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Introduction:

We started the year in full gear though around March things changed due to Covid-19. But we thank God that for all what we have been able to achieve in period of time even in these tricky times we have continued to support the seniors in the different ways possible. We were able to do different activities as explained below.

Senior's annual updates:

In the month of January and February much emphasis was put on compiling the seniors' annual update that were finalized and shared by 3rd March 2020.

Promote Christian Faith:

Under this objective, seniors are visited, comforted and prayed for. They are also encouraged and reminded to attend fellowships. Seniors were visited by the staff and the village volunteers. They were visited 103 times. They were able to fellowship 5 times before the lock down.

Improving the overall health.

Seniors who fell sick continued to receive treatment as required from ROTOM Health Center and also the partner health center which is a bit closer to the area. Seniors that received treatment included; Petero Lwasa, Antonio Kilegeya, and Wadeya Kerementi. Other seniors went for review and refill of their drugs. They were all treated and their health is fair. The Field nurse also visited them to change catheter for one senior and also checking on those with chronic illnesses.

Food distribution:

Below are the seniors that were provided with food packages monthly; Jocyce Nakku, Wadeya Kerementi, Florence Mutonyi, Madalena Nyapendi, Wilson Gidudu, Kasirida Mariam, Dorotia Akajoliti, Kalayi Justine, Nampa Namulagi, Norah Amwana, Fred Minani Alozious Ndyamagye and Antonio Kilegeya.

Joyce Kabahinda is on special care as she receives already cooked food daily from the restaurant as she can no longer cook for herself.

Housing/Rent:

A number of seniors from this area are immigrants and most of them don't own land. Some have been renting houses over the years because they could still do casual jobs and earn some income to pay the rent. However this can no longer be achieved as they used to do and housing becomes a very big issue. Currently we pay rent for Alozious Ndyamagye who was chased away from the house where he used to stay. We have a number of such seniors and it is against this background that we bought a piece of land such that in future when funds are available we can build a communal house for those particular seniors.

Hygiene and sanitation:

Each senior received a bar of soap and a tin of Vaseline and they were all filled with joy. The Field Assistant, also helped in the general cleaning of Joyce Kabahinda's place.

Impact of the water tanks:

It is really heartwarming to see seniors smiling and can access the basic needs which was so heard for them. We thank God for all the efforts made by the team to raise funds that have made remarkable changes in this community. Seniors receiving water tanks; they were relieved from the burden they had to fetch water and so many would go without it as they couldn't move that long distance and some without energy even to carry a 5 liter jerry can.

Below are some seniors sharing their joy:



Senior Norah Namusoke (Aged 81) could not contain her joy when she was asked how the water tank she received from ROTOM has helped her. Before she even started to share her gratitude, she was dancing and clapping. Norah who lives with her grandson and husband Yacobo Kayimba (who is also a ROTOM supported senior) says that the water tank has made a huge difference in their lives. In her own words she says;

"I do not recall the last day I went to the community borehole since December 2019 when I received my water tank. We used to collect water from the borehole and it would take us almost an hour to get there. It was always very crowded with people and frustrating to get the water. We

needed to collect at least 4 Jerry cans a day of 20 liters to help us do the house chores. This means we had to make many trips to the borehole.

Now I don't have to worry about all this. It has been raining heavily here and so we have so much water that takes us for many days and months. Except during the dry season when it is dry, we now have enough water and I am so grateful to ROTOM and my friends who have blessed us with this useful tank. My husband is now bedridden and the water in the tank has been so helpful in washing his clothes, preparing meals on time and cleaning him. We are very happy".

Senior Adowu Florence



Florence also joined Norah to give thanks for her water tank that has tremendously changed her life. Florence expressed that she cannot explain how grateful she is for the water tank she received from ROTOM. She said that she