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TERM II 2024 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON IMVEPI EDUCATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM

STAD received funds from Dr. Debbie Yip in Singapore to champion education for all (EFA) piloted in 2018 at Imvepi Secondary School and 2021 in Boroli Junior primary school in Adjumani Refugee settlement. Through the pilot project, over 300 learners have been supported in Imvepi secondary school and infrastructure in Boroli Junior P/S was improved. A block of 2 stances of drainable staff latrine was constructed. In 2023, Dr Debbie further extended her support to the urban program and supports three (3) students in advanced level education to study sciences in Mvara secondary school in Arua City.

School calendar

Term II opened officially on Monday 27th May, 2024 and closed on Friday 23rd August 2024. The term lasted for 89 days. While term III will officially open on Monday 16th September, 2024 for all the secondary schools.

Academics

All the students sat for end of term II examinations/assessment. The results will be out in term III. This is because marking will take place over term II holidays and results are normally released in the first week of term III to the parents.

Discipline

Students have been well disciplined with no cases of misconduct reported in the term. The students in Imvepi are not involved and or support work during the holidays in STAD office, Koboko due to their location living in the refugees settlement. While urban students, due to their proximity to the STAD office do some voluntary work to learn some practical skills in organising and taking minutes during meeting, attend trainings and field work besides supporting their parents/guardians with farm work and reading their books etc.

Health

No cases of sickness were reported to STAD by students or school administration. There could have been some light health cases experienced by some students but they are not reported due to the clear MOU where there is no provision for health or medical treatments. We pray that students complete term III in good health.

School dues and other payments

The activities were implemented within the budget with some flexibility.

Term II tuition and related costs were all paid for the 30 students. Related costs like handling fees for Uganda Advanced Certificate of education (UACE) for S.6 candidates and Uganda National Examination Board (UNEB) for S.4 candidates were all paid.

Maize flour (posho) and Beans was bought for the 30 supported students. Students cost-shared feeding with STAD. The contribution of the students included: fire wood, salt, and cooking oil.

Verification of students

STAD carries out verification of the students every term. The verification is to ascertain the number of students who have reported and are present in school. This will enable STAD to prepare for the tuition payment. It is also a forum to hear from the school administration and the students.

Summary students verified

Class	M	F	Refugee	Nationals	Total
S.1	0	1	0	1	1
S.2	0	2	2	0	2
S.3	5	3	5	3	8
S.4	7	4	10	1	11
S.5	2	0	0	2	2
S.6	3	3	6	0	6
Total	17	13	23	7	30

Report from the school administration.

- The Head teacher Imvepi secondary school thanked STAD for the constant support towards the education program in Imvepi secondary school.
- He added that no student was send home due to indiscipline cases. STAD students are well disciplined.
- Tuition and related costs for the supported students were all paid in time. The school is very grateful for the timely payment by STAD.

Presentation from the students

- The students appreciated the management of STAD and the donors for their relentless financial support and requested for continuity of the program in term III and also in 2025.
- The timely payment of the tuition and food items in kind motivated them to read hard since they were not sent out of classes due to none payment.
- The students were grateful to STAD for the provision of the sanitary materials for the girls. The support kept the girls in school.
- Students under STAD's support are always cooperative and help one another during time of difficulties.
- The girls requested to be supported with sanitary pads every term.

Response and Way fforward by STAD

- Students were urged to work hard and STAD will only support students who are disciplined and perform well. Those who underperform will lose the support from STAD.

- Due to limited funds, STAD will only provide basic needs in education such as; PTA, food items, uniforms, sanitary, and UNEB handling fees among others. Therefore, students under this program should engage in income-generating activities while at home to provide for other basic needs.

Recommendations

- There is need to facilitate and transport STAD volunteers to Imvepi Refugees settlement to attend education sector meetings, verification and guidance and counselling in Imvepi SS.
- Support requested for the continuity of the program especially for students in S4,5 and 6 in 2025.

Conclusion

STAD would like to express its profound gratitude to the donor, Dr. Debbie Yip for the ceaseless support towards the students. With this genuine support, the students have a bright future.

STAD will continuously build students support for family engagements by fostering parents as lifelong educators to challenge any status quo.

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