



2009 ANNUAL SOSH REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

2009 has been one of the most wonderful and prosperous years of SOSH existence. A few projects were designed to be done in this year, some of which are Canteen construction, Water furrow construction, Fence construction, gardening, play grounds renovations, setting of volunteer house, SOSH mechanics trainee sponsorship (in conjunction with Chibobo HMP), and a number of administrative tasks that appeared in the previous consecutive monthly reports.

CANTEEN & LAUNDRY CONSTRUCTION

The canteen is now being finished. It was expected to be finished this December but scarcity of some materials such as pine timber has greatly hit the project. Nevertheless, Plumbing is in progress and paint is in the program of being bought on the immediate trip to Lusaka where other materials will be bought on cheaper prices. While all this is in progress, this is the current condition of the Laundry and children are simultaneously eating from canteen once a week because it is now a holiday.



Plumbing in progress.



Staff toilet being done



veranda at Laundry front done

CHILDREN'S WELFARE

Children are very happy that they belong to the orphanage and hence belong to one SOSH family. As a family, SOSH organized a Christmas party for its children. This day children prayed, ate, danced, played and relaxed.



A get together for the orphans on Christmas day.

PLAYGROUNDS

Nothing has yet been done on the play grounds in the month of December. However, it has been agreed that immediately children open schools on 11th January, 2010, the ground be set so that all required materials are put in place such as poles, lime and some paint. Now that it is rainy season, grass grows much faster and so there is a lot of slashing activities taking place so that the surrounding is clean.



Play grounds cleanliness maintained.



Slashing so necessary on place.

GARDENING

To do away with the tall grass some sweetpotato and maize gardening are being done in some places. The water furrow is not in progress at all. Nevertheless SOSH is requesting for the report from the project supervisors so that they explain about stoppage of project.



Gardening being done for easy cleaning towards the end of the rainy season.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION

Trees seedlings and hedge plants have been ordered and a date is to be set so that they are planted along the boundaries. Some fence wire quotations have so far been collected from the capital city to help decide how affordable it will be to fence the orphanage. In general it shows that out of the available funds, three fifth of the fence wire will be purchased and fixed.



Wire fence connections expected within January



grass being slashed to maintain clean surrounding

DISCUSSION

SOSH also communicates that this is now rainy season. As such, all plans of construction have been rescheduled to be started in dry season except the finishing of canteen and fence to avoid problems of ground water logging in foundations that brought some embarrassments last season.

CONCLUSION

Grateful SOSH is to extend thanks to supporters, donors and all well-wishers including ZOA in Rome St Georges, ZOA in Geneva (CDL), SOA, Aquinous College in Australia, Ustinov Foundation in Switzerland, Holly trinity church in Geneva. Surely the support given to SOSH is doing great things to the living of the children at the orphanage.

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