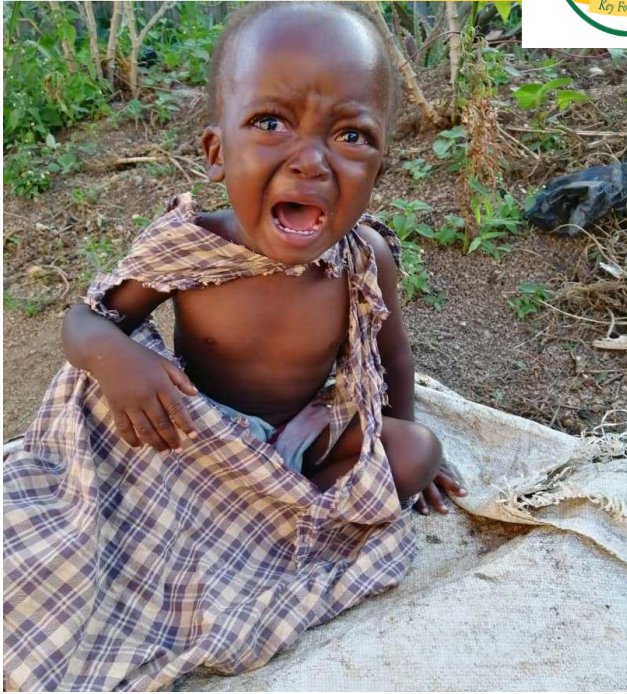


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HEM ACTIVITY REPORT: MAY 2020



MESSAGE OF THANKFULNESS

In this report of May 2020, on behalf of HEM Management Team, field staff, stakeholders and beneficiaries, it is a great opportunity to thank all persons and organisations who contributed in one way or another to the accomplishment of this month of May 2020. HEM realisations came from various partners especially our donors.

We also acknowledge the cooperation and support from OPM especially in Kyaka II and Nakivale Refugee settlement.

God bless you all!

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1. Introduction

HEM is a refugee initiative aiming to bring back hope to venerable persons especially refugees. HEM is operating countrywide focusing on four main projects: Aid Relief, Capacity building, livelihoods and evangelism. Our target beneficiaries are Refugee children (especially total orphans), women, and youth and church leaders. HEM is committed to work in difficult circumstances and difficult conditions.

Vision: *To be a Model Christian and Charity Organization that brings back hope to vulnerable people for eternity.*



Mission:

To seek and to save the lost and to liberate the oppressed.

Motto:

Key for Success

Philosophy:

Be saved, Safe and Save.



CORE VALUES: *HOPE, EXCELLENCE AND MORALITY*

2. Statistical Achievements in April 2020

The statistical outcomes of HEM in April 2020 are highlighted the table below:

1. Refugees Support and Humanitarian Actions

Aid Relief During COVID-19 Period

Items	Families
Posho	27
Small fish	
Sanitizers	
Porridge	

Less than Five Years Orphans Cared for

Location/Site	Number of Children
Kyaka II	24
Nakivale	20
TOTAL	44

2. Community Development Initiatives

Number of SACCO Members

Branches of SACCO	Accounts			Loans			No Savings	No Withdraws	Saving Rate (%)
	April	May	% of Increase	April	May	% of Increase	May	May	May
Kampala/Masanafu	538	538	0.0	224	224	0.0	1	3	-200.0
Kyaka II	192	195	1.5	23	26	11.5	86	74	14.0
Nakivale	118	132	10.6	13	16	18.8	94	45	52.1
TOTAL	848	865	2.0	250	260	3.8	142	80	43.7

3. Church Leadership Empowerment

ISOM Bible Trainings (Inactive due to Covid-19)

Classes	Number of Students
Bukere	20
Sweswe A	25
Sweswe B	31
Nakivale	8
Kiboga	36
Kariro	23
Unity Church	39
Kyegegwa	12
Total	194

HEM School of Counseling

Online course	
Country	No Students
Uganda	25
Burundi	3
Rwanda	7
Kenya	1
Canada	1
Belgium	1
Total	38

4. Evangelism & Church Planting

HEM PC Churches

Churches	Number of Christians
Bukasa HEM PC	102
Bukere HEM PC	78
Bwiriza HEM PC	59
Itambainiga HEM PC	31
Kakiri HEM PC	45
Mirama Hills HEM PC	62
Masaka HEM PC	73
Total	450

2.1. Refugee Support and Humanitarian Actions

2.1.1. Aid Relief during Covid-19 Period



During this period of lockdown due to Covid-19 Pandemic, HEM provided aid relief to 27 families with food problems in Kampala, Wakiso, Kyaka II and Nakivale. The aid relief provided in May 2020 focused on families with total orphans, elderly and people with disability.

