



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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Introduction

To all readers, welcome again to yet another update of SOCH operation activities. Since 2004, when SOCH got opened, it has not ceased its activities. Sponsors have been working very hard to make sure the orphanage is running and children orphans remain happy.

Amongst activities, SOCH continues accommodating, feeding, educating, counselling, clothing and providing all the necessary basic needs for achieving good health status of orphaned children. In addition to these SOCH has so far built five permanent building structures. Currently, the guest house is in progress of construction. All these are illustrated bellow.



SOCH Campus

Accommodation

As depicted bellow, SOCH accommodates 44 children in the dormitories. Equal numbers of gender balancing are maintained.



Feeding

All children feed from a canteen where cooks prepare food for them. A balanced diet menu is followed. Attached to the canteen is the laundry where clothes are washed and ironed when needed so.



Chicken, fish & canteen

Storage Room

The storage room was built to keep orphanage property safe. A lot of materials are kept in the big store room.



Chicken run

In order to supplement children's nutrition, SOCH rare chicken of which some are fed to orphans while some are sold to keep capital for project to continue.



Furrow & Garden

Although the garden has been dormant, there is hope that after the furrow is worked on as shown below, there will be vegetables all year round unless the water source dries up as it currently is.



Furrow being worked on while it is quiet dry.



The water source has dried and the bottom sand is exposed. After rains water will rise again.

Guest House & Self Sustainability

Looking at children's future concern, SOCH is now constructing a 10 roomed guest house that will help raise money and supplement sponsors in orphanage sustainability. The funds for the guest house construction are from well-wishers and donors who support through Serenje Orphans Appeals (SOA). This project is in progress and materials are on site while others are yet to be bought when SOCH officers travel to the bigger city to seek better prices. This happens because of the Zambia Kwacha fluctuation against strong currencies that lead to price rise of commodities.



The guest house capacity is 10 rooms with reception, canteen and conference room. It is expected to finish as soon as possible as long as resources allow.

Conclusion

In brevity, the illustrated activities are what SOCH is doing at present. There are more expected activities that will need attention in the future that will include SOCH orphans

college and training sponsorship, probable pen friendship, and job provision to orphans that graduate from SOCH when they qualify for such activities as catering, hotel management, trainer of skills and others that may arise in the future.

SOCH is thankful for the great work by all sponsors, donors and well-wishers who take part in supporting the orphanage both in cash and kind.

On behalf of SOCH Management and Staff, Thank you for reading the report. It is written by me:

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