

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2008

Period Feb 2007 – Jun 2008

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Overview

- Planned activities for the period implemented
- Insecurity has remained a major issue in the north
- SAIDIA's 2008-2011 strategic plan is now complete. Its made available for wider readership.
- SAIDIA's clinical data collection procedures reviewed and recommendations made.
- CORDAID program official came to an end in Dec 2007
- TB/HIV prevention and management 2 yr program was approved
- Some health staff were retrenched due to delayed funding
- SAIDIA work received valuable boost through two set of 23 student volunteers – Tulane University Students and CIVS.
- SAIDIA acquires a new Landcruiser – funding from BVLF
- SAIDIA with the assistance of Staurt McGhie carried out a security review – internal security issues in SAIDIA in relation to the security situation in the district.
- BVLF funds a 3 yr program
- Salary shortfall and Operation costs remain an issue in SAIDIA

Health Care Program

- 3,241 patients treated
- RTI, Malaria, Skin infections, Eye infections, Rheumatism, Accidents, Fractures, Burns, Diarrhea, STIs, Intestinal worms and ear infections still remain top diseases in the area diseases
- 2,417 children immunized
- 866 Ante Natal Care

Health Care cont...

- Family Planning clinics
 - 33 clients on pills
 - 117 clients on injectables
 - 10,816 Condoms distributed
- 93 (88%) deliveries by TBAs
- 13 (12%) deliveries took place at the health facility facilities
- 25 TBA kits acquired and distributed in Baragoi, Ngilai and Lesirikan
- 1223 pax reached along mobile routes and educated on RH matters
- 41 uniformed force trained in skills on management of rape – Maralal and Suguta Marmar

TB program

Old clients

- 60 clients – quite a number reported to have defaulted

Lab Investigations

- 44 people had their sputum collected and examined
- 5 new TB cases enrolled in the program
- SAIDIA patron is helping with TB defaulters in N/Nasipa – drug distribution and counseling

Youth Focus

- 35 schools put under School health program
- 5,044 pupils reached
- 46 teenage mothers and youth trained on Adolescent Reproductive Health issues.
- 20 out of school peer educators trained
- 100 morans and 80 girls identified and involved in anti-FGM advocacy campaigns
- Peer educators workshops have continued to take place for both school based and out of school youths

HIV/AIDS & Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases

- 338 STIs cases diagnosed and treated both in the mobile clinics and static health facilities
- 182 VCT sessions held – where 77 males and 105 females – 5 (3%) found to be +ve (female).
- 67 home visits were done by CHE and 1,470 pax reached
- SAIDIA staff have continued to hold health education talks to the people at Lolkuniani Open Air Market
- Out Patients health talks have also been done the staff
- School health programme talk has also continued during the period
- Sensitization Barazas held in various locations -
- 168 women reached through PMCT and no HIV cases reported

Early Childhood Development (ECD)/Education

- 40 stakeholders trained on their roles in the management of ECDs
- 120 grand & parents trained on parenting skills
- 40 TBAs trained on health & nutrition
- 1487 children provided with meals in 19 loipi
- 33 families benefited with goats each and a set of vet drugs
- 5 donkeys purchased for 3 centres – 2 Lenkalen, 1 Nchock, 2 Ngilai
- 19 TBAs trained on safe delivery methods
- 24 CBDs trained
- 20 herders trained on animal husbandry
- 420 parents and ECD committees trained on water purification techniques
- 222 youths sensitized on child rights
- 140 youth trained on effects of early marriages & pregnancies
- 267 men trained on on effects of early marriages and pregnancies
- SAIDIA continues to support bright-poor children to institutions of higher learning
- SAIDIA through donation from Kate Miur equipped Ngilai primary with solar installation

Early Childhood Development (ECD)/Education cont...

