

February Progress Report 2023

Average number of children fed (in hundreds):

900

Average number of feeding days per week:

6 days a week. Feeding is going on very well.

Number of high school students:

77

Number of boarding school students:

8

Status of High School attendees:

All students are back in school for the last part of the year.

University students

Blessings, Precious and Leonard are doing well in School. Blessings has now started his 2nd year of college, we are very excited for his progress.

Status of soap business:

The beneficiaries are doing their business after giving them seed money. The idea is that when they have made some profits the initial seed money will be given to a new team of beneficiaries who will at this point be trained by our first beneficiaries. This is to ensure that there is responsibility and giving back to the project by imparting the knowledge they have gained to others. We also continue to distribute tablets of soap to the children and volunteers.

Status of chicken/egg business:

Some of the local chickens have started laying eggs. There was a problem with most of the chickens, we are very glad that we moved in quickly to engage a vet and ended up losing only a few chickens.

Kanyenyeva Wala:

The team continues to make kit components with the materials we have in stock. We had a major break down of our serge machine which stalled much of our work. This is our only overlock machine that makes all our liners. We have now managed to work on it.

We have already managed to supply 342 of the 570 supreme kits assigned to us and by the end of next week we will complete the remaining 114 kits. We are grateful for the good health and hard workmanship of our Kanyenyeva Wala team.



Status of the farm:

We have managed to plant 3096 trees at the farm, this is a huge success.

The first 5 hectares of beans has matured and we have started harvesting and shelling them. It is a lot of work being done manually but we are progressing well.

We have completed clearing all the weeds around the trees we planted and are growing well.

We also have learnt a new tip from the agriculture advisers concerning bananas that we need to apply some kind of fertilizer which will make them grow healthy and mature faster.

Other:

Sports equipment and gym

We received a request from Kawangwi primary school for a donation of some soccer balls. They sent us a letter indicating that the school is in need of balls. We plan to discuss this at the board but I am sure we may help by donating some of the soccer balls the teams brought to us last summer. This will be a very good outreach and an opportunity to work with the community.

The well

The Well project is complete, the pump and solar system put in place. To God be all the glory.

Women volunteers and the committee

The women and the committee still remain strong and continue to serve the children with passion. 5 women were gifted the iron roofs. Three are our long-time serving committee members, Esnati Kambuyake, Elise Musa, and Felecia Lingisoni Kaputa. The other 2 are the volunteers the Westwood visited when in Malawi Eneles and Malen. Lives are being transformed; lives are being touched. To God be all the glory.

The maize mill

Work on this will resume as soon as the builders are finished with the work they are doing at the local primary school.