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1.0 Background

Kobulin Youth Skills Training Centre is mandated to empower out of school youth to harness their potential through non skills development. The mandate is achieved through: on formal skills training to out school youth, entrepreneurship and life skills implemented by Kobulin youth skills training centre-Napak.

1.1 Introduction:

Kobulin Youth Skills Training Centre was officially launched and Commissioned by Hon. Minister of Karamoja/First Lady Janet Kataha Museveni on 8th June 215 to provide non- formal skills to out of school youth and also provide temporary transit facility for migrant children returning from the streets of Kampala and other towns.

2.1 Overall objective:

The overall objective of Kobulin Youth Skills centre is to protect and empower the vulnerable young people for improved livelihood especially within Karamoja and Eastern Uganda.

2.2 Specific objectives:

- i. To continue to lobby for rehabilitation, expansion of Kobulin Youth Skills Centre with furnishings and installation of necessary facilities.
- ii. To provide transit facility, welfare, protection, psychosocial services for vulnerable children through integration and reduction of outward migration of children and youth out of Karamoja.
- iii. To provide tailored skills training and socio-economic support to the vulnerable young people and women.

3.3 Expected outputs:

- i. Fully furnished and operational transit facility for migrant children and vulnerable children
- ii. Reduced number of outward migration of children and youth to the streets.
- iii. Self-reliant and productive young people as a result of skills and IGA start up support.

4.2 Achievements made from 2015 to date (Refer to Photo Gallery)

- i. Rehabilitated and reintegrated 675 street children into their original homes; in Napak and Nakapiripirit.
- ii. One borehole was donated to the centre by Cooperation & Development/C&d to Kobulin to easy accessibility to safe and clean water for youth and child at the centre.
- iii. Provided routine life skills and counseling to 675 former street children, while at Kobulin to prepare them for reunion and family setting.
- iv. Screened and treated 675 former street children /Returnees with support from District and Cooperation and Development.
- v. We provided for non-food items; Clothes, soap, salt and food items; Beans, posho as startup 675 former returnees' children.
- vi. A total of 430 out school youth benefited from various skills trainings offered at Kobulin Youth Skills Training Centre; E.g. Leather Craft, Hair Dressing, Tailoring and Garment cutting, Liquid Soap Making, Entrepreneurship skills development.
- vii. A total of 160 youth have been provided with startup tools, to practice What they have learnt.
- viii. The Centre has been engaged in farming; Kitchen garden, Maize, Coroko, Cassava; which has been able to supplement children diet, but also quarterly supply by the MGLSD. See photo in the annexed.

- ix. A total of 430 out of school youth and formers street children were trained in non-formal skills; Ranging from Carpentry, Bricks Laying, Agro forestry, Tailoring, Entrepreneurship and life skills.
- x. Opened up land for cultivation by use of Tractor for cultivation.
- xi. Boreholes which were constructed with support from C&D are currently meeting the needs for safe and clean water at the Centre.

4.2 Challenges

- i. Principal's house/accommodation is not in place
- ii. Lack of follow up and poor coordination of stakeholders, due to lack of sound Vehicle as well as motor bike to reach remote villages during follow-up. Allocated Vehicle to the centre is old and has been breaking down so often and currently is broken down.
- iii. Encroachment of communities into institution land, out of over 200 acres belonging to MGLSD only less than 60 acres have been secured.
- iv. No latrine or toilet for the staff at the centre.
- v. General store not yet constructed
- vi. Frequent break down of bore hole. Energy saving stoves for the centre to reduce on the fire wood expenses is not available.
- vii. Senior staff houses for the instructor and social workers are not in place.
- viii. Connection to electricity power grid running to Moroto district headquarters is not yet done.
- ix. Girls and boys dormitory not yet in place.
- x. Sick bay not available for the children.
- xi. Workshop for the vocational skills not yet constructed as planned.
- xii. Training equipment still lacking.

- xiii. Staffing requirements for Kobulin youth skills training centre/transit centre is still in adequate for operation of the centre;

4.3 Recommendations for improved service delivery at the centre:

The centre will require the following facilities, equipment and services to operate as a transit facility for vulnerable children as well as skills training centre;

- i. Construction of dormitories and workshop halls
- ii. Equipment of the centre for skills training (vocational skills machinery and agricultural inputs)
- iii. Principal's House
- iv. Water sources (large diameter for the centre and 1 hand pump for community) need to be constructed for the centre), this is because the only borehole at the centre is shared by community and currently broken down.
- v. Senior staff houses
- vi. Establishment of recreational facilities and equipment (children play centre and playground/courts, balls, racket, nets etc)
- vii. Purchase of a vehicle and 2 motorcycles
- viii. Installations of energy saving stoves for staff and institutional purpose
- ix. Development of the centre to provide satellite services to Karamoja and Eastern region
- x. Recruitment of additional and specialized staff (social workers).
- xi. Welfare services (food and non-food items (wood fuel, health services etc)

- ii. Administration and maintenance costs.
- xiii. Connection to electricity power grid to handle machines for training the youth.

Conclusion

The Ministry has so far made a number of achievements, but also registered challenges and gaps, which calls for concerted effort in order to meet the urgent demand for re integration of the street children and economic empowerment for out of schools youth in eastern region.

Photo Gallery



Trainees constructing the wall at Kobulin during practical training



A female trainee setting a foundation

Photo Gallery



Tailoring session going on at Kobulin



Trainees during Carpentry session at Koblin

Photo Gallery

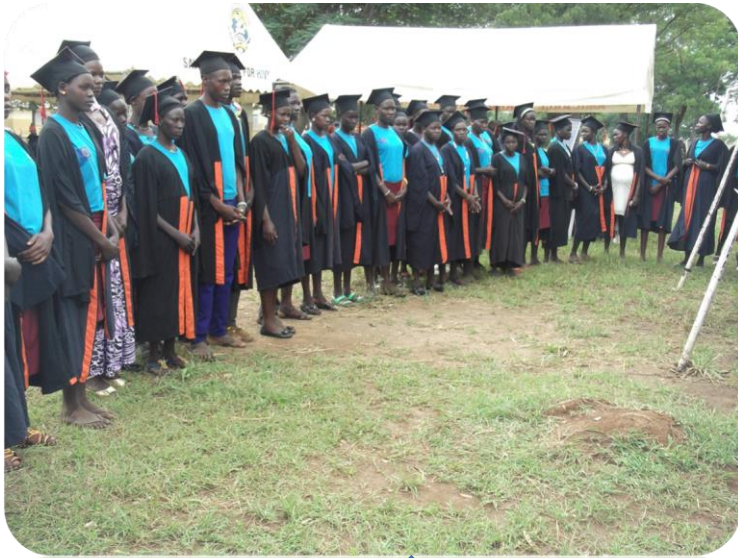


Regional Police Commander in a group photo with the trainees after life skill session on conflict management



Hon. Min. Gender, Labour & Social Dev't and Hon. State Min. Karamoja affairs inspecting Masonry practicals/bricks work

Photo Gallery



Group photo of 2017 Graduants



RDC, LCV and other stakeholders in a group photo with graduants

Photo Gallery



Casava plantation at Kobulin



Tractor opening land for cultivation

Photo Gallery



Nursery bed for vegetables



Representative of PS giving a speech during the graduation



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