- Various community meetings held to share ECD proposal
- 11 ECD committees were formed and office bearers elected and trained.
- 24 donkeys bought for the 12 new loipi
- 20 chalkboards for every loipi were bought
- 40 chair persons from 21 primary schools and 19 loipi trained on child rights, linkages and integration of ECDs into the lower primary curriculum.
- Association of school head teachers formed and met

Income Generating Activities/ Development of Potential Enterprises

Bee – keeping:

- 36 members were formed and trained in bee keeping management (lesirikan, Loodua, Tangar, urah, Sererit,Ngilai, and Nchok).
- 300 beekeepers trained in bee keeping skills, product development, literacy skills, bookkeeping and management, & honey processing.
- 200 beehives provided to beekeepers - Ngilai & Lesirikan
- 44 Beekeepers went on exposure visit to beekeepers associations in Milimani, wamba, Mukogodo and Waso
- Bee keeping equipments (gum boots, veils, overalls, smokers, buckets, hive tools, honey extractor) provided to the beekeepers.

Support to community shambas

- - 150 farmers trained on better crop husbandry (Ngilai & Lesirikan)
- - 43 farmers provided certified seeds and farming implements (jembes, pangas, rakes, watering cans, sprayers, and spades).
- - 43 farmers benefited with irrigation equipments and super moneymakers.
- - Over 400 fruit trees (mango, avocado, oranges, pawpaw) were issued to Ngilai farmers).
- - Provision of live fence to the farmers at Ngilai to ward off elephants from the shambas.
- - 20 farmers visited baraka farmers in Isiolo to learn more about agro finance.
- - 10 donkey-ploughs provided to the farmers at Ngilai for ploughing.
- - 6 donkeys were purchased and distributed to the farmers.

Livestock rearing:

- 200 breeding rams provided to herders for improvement of breeds.
- 100 he-goats were provided for improvement of stocks for beef and milk.
- 24 Para vets were trained on diagnosis of livestock diseases, treatment and sell of animal drugs to herders.
- 124 herders supported with livestock drugs – antibiotics, acaricides and drenchers.
- Herders trained on good animal husbandry and better rangeland management.
- 200 goats issued to 40 identified vulnerable families.

Support to women groups:

- - 20 women groups benefited with start up loans (start up capital) of KES. 400,000/-
- - 20 selected women from the groups went on educational tour
- - 16 donkey carts distributed to women groups.
- - 40 women groups' representatives were trained on product development, bookkeeping & marketing skills.

Communication

- Radio communication remains the main form of communication between Nanyuki office and the field.
- Ndongio Nasipa radio has been installed and is operational.
- Safaricom Network – at Lesirikan and Parts of Ngilai – Increasingly this is becoming the most clear and convenient way to communicate – though costly.

Staffing & Personnel Issues

- 4 CHEs were recruited for the FHI program
- 3 CDWs were recruited courtesy of BVLF funding
- 2 nurses and 1 lab technologist employed in the health program
- 1 Clinical Officer – formerly SAIDIA sponsored child brought – courtesy of FHI program
- Health Manager has written to step down as a manager in favour a younger CO.
- One CHE and Logistic/Accountant left join government
- Most staff contracts came to end in April 2007 – extension given
- Director's 2 yr contract came to an end in May 2008.
- 1 nurse, 1 driver resigned

Funding & PR

- Donation from Kate Miur for Ngilai primary education facilities was received
- UNFPA continued supporting RH activities
- UNFPA visited SAIDIA in June to carry out mid term evaluation
- BVLFF funding for 3 years finally came in Feb 2008
- FHI – TB/HIV prevention and management proposal came through in Nov 07
- The Vector control proposal that was done and submitted has not received funding.
- SAIDIA in league with AMREF, Tulane and MOH in PHIT Partnership planning grant proposal – Doris Duke –

Constraints

- Persistent shortfall in funding for staff salaries and overhead costs – for administration and operational cost especially towards the end of the year.
- Insecurity in the north.
- Cost of maintaining referral vehicles is on the increase – need replacement with mechanically sound vehicles.
- Financial returns and reporting from field to Nanyuki office a challenge – no Field Account/Logistics person.

Thank You