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NAIROBI KENYA

INUKA DADA TUJIENDELEZE PROJECT 2023

Inuka Dada Project is a comprehensive project that focuses on refugee women's empowerment through procreative livelihood activities.

Report of Dec 2023- Feb 2024

By December 2023, we were continuing well with the project and we thank the good cooperation from the RefugePoint team for continuous learning benefiting our team on the other side.

December 2023



1. Digital skills:

Under the same project, as a continuous project we had our first cohort in cinematography and computer skills graduating comprised of 14 beneficiaries in total and thanks to available learning materials we successfully equipped them with meaningful skills to enable them to venture into the labor market immediately, and the other 15 learners will finish in March 2024.



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2. Tailoring:



In tailoring, we were also preparing to graduate 15 learners at the same time as the digital skills learners. The same month 5 tailoring machines were purchased to be offered to the best students a method that has been adopted after realizing that not everyone would be gifted a machine at the end.

With the graduation of December, we had another ongoing cohort which is supposed to graduate this year by the end of March 2024. On the budget that was supposed to be used for the graduation we used already half of it and we expect to use the rest in the next one of March 2024.

3. Detergents Making:

This is a hand-crafted training in procreative products where young refugee mothers; make Dettol, liquid soaps, Shampoo, JIK, and Downy. We trained them in entrepreneurship skills on how to market and sell their products to generate a sustaining income out of their talents. Mostly we received middle-aged young mothers, 22-45 years. Umoja Refugee Group managed to train 20 people from the community, 18 females and 2 male beneficiaries, from the age of 19-45 years.



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4. Mental Health:

Under mental health, we were able to conduct group counseling and related activities. In the various groups, we reached 111 from the group counselling. It was an opportunity to train various groups from parents, single mothers, youth, and those living with special needs.



Other successful stories about December 2023, the Executive Director was able to attend the Global Refugee Forum GRF in Geneva which paved a strong connection towards the advocacy work and our target to empower families to become self-reliant. This was inspired by the IDT project output during our implementation as evidence-based best practices at the RLO level.



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Challenges:

In December 2023, we faced challenges of relocation while the former landlord needed to renovate the place and we had to prepare for relocation unexpectedly. We had to pay for new rentals including a deposit, and renovating the new place that cost a bigger amount than usual. This has touched our stability in terms of the budget line. We had to use an amount of money that was supposed to cater for other things like graduation (2nd round) and other expenses. Much has been detailed in our budget spreadsheet paperwork, and we hope it is convincing to accommodate changes within our MoU.

January -February 2024

2024 January has been tough and busy with renovation activities as we look forward to starting up a new year with many ambitions.

It has compromised our financial status in the implementation plan and we used a portion of the budget under the Inuka Dada Tujiendeleze/IDT Project. Nevertheless, we have been able to attract more partners from January due to the IDT Project impact. We resumed our training as usual with a class that had 15 trainees in tailoring, while the other 15 graduated in December.

The digital hub also resumed with fewer than 9 learners due to dropping issues in the course, while 14 graduated last December. The main cause has been sustainability issues while learning. Some got jobs and had to quit the training. By February, we had continuous training and engaged new 2024 beneficiaries as a continuous project.

We also face some challenges attached to the lack of resources to replace the funds used for innovation which handicapped some of the activities we had on the list. A few activities have been not attained the way it was planned.

Conclusion: The implementation has faced challenges based on sustainability, from one landlord to another the rent changed, and the amount put in deposit fees, renovation, and relocation transport fees. All this was not in the plan but they came up as urgent situations and we had to touch on the IDT funds to save the day.

By the end of February, we reached a net of 33 beneficiaries in tailoring, 24 in digital skills/cinematography, and 111 in group counseling which brings a total of 168 beneficiaries.

Those who started but could not finish our training in total are 19 for 12 months.

We were able to attract potential partners like Amala Education and, Global Wellbeing Fund, Inkomoko, with whom we are already working towards sustainable partnerships; and we are using the opportunity to reach more partners for future purposes.