2.1.2. Assistance to widows (Shelter)



The above photo shows the progression of a widow's rehabilitated house from April to May in Nakivale Refugee Settlement.

2.1.3. Assistance to Less than five years total Orphans

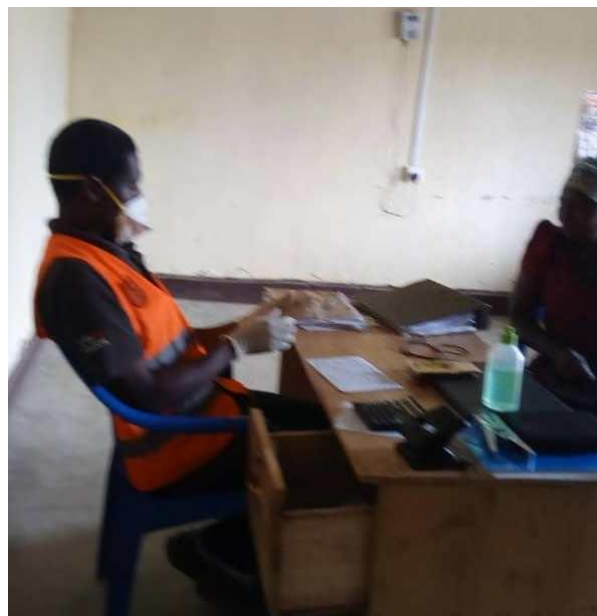


In May 2020, 24 less than five years total orphans were cared for in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement and 20 in Nakivale Refugee Settlement. The assistance focused on nutritious food such as: Milk, and Porridge. Also, small fish; soaps; advocacy for medical services were provided.



2.2. Community Development Initiatives

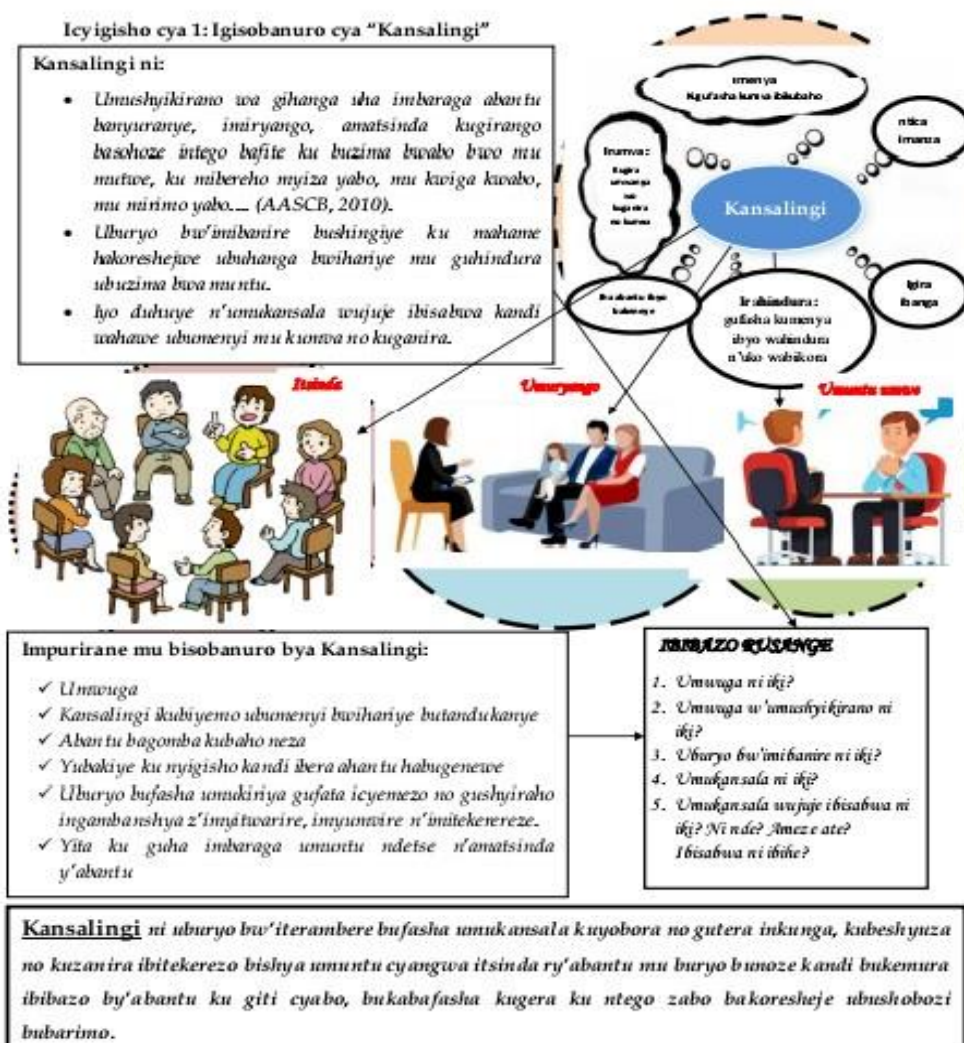
2.2.1. Financial inclusion through SACCOs



