KAGUMU DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT CLOSURE RPORT

PROJECT TITLE; Rescue underprivileged pregnant women and children less than five years from malaria infections in Kibuku district Uganda.

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ACKNOWEDGEMENT

Kagumu Development Organization highly acknowledges Mérieux foundation for the financial support to Rescue underprivileged pregnant women and children less than five years from malaria infections in Kibuku district Uganda.

The organization appreciates the government of Uganda particularly Kibuku district local government for the advisory services and the enabling environment that facilitated the completion of the project.

KADO further appreciates the Board of Directors and staff for their contribution and support to the project execution of the project.

Appreciation also goes to the community for the fincial support in terms of health unit user charges and in kind that has boasted the image of the facility and the organization at large.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Kagumu Development Organization is a national organization and runs Kagumu Health Centre III which is a private not for profit Health facility (PNFP) regulated and supported by the Government of Uganda through Kibuku District Local Government. The facility provides OPD, Inpatient, laboratory services, antenatal, delivery, immunization, HIV/AIDSA counseling and testing services, family planning among others. The facility is run in collaboration with Kibuku district local government and a memorandum of understanding was signed to contribute to the achievement of the five year district development plan 2018-2022.

The health facility Reports through Health management information system (HMIS) to the DHI2 weekly, monthly quarterly and annually. The District Directorate of Health Services provides support supervision on monthly/quarterly to ensure that services are run in line with the recommended practices and recommended standard operating produces and reports made to ministry of health. The facility makes the community pay health unit user charges for the services provided and this contribute to sustainability.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project anticipated to contribute to reduction of mortality and morbidity of pregnant mothers and children less than five years through rescue from malaria infection through refurbishing and equipping of Kagumu Health Centre III Laboratory to facilitate provision of efficient malaria laboratory services. The one year project was implemented in Kagumu Subcounty, Kibuku district in Eastern Uganda. The Project anticipated results was improved working environment for health workers to provide Malaria screening services and increased access to Malaria screening services (use of rapid diagnostic tests and microscopy) among pregnant women and children less than 5 years.

The estimated cost of the project was Euros: 4,849.4 and major activities included renovation of a laboratory room of 3 Square Meters including provision of equipment and supplies.

Sustainability of the project was enhanced through health unit user charges. Stakeholders that were involved in the management of the project included the district/subcounty leadership and technocrats, KADO board members and staff

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES/ITEMS AS PER THE BUDGET

Below were the planned project activities of the project that were executed by the project funds:

Activity /Item	Unit	Unit number
Construction of floor and wall tiles	Room 3M2	1
Ceiling painting	Room 3M2	1
Installation of water sink and tank	Room 3M2	1
Procurement of Laboratory furniture	Room 3M2	1
Procurement a microscope (Olympus)	NO	1
A refrigerator	NO	1
Centrifuge	No	1

DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

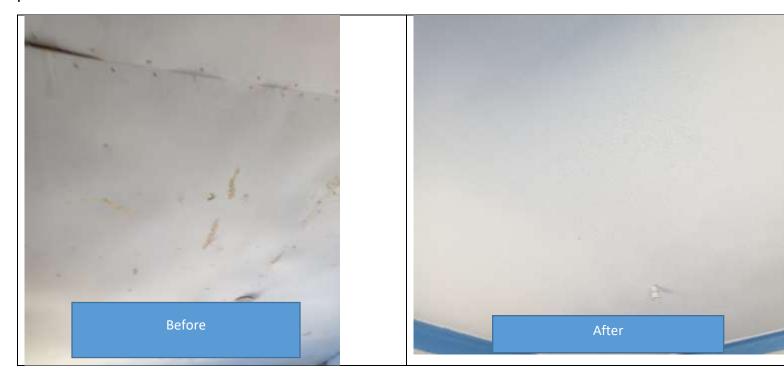
Construction of floor and wall tiles:

The contractor removed all the old plaster and floor and constructed all of them newly. The floor specification was changed to terrazzo as advised by the district engineer and this provided a strong and durable floor finish. Tiles were fixed on the walls as a recommended finish.



