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Motto: "Right to be born, right to live with dignity".

PRESENTATION OF THE CKA

The CKA is an association based in Cameroon.

It is an organization of Young Volunteers concerned with the integral and harmonious development of Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVC) in the context of AIDS and their families. CKA's mission is to help and equip the Cameroonian Youth to take charge in order to face its difficulties and changes in its environment.

Our association, created in 2010, was officially recognized by the administrative authorities of Cameroon under the receipt N ° 0000939 / RDA / J06 / BAPP ; The administrative headquarters is in Yaoundé.

The CKA, with about 30 active members of various socioprofessional categories (missionaries, parents, educators, lawyers, teachers, social workers, psychologists, health professionals, elected officials, students, The Religious of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, the local authorities and with the participation of beneficiaries (Children and Families) and the grassroots community for the promotion of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Network

The Cameroon Kolping Association is a Catholic movement member of Kolping Cameroon which itself is a dismemberment of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL. The CKA is a partner of YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA (YSA), and member of the BICE network.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide, in collaboration with other resources, a support, awareness-raising and prevention service for young people experiencing psychosocial difficulties linked to integration and discrimination;
- Provide a reception and assistance service for the integration of young refugees into their new environment in order to contribute to their academic success and to social groups;
- Listening to the needs of children and young people and those around them, taking into account the particular realities experienced by each;
- Support, supervise and support young people and their entourage in the search for solutions adapted to their needs;
- Valuing, supporting, supervising and supporting parents in their role as educators;
- Create momentum with parents in the process of helping and supporting children;
- Prevent the aggravation of psychological distress and the increasing crisis of children and young people aged 10 to 24 by organizing psychosocial prevention activities on the themes they face;
- Prevent juvenile delinquency and the dropout of young people.

- Provide a space for support, coaching and support for children, young people in difficulty and those around them; A place where these people could express themselves;
- Contribute to the success of adolescents and young adults aged 10 to 24
- Training of young people in new information and communication technologies.

The main areas of intervention are the promotion of education / schooling, Psychosocial support (children and parents); Legal protection of health / nutrition, prevention of crime.

We mainly support children and families in difficulty to know:

- Children and families in difficult situations such as some orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC)
- Children who have lost their family ties
- Children with academic difficulties
- Children living in rural and urban areas
- Children living with psychosocial and emotional problems

To our credit, we can essentially retain:

- Support for school supplies for needy children in Cameroon
- The promotion of the rights and duties of the child and the education of the girl through multiple training and awareness-raising actions
- Combating trafficking and the worst forms of child labor through information and awareness-raising
- Psychosocial care through primary actions such as board games, home and school visits, excursions, dances, sketches, etc.
- CKA's participation in the fight against the AIDS pandemic through the organization of training workshops for CKA members, chat-debates and screenings of films for children and their families, etc.
- The organization of community meals and Christmas trees for needy children
- Advocacy with the authorities for children.

If we know that the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) advocates a dignified world for children, we must work for the well-being of the child around the world. This is why the CKA was created to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to build a just and humane society.

ACTIVITIES ACHIEVED AND RESULTS ACHIEVED ON THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017.

AXIS I: INTEGRATION OF ORHELINS AND OTHER VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY

1.1: Care for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVC)

1.2 Global Objective 1: Promote the integration of OVC into their community.

Specific objective 1: Encourage families to welcome and care for OVC.

The family remains and will always remain the ideal environment in which a child can grow and develop fully, the grassroots community should return to the old values of mutual support and solidarity for the vulnerable despite the context of poverty in which the majority Of households in Cameroon. In an attempt to do so, the Cameroon Kolping Association has undertaken the following actions:

1.1.1 Community mobilization for the care of OVC.

- 2 round tables were organized in the intervention area to raise awareness among the general population and administrative officials in particular of the community care of OVC and the protection of their rights,
- 1 cultural week was organized from 06 to 10 February 2017 in the same perspective.
- 1 municipal group for the care of OVC was created during this period.

Impact:

1. The grassroots community continues to re-establish positive values of solidarity and mobilizes around actions for the vulnerable, as evidenced by the interventions cited above.

