked by the disease were discussed during the meeting such that taking diet, importance of drinking water, eyesight knowledge and health exercise.

The health training and body exercises have created an opportunity for the older people to be together and learn, they meet every weak at a meeting point and do funny bodies exercise. They discuss also on the ways on how to support each other when a member gets sick. The topic on supporting the person who is suffering from diabetes was key topic that was discussed and has tried different ideas to help some members.

## **7. Self-Protection**

16 clusters were visited to review the training and follow up on the situation of the violence in the village. The participants clearly have identified that the training on the self-defense and self-protection has helped them to reduce violence and increase their confidence as they report the cases of violence and get supported by the community leaders. Two members explained their gratitude that they had land conflict with their neighbor which was reported to the village leaders who supported to resolve them.

To exhaust all violence in the community still challenging the older people, two cases are still in the land resolution council while one older people reported that her phone was stolen when she was asleep.

We have introduced the self-protection in 5 wards where the older people councils is already stabilized. 1230 older people attended the meeting. We selected the 196 TOT two from each sub-village, and have trained them once on the techniques and provided them with some tools.

During the meetings older people mentioned the following challenges being common in the villages; accusation of witchcraft, sexual violence where the older women reported that they fear from 5:00 evening; and grabbing- this happen after the death of the husband, and theft of their property.

Due to the geographical challenge we decided to form small groups in Karambi wards where 20 groups were formed and trained 64 elderly who will become group trainers. the participants commented that the training will help them to become more confidence and their self-esteem. The technique, tools generated for protection, and self-protection make them feel capable to react against violence.

**The participants proposed that it could be much better to extend the training to all older people in the whole District.**



**self-protection training**

## **8. Child Protection – Tatu Tano**

TatuTano has organized in 409 groups in 16 wards with 2220 members, among them 1386 being female and 834 being male. The members learn from each other on the issue related to livelihood with savings, get support on education, training on PiaD and Self Defense and form the protection net in community.

**Income generating activities**

All groups deal with income generating activities such small trading, keeping goats, vegetable production, keeping chicken, crops cultivation, and bee keeping. These activities make children to learn on the basic skills which will help them to self-employed in the future.

We have 322 groups who got loan goats in kind among them 27 groups paid back the goats which were distribute to 27 groups of 72 groups requesting for loans of goats and have constructed the shed.

We also support the immunization for 243 chicken kept by the groups of TatuTano.

301 groups deal with sustainable agriculture; in Jan-March all groups brought their produced crops at the office store where they sold their products at a price of 2000 where in September the price increased to 2500/= where they got an interest which should be distributed according to the stock of each group. 580 kg were purchased from the stock by the organization to support groups dealing with beans production.

### **Education support**

We have produced 384 story books which were distribute to learning groups and trained the facilitators on basic mathematics by reviewing together some mathematic question which was hard to solve. The self-learning has helped to improve the participant's literacy and in turn increased academic performance at school.

From July 2020 we have supported 46 youth with fees to attain technical education such as vocational training, teachers training college, and advanced level.

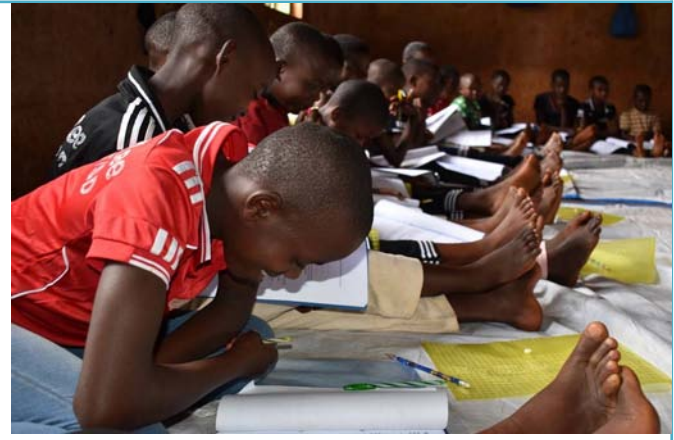
**PAMOJA** – The CORONA virus affected the implementation of the program and therefore this period we conducted meetings with facilitators for planning and reviewing some topics that should be discussed in the villages where PAMOJA program is implemented. We have drafted letters which will be distributed to the PAMOJA members.

**I feel it:** the facilitators have conducted meetings with 327 young children where they discussed on self-esteem, my body my voice and bullying. This helps the children to learn a good behavior which makes them to fit in the community.