Ceiling painting:

The old ceiling blundering made out of plywood was totally removed. New ceiling blundering was constructed and plastered ceiling finish was applied and three coats of paint was applied that provided a commendable finish.



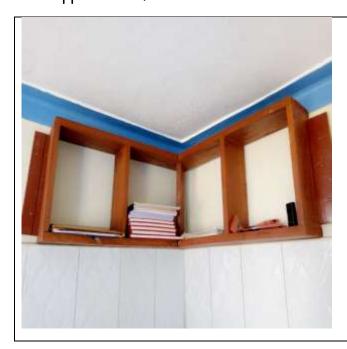
Installation of water sink and tank:

A 1000-liter tank was procured and installed including all plumbing fittings in the Laboratory that is a laboratory sink and a tap. Water was put in the tank, tested and it was functioning.



Procurement of Laboratory furniture:

Specification on furniture procurement and supply was changed as advertised by the heath inspector. The project had proposed to procure wooden lab tables and changed to two terrazzo tables that was constructed. This provided a durable and hygienic surfaces. The Furniture that was supplied and fixed included: wooden shelves, a wooden stool, a chair and a bench.





Procurement a microscope (Olympus):

One Olympus microscope was procured and delivered to the health facility. Model number --- serial number----. It was tested and is functional.



A refrigerator:

One refrigerator was procured and delivered to the health facility and It was tested and it is functional.



Centrifuge:

A six port type Centrifuge was procured and delivered to the health facility. It was tested and is functional.



Engraving of the project procured items

This activity was not planned for in the original project budget. Funds to facilitate this activity was a balance of saving from the total contract amount. The water tank, refrigerator, microscope and centrifuge were engraved by the contractor as an additional contract.

PROJECT CLOSURE

The project was completed and handed over on 31st Febuary, 2010. The contractor handed over the facility to the Board of Directors of kagumu development organization and the management of the health facility. The board of directors and management of the health facility received the completed facility and appreciated Mérieux foundation and the contractor including other stakeholders for the support to complete the project. The board urged the health unit staff to use the facility efficiently to serve the community.

1. ACHIEVMENTS:

- All the planned activities were implemented
- There was great corporation and support of the project by all stakeholders

2. CHALLENGES:

- The facility lack running water and the water tank is filled manually which is relatively difficult and expensive
- The facility meets routine expense of procuring water from vendors to fill the tank. Due to high water expenses, other places in the facilities are not served with water yet it could be an advantage.
- The facility lacks adequate lab regent and testing kits to cater for the whelming number of clients

3. LESONS LEARNT:

Participatory planning, implementation and monitoring of the project is of great value that
each ones idea is put to test and solution generated. This is explained on the changes made
on the project activities ie change from floor tiles to terrazzo and wooden tables to concrete
tables at the same cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

There is need to secure a water source and a water pump to enable pumping of water to fill
the tank such that the running cost of the laboratory is reduces and also enable all places in
the facility access water as a result of the project.

A kind request goes to Mérieux Foundation to allow KADO generate a successor project to equip the laboratory to enable the community have access to comprehensive health services.

4. CONCULUSION:

The project was very vital to the community that it will reduce self-medication among vulnerable communities and promote test and treat which is the current medical approach to in Uganda.

APPENDIX: ITEM PHOTOS











Procured centrifuge under the project in the laboratory





Board members and health unit management team inspecting the laboratory after renovation



The chairperson Board of Directors (on the right) handing over the laboratory key to the chairperson health Management committee (on the left) after completion.



The chairperson Board of Directors (on the right) shaking hands with the chairperson health Management committee (on the left) after handing over the key .



The chairperson Health Management Unit (on the right) handing over the laboratory key to the health facility in charge (on the left) after completion.