1.1.2. Strengthening the economic capacities of host families through AGRs

In reality, orphans are often welcomed or reintegrated into very poor families. To try to enable them to be able to provide for their dependent children;

- 3 OVC caregroups were supported by agricultural inputs, livestock elements, mill operations. These groups were able to attend 35 OVCs and 12 follow-up visits of their activities were carried out by CKA staff.
- 10 project sponsors benefited from individual micro-credits through the guarantee fund. First, these OVC household managers received training in the development and management of micro-projects before accessing the credits. During their activities, follow-up visits to the AGRs were carried out by the staff (assistants at the AGRs) of the association in order to supervise them in the profitability of their microprojects.

Remarkable impact: These households currently have 25 dependent children: they are fed, cared for and educated thanks to the income of these AGRs.

1.1.3. Strengthening the skills of foster families in caring for OVC.

- 25 people (parents / guardians and teachers) were trained in psychosocial support to traumatized children during 5 organized training sessions. These individuals were tasked with identifying children with signs of trauma and using the techniques learned to manage them. At present, 9 traumatized children are under the psychological supervision of these trained partners and under the supervision of psychologists and social workers of the CKA branches.
- For this period, the area affected by this activity is the Commune of Batouri. This locality has been chosen to pilot if not the needs are real all over the national territory.

Impact produced by the activity: Trained individuals are able to recognize traumatic behaviors and know the attitudes to be adopted to better assist the traumatized child. They also know their limitations and strive to report and refer cases in time that exceed their competence to other specialists.

1.1.4. Research and family reintegration.

- 16 children from the transit centers were reinserted during this period.
- 26 parents / guardians and partners of other associations holding host institutions have been trained in the research and family reunification of children separated from their families.
- 32 follow-up visits were made at home to 13 reintegrated children.

Impact produced by reintegration:

A child reintegrated into a loving family develops harmoniously to the extent that he / she enjoys a certain affection, education and family and social support that allows his / her full development. Thus, during follow-up visits to reintegrated children, one can note a certain physical, mental, intellectual, sociability and all these parameters demonstrate a healthy integration in the community.

Problems encountered

- The family search of the children referred is handicapped by the lack of data on the true origins of these children, especially that there are those who are not Cameroonians.
- It is also blocked by inadequate means, particularly field vehicles. As a result, children reinserted outside our area of intervention are not regularly monitored.

AXIS II: PROTECTION OF OVC AND DEFENSE OF THEIR RIGHTS

Overall objective 2: Promote the protection of OVC and the protection of their rights.

Specific objective 2.1. : Ensuring protection of OVC

Orphans and other vulnerable children have problems of many kinds that hamper their future: lack of housing, food, clothing, school supplies, psycho-emotional and pedagogical support; Problems of trauma, theft of property and others. The CKA is trying to tackle some of the most difficult issues by organizing:

2.1.1: Accommodation of OVC.

15 most needy children were housed in the transit centers (the Foyer Béthanie of the Apostolic Sisters of Saint Joseph de Batouri, the Foyer Espérance vie and the Center d'Accueil Marie Balavenne in Batouri)

Some are homeless children in refugee camps who have not yet found a family, others are children seeking treatment and whose health care requires specialized services that are not available in their homes Backgrounds. For example, children may require further testing to initiate ARV treatment or for biological monitoring. Five of them are children with physical and / or mental disabilities who are rehabilitated at the Catholic Hospital Center in Batouri

Remarkable impact: CKA has contributed to the protection of street children, homelessness and the facilitation of access to health care for the neediest children in settings far from health care facilities.

2.1.2: Support for schooling.

- 18 children enrolled and benefited from school supplies to start school year 2016-2017. Supplies were awarded by private partners and CKA, through its community relays, identified and distributed the materials.
- 10 children, 7 of whom were directly supported by the CKA, benefited from various school fees. 3 were supported by the OVC care groups.
- 9 children from the centers of passage benefit daily from a pedagogical framework

Impact: CKA is very concerned about the education of vulnerable children and particularly orphans because it remains convinced that the future of every person depends to a great extent on its education. Children who receive school support can dream of a better future like others by continuing their education. It should therefore be noted with satisfaction that from 2010 to 2017, the number of children supported by school materials increased from 12 to 128.

