Ewoi Programme Report for the Period of January – June 2014

Introduction

The report highlights all the programme activities implemented in the period of January to June 2014. In the reporting period, the programme attended to the old and multiple handicapped children through the outlined activities below. The costs of the activities become more high because of the in higher prices of food, fuel and hospital costs outpatients as well as admissions.

The Elderly

The programme has an intake of about 130 clients within Lodwar town.
In this period 6 clients died, and 4 are on the waiting list.

After realizing that the old were neglected by their relatives, most of the time, when the money from Oxfam was over and also they missed assistance and attention from the staff and the programme as a whole, we had to assist them because they still depend on the programme. The home visitors and the social worker had to do home visits in their respective villages on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays so that Mondays and Thursday to do the day care for the multiple handicapped children in the office. This prevents the old ones from complaining that they are not visited or taken care of as before. We also organised soap days every two months. All the clients were invited to the office. They got some food or a drink on the spot and some dry food to take home. They got a piece of soap to keep hygiene and a health talk is given by one of the staff.

Multiple Handicapped children

The programme is still focusing more on the Multiple Handicapped Children, by doing day care activities in the office. The aim of the day care centre is to give a relieve to the parents of MHC and give them time to do other activities for their living, it is also to improve the health condition of the MHC since most of these children are neglected and don't get attention and good care.
This is done twice in every week Mondays and Thursdays from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. We have 10 children and every staff/caretaker is getting two children to take care according to the programme. The children are fed, cleaned, massaged, played with and get full attention from the caretakers. The children are collected from their homes as early as 7.30 in the morning and at the end of the day they are taken back home satisfied and happy. In the morning the parents have to prepare them well and hand over to the caretakers and also in the evening they are supposed to be at home to receive them. Every Friday of the week the home visitors/caretakers do the home visitation to the 10 children whom she was taking care. This is to inform the parents of the children on the progress of the children and also to teach them on the care. We also have meetings with the parents of the MHC once every two month, this is to encourage them and give hope, to share experience and teach them on care of the MHC. This is going on well since we have a very committed staff. Once the chief was invited and he spoke to the parents about the care of the handicapped children. He was impressed about the work Ewoi staff is doing.

Staff

- 7 staff members got contracts from January until December 2014.
- 1 staff member was working as a casual part-time care taker in the programme.
- 1 Staff member, who was doing a course in Community Development in Nairobi was appointed as a informal social worker for probation of 3 months from April to June 2014.
- One staff member was involved in doing the office work, i.e. took care of the store, and recorded all the incoming and outgoing items as food, clothes, mats, soap and other materials.

During this period:

- **205** people came for special reasons and general assistance
- **188** came for social problems
- **1130** clients came for food assistance. They were given maize/beans, flour, biscuits and
- **830** others as oil, vegetables, milk, soap, Unimix, salt and sometimes sugar and tea.

Home Visits

The home visitation is still a very important component in the programme. This is done by the home visitors who visit the old people and in case of a problem, they report to the office for an action to be taken. The clients appreciate the home visits very much since some of them get only the attention from the home visitor. The social worker guides the home visitors on how to do the home visits and in case of a complicated problem they go together to solve it with either the relatives or the community.

Total Home visits done during this period were:

Home visitors	**1,318**
Social worker	**150**

Medical Department

The home visitors and the social worker advised and taught the relatives of the old to take the old ones to the hospital or the nearby dispensary when they become sick. This became difficult for some relatives and hence the office had to intervene and take an action. The home visitors did the follow-up visits to know the progress of the clients. When there was a sick client who could not go to the hospital or the dispensary, a nurse was called to do a home-visit treatment to the sick granny at home.

Activities of the medical department in this period:

2	client got treatment in the office
10	referred to hospital
2	home visits by a nurse to clients who cannot walk to health facility

a) Mobile Clinic

During this period, no mobile clinics were done. This is because we have focused more on multiple handicapped children hence we have less time for the mobiles. Also we were still not satisfied because before, the people were not willing to cost share and didn't turn up in a good number.

b) Eycamp

This year the eye camp was held in March in Lodwar District hospital.
A total of 57 clients were screened in the office.
1 got treatment in the office.
14 were booked for an operation.
9 did not turn up.
1 was afraid of the operations hence refused to go for it.
4 clients got successful cataract operations
2 were booked for November 2014.
11 were booked for the year 2015.

Activities

- Day-care activities for the multiple handicapped children in the office Mondays and Thursdays.
- Provision of food to special cases and hungry clients.
- A total of 5 meetings were organised 3 meetings for the parents of the multiple handicapped children and 2 times staff meetings.
- The 4 Home visitors are visiting the old and multiple handicapped children in all the four villages regularly.
- 1 Staff member went for a motorbike course and got a driving licence.
- 1 Board meeting was done and another planned to be in July.
- 3 times Social worker and the home visitors meeting.
- The programme invited the chief from Napetet in one of the parents meeting.
- Regularly the programme kept in contact with; The Chancellor of the Diocese, Parish priests and Catechists, Chiefs, Social service, Hospital, Dispensaries, WFP, Merlin, Police, Justice and Peace, Children's officer and other public organisations

Planning

- Continue the current activities
- Keeping in contact with members of the SCC and the community around.
- Celebrating Christmas days for the old and multiple handicapped children.
- Celebrating elderly day in Losajait.
- Organising more staff and parents meetings.
- Organising an outing for the staff.
- Organising a workshop to upgrade the staff.
- Give more attention to the elderly.
- Focus more on the multiple handicapped Children's activities as well as giving attention to the elderly.

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