

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT TITLE:

Raising Awareness On The Dangers And Preventive Measures Of Covid 19
Among Sixty Children Between The Ages Of 5-15 In The Mendong Neighborhood
of Yaounde



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Executive Summary

This report has been prepared after completion of the project on: “Raising Awareness on the dangers and preventive measures of covid 19 among sixty children between the ages of 5-15 in the mendong neighborhood of Yaoundé”. This report is for internal use and aimed at presenting to management the various activities that were successfully implemented as per the activity plan, the difficulties that were encountered in the field, how these difficulties were resolved, the budget execution and finally how the results of the project were monitored and evaluated. The context and justification of the project arose from the fact that there has been a continues rise in the number of infected persons with the corona virus. Research and observation on the live style of the residents of the target neighbourhood (Mendong) especially in relation to their children was not safe. Safety measures to prevent children from catching the virus were not respected thereby playing children within the neighbourhood under high risk of being contaminated. With increasing number of infected cases of Covid 19 in Cameroon and the possibility of the government reopening schools in the near future, our major question was; what preliminary measures could be taken to prevent the spread among children age 5-15? With the above question, the major goal of the project was therefore to increase awareness of the danger and preventive measures of the Covid 19 Virus among children between the ages of 5-15 in the Mendong neighborhood of Yaounde. We had several objectives to attain some of which were to increase our awareness on the number of children in the neighbourhood between ages 5-15, Increase awareness on preventive measures among at least 60 children within the neighborhood of our participants by the 1st of June. Reduce Covid 19 infection rate among children age 5-15 in Mendong, Intensify the fight against Covid 19 in the Mendong neighborhood by distributing hand sanitizers and masks to 60 children between the ages of 5-15 through our participants. We carried out very important activities in order to achieve the project objectives. We carried out field research, selected direct project participants, organised a seminar on the topic during which participants we educated on preventive measures, educated on effective hand washing, trained on how to produce local hand sanitizers and distributed masks to participants to distribute to family and friends in the neighbourhood. Even though we faced a few challenges, the project was successfully implemented, the objectives were attained and the multiplier effect will continue to impact the neighbourhood as our participants sensitize other children

CONTENT OF ACTIVITIES, RESULTS AND OUTCOME OF EACH ACTIVITY

Face one activity (data collection and registering of direct participants)

At the first face of the project, we carried out research activities by visiting the target neighbourhood on Friday the 8th of May and made a second visit on Saturday the 9th. During which we visited children play grounds, gatherings, provision stores and households to meet and talk with children and their guardians on their participation in the project and briefly exchanged knowledge on the subject with them.

Outcome: We obtained information on the possible number of children between the ages of 5-15 within the Mendong neighbourhood.

Secondly we successfully built a data base of contacts of the guardians of these children and made a list of direct participants to the projects that were expected to sensitize other children on the topic after the seminar.

Face two of the project activities (Seminar)

At the second stage of the project activities, we successfully organised a 3 hours seminar on Saturday the 16th of May at the residence of a neighbourhood participant with all selected direct participants present. This major activity had 3 sub sections: Educative talk and exchange, questions and answers between the children and the speaker Madam Nicoline, project assistant.



Sub-activity two

There was Education on the importance of hand washing and demonstration on effective hand washing to protect ourselves from corona virus and other germs and bacteria related illnesses coordinated by Madam Yvette, of HOCI



Sub-activity three

The coordinator showed the various components used for local or homemade sanitizers. He demonstrated on the production of local hand sanitizer using alcohol, distilled water, hydrogen peroxide glycerol in their right proportions as indicated by the WHO standard. This was coordinated and demonstrated by Mr. Dinga Tambi, project specialist.



PROJECT RESULTS

The results obtained from this project were just as expected.

Our participants went back home with knowledge and information on how much risk they were facing in their neighbourhood considering the way of life in their neighbourhood and the increasing number of infected persons in Cameroon. They went back home with complete and concrete information about covid 19, the dangers of the virus, and how its spread can be prevented. They also learn effective hand washing techniques and were empowered with skills on the production of local hand sanitizers with their parents.

Our participants on the 16th of May vowed to share all the information and knowledge gotten from the seminar with their friends, family and neighbours in order to protect themselves and protect their neighbourhood. Each participant immediately identified at least 3 children in the neighbourhood they would share the knowledge.

One week after the project, our monitoring and evaluation results shows us that 42 other children in the neighbourhood have already benefitted from the project. Our direct participants shared face masks and bottles of hand sanitizers to their friends, neighbours and play mates within the neighbourhood. The multiplier effect continues within the neighbourhood. This made a total number of beneficiaries so far at 62, one week after the project.

Challenges and difficulties faced

- At the start of the project, we had a major challenge of making the children cooperate during our research activity. Few children were willing to discuss with us on the topic during the research activity. While others were more interested in their play games, others found it difficult talking to strangers
- Secondly still during the first part of the project, we faced difficulties having access to some parents in the neighbourhood concerning the project. We took a Saturday because it is not a working day for most parents and most of them stay at home. But still on this same day, some occupied with house hold duties
- Also for parents that were not very familiar with our NGO, they were skeptical about letting their children participate in the seminar.
- As concerns the second face of the project, at the beginning of the seminar, the children were a little shy hence less cooperative but with simulative questions and interesting talk, they finally became very open, cooperative and shared a lot of ideas with the coordinators of the various activities.
- The last part which was the monitoring and evaluation was less challenging because parents and children were already familiar with the project and organisation and were open to give information as required.

Conclusion

The project which was executed within two weeks monitored and evaluated within one week has been a huge success through the changes made in the neighbourhood in terms of the perception of children on the virus and its preventive measures. The target population was reached and impacted within one week. The multiplier effect of the project is the greatest success so far. From monitoring, children from other nearby neighborhoods are also benefiting from the knowledge shared by our direct participants. However, we intend to

implement the same project model with little modifications, in other different neighborhoods that face as much risk.

Appendixes

Nb. All selected participants were available.

Names and ages of direct participants.

No	NAME	GENDER	AGE(years)
1	Ateh Kendra Nsehqweneh	Female	11
2	Treasure Wannwie	Female	8
3	Omi Blossom Neriah	Female	7
4	Faith Shemidah Yau Ndung	Female	6
5	Tebe Fortune Tah	Female	14
6	Nelson Onga	Male	10
7	Jesse Bob Junior	Male	6
8	Ful Ashley Kuoh	Female	12
9	Jody Bemsimbom	11	11
10	Zerobbabel Afumbom Delphine	Female	17
11	Mbua Laurnlyn Alim Nasing	Female	13
12	Mbua Falone Serah Fuen	Female	11
13	Ngang Abel Sone Sale	Male	5
14	Albert Ndile Sale	Male	14
15	Lumnwi Divya-Amore Dzelen	Male	10
16	Beri Jada Eliz	Female	8
17	Che Jason Nissi Dzelen	Male	5
18	Marc Brian Kube	Male	15
19	McClinton Djam	Male	13
20	Soh Philippe	Male	13