In this month of May 2020, HEM staff continued to sensitize people on measures to mitigate Covid-19, and the saving culture to be able to invest and access loans. The sensitization helped to increase SACCOs members with 17 new accounts opened in May 2020 and 6 members got loans. The total savings were 180 and total withdrawals were 119. Six loans were recovered totally.

2.3. Church Leadership Empowerment

In this month of May 2020, the activities of Church Leadership Empowerment were seriously affected by lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, new strategies were adopted to continue trainings in Bible and Counselling. Online Bible teachings, preaching and professional counselling course using Mobile Phone (Whatsup) were prepared and provided. This counselling training intends to give to pastors and church leaders professional skills in counselling who in turn have to deal with serious problems facing individuals and families especially those caused by Covid-19.



The picture above is the sample of the 1st lecture of Professional Counseling Course delivered in Kinyarwanda but we also English and French versions.

2.4. Evangelism and Church Planting

As usual, during this period of lockdown, Christians were encouraged to intensify prayers and do Sunday services at homes. Some church houses are on rehabilitation process according to their limited means.



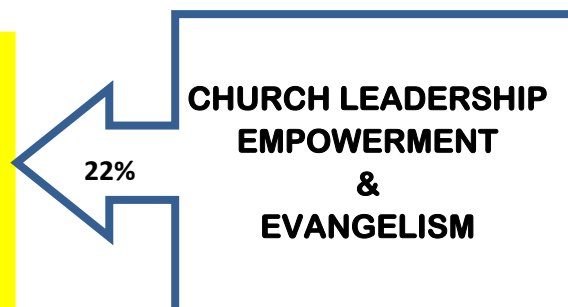
3. Programs/Activities vs Budget in Percentage

S/N	Activity	Budget allocation (%)
1	Aid relief during COVID-19 Period	2
2	Sensitization against COVID-19	1
3	Assistance to less than five years total orphans	16
4	Assistance to widows	3.6
5	Widow shelter building	7.4



S/N	Activity	Budget allocation (%)
1	Promotion of saving culture & credits through SACCOs & HSF	14
2	Environnemental protection (nursery keeping)	4

S/N	Activity	Budget allocation (%)
1	Online Bible Training (whatsapp)	5
2	Evangelism	3
3	Food distribution to vulnerable Christians	11
4	Counseling	3



S/N	Activity	Budget allocation (%)
1	Office Equipment	5
2	Allowances	22
3	Transport and Communication	3

4. Challenges

And

As it is known, Covid-19 continues to be a big challenge to the world especially to vulnerable people like refugees. The period of staying home without working becomes so long that many refugees come to HEM office for support. Unfortunately, HEM could not respond to their needs due to limited funds. It is reminded that the quantity of food distributed to refugees reduced from 31,000Uanda shillings per person per month to 22,000UGH while prices on the markets are high. This cannot help a refugee to survive. In addition, the challenge of moving around the settlements due to lack of means of transport such as motorcycles and cars was also encountered by HEM staff.

5. Conclusion

The management of HEM is proud of its realisations in May 2020 when life was hard to a big number of people. As we are committed to support our fellow refugees, we shall continue to use the little funds we have and we call upon OPM and UNHCR to make a special advocacy for refugees in this challenging situation of Covid-19. Also, we call upon stakeholders, donors and partners to intervene to assist refugees who live of 0.17USD per day per person and to support HEM so that it may meet its goals of assisting vulnerable people especially refugees. Finally, it is a great opportunity to thank God for protecting us. Many thanks are addressed to our partners and donors for their support.

May God bless you!



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