Encountered problem:

- The highly populated East Region has a very low enrollment rate (36%). A great awareness campaign is needed for schooling while not forgetting the burden of poverty in households.

2.1.3: Trades training for out-of-school orphans and heads of households to prepare them for self-care.

- 14 children heads of households and out of school have benefited from the training which enables them to learn jobs likely to provide them with a job that can help them to take care of themselves and other siblings who are their dependents. The courses focused on culinary art and table service, computer science, sewing and bakery.
- Note that for this year, the training in culinary art and table service took place in rural areas to give a little more luck to rural orphans.

Impact: Out-of-school children are often desperate and vocational training and especially access to employment give them hope for better tomorrows. They become capable of being autonomous and helping their brothers and sisters.

2.1.4: Psycho-emotional supervision of children welcomed in transit centers.

- 21 OVC received psycho-emotional support during this period. They benefit from moral accompaniment by 2 psychologists and social workers who work to create a safe and relaxing psychological environment.

The sports management is also a relaxing activity which is ensured every Saturday.

2.1.5: Psychological rehabilitation of traumatized children.

- 29 traumatized children are under the psychological supervision of partners trained in the psychosocial support of traumatized children with the support of psychologists of the social workers of the CKA branches. They are children who, as a result of the impact of HIV / AIDS on other everyday life events, have experienced a brutal psychological shock that has left them unable to live normally.

Impact of detraumatization:

Since time alone is not enough to repair the harm caused by the trauma, the activities of detraumatization that are organized; Either by the staff of the association or by our partners trained in the matter, lead to the

reduction if not to the eradication of the signs observed during the identification. These signs gradually disappear as reported to us by these speakers. As pointed out in the previous lines, cases beyond our limits are reported and referred in due time to other specialists.

Specific Objective 2: Ensure the defense of the rights of OVC.

2.2.1: Strengthening the capacity of orphan rights protection committees (CPDOs) on children's rights.

□ 07 members of the CPDOs in the area of intervention have been trained in the field of law in general, and in particular they have read legislation that protects children. They were subsequently framed so that they could appreciate when it can be said that the rights of the child are flouted? How to intervene and by what right do we intervene?

2.2.2: Prevention of the violation of the rights of OVC through the dissemination of laws protecting children.

□ 2 sessions of supervision and dissemination of the laws were organized for 7 members CPDO. The members then passed on to the community, either during the palaver organized by the village chiefs to settle disputes or during the meetings organized by the heads of the CKA branches.

Impact: Informing is preventing. We have found that ignorance of the law can be a significant cause of certain violations of OVC rights. From the texts of law multiplied and distributed in 20 copies, the CPDO are equipped and carry out their mission without fear. This year, these training and dissemination activities were mainly supported by the Cameroon Lawyers Network.

2.2.3: Legal assistance to children who have been harmed by their rights.

□ 25 OVC whose rights were sometimes violated by those who should protect them have been defended by the members of the CPDO, who work to identify any child who is wronged in his rights and to defend him before the village chiefs and even Before the courts.

Although there is awareness and prevention of conflicts, there is no lack of cases of violation. Thus, the CPDO relies first and foremost on conciliation and then court justice if reconciliation fails. Files beyond the competence of the members of the CPDO and the Legal Assistant of the association are entrusted to our lawyer.

2.2.4: Advocacy for the involvement of public authorities in the defense of OVC rights.

□ 2 advocacy sessions were organized with the top-down administrative authorities, judicial officials and community relays in the Eastern Region to solicit their involvement in the defense of children's rights: 1 session was organized During the day of the African child in June and another was organized in the week following the International AIDS Day celebrated on 1 December of each year.

□ An awareness day for the protection of OVC rights was organized by the members of the CPDO.

Impact: We have obtained a commitment from them to fight against violations of the rights of children, especially the vulnerable, especially in terms of protecting their heritage, because the problem that often arises is that of the landed property of orphans.

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