**PiaD:** We have conducted monitoring meetings with PIAD facilitators from TatuTano to share the development of the groups. Few members have moved to other places though some joined the groups to learn from their colleagues who were trained. We would like to visit all groups to strengthen their capacity and knowledge on Peace is a Decision topics. 47 groups exist though the member stopped meeting because of the COVID-19.

### **Girls Empowerment:**

42 groups of girls with 1569 members were monitored to review the sessions and discuss about violence that the girls have worked on them. During the discussion one explained the incidence of sexual harassment that happen to her and because of the self-defense knowledge she managed to rescue herself. "I was encouraged by a friend to go to Bukoba and promised me a job. I was sexually harassed; I used the self-defense techniques to defend myself. The skills I used were talking with voice, body techniques, asking help to people and leaving the house back home".



### Girls Empowerment Sessions

We continued assisting assistant trainers of the self-defense techniques facilitation skills and empowering them through monthly meetings. 91 attended the sessions. 65% were new trainers who need more facilitation skills so that they could support other girls in groups. The session also included 15 trainers and 9 aggressors.

We conducted training for 6 days and the training was basically concerned with life skills so that we could do distancing among the participants and follows the medical advice. Later we will facilitate the techniques to them after being sure that no possibility to transmit the corona virus and the government allowed the gathering meetings. The participants shared the experience based on the sexual violence as follow 10 coerced sex, 27 attempt to rape, 14 forced to sex, 125 sexually harassment by touching their body part without their consent, provoking to them, and painful sign.

The consent meeting with parents will be including the village leaders, religious leaders, and influential people so that to extend support from them. It was identified that they are supportive especially it become the time of making resolution of the cases that affects girls. During the previous training a ward education officer attended with the intension of learning of what we are doing with girls and she advised to include some of the local leaders.

### VBC: Vijana Bicycle Center

We have received a container with 452 bicycles in August and we managed to conduct marketing through riding bicycle 20Km which helped to sale 264 bicycles.

We supported the students with bicycle maintenances and during maintainance, we did an assessment which helped to understand the impacts of the Bike to school programs that it increased attendance at school, reduced absenteeism at school, managing time and self-learning, supporting parents after school, and for the girls no harassment from men.



Education: The student learning mechanics continue getting mechanical packages on Basic mathematics, geometry, measurement, and wheel, technical rowing, Bearing and Metals in the manufacturing bicycle.

## 9. Fact and Figures

S/N	AREA	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES								
		JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
		GRANNIES (pensioners)		CHILDREN	GRANNIES (pensioners)		CHILDREN	GRANIES (PENSIONERS)		
		F	M		F	M		F	M	Children
1	Nshamba	290	38	94	291	38	89	289	38	36
2	Ngeenge	193	89	105	190	90	90	189	90	60
3	Mubunda	129	37	49	128	37	48	126	37	18
4	Kishanda	66	7	19	66	6	11	65	6	11
5	Buganguzi	65	10	16	67	10	16	67	10	8
	TOTAL	743	181	283	742	81	254	736	181	133
	G. TOTAL	924		283	923		254	917		133

TOTAL PENSIONS PAID			
AREA	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
Nshamba	5,351,000	5,326,500	5,283,000
Ngeenge	4,815,000	4,604,500	4,404,000
Mubunda	2,702,000	2,680,500	2,467,000
Kishanda	1,185,000	1,112,000	1,097,000
Buganguzi	1,181,500	1,211,000	1,163,500
TOTAL	15,234,500	14,934,500	14,414,500

### Universal Pension Pilot (UPP)

S/N	AREA/ VILLAGES	NO. OF PENSIONERS						TOTAL PENSIONS PAID		
		JULY		AUGUST		SEPT		JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
		M	F	M	F	M	F			
1.	Ikondo	35	63	35	63	35	63	1,470,000	1470000	2940000
2.	Nsisha	32	63	32	64	32	65	1,410,000	1440000	2910000
	TOTAL	67	126	67	127	67	128			
	G. TOTAL	193		194		195		2880000	2910000	5850000

### Groups saving

NO.	Groups			
1.	PSS - light (groups and 3 PSS groups)	1,783,000	739,500	326,000
2.	Saving from the cards	824,000	915,000	916,000
3	Saving Ikondo & Nsisha	60,000	60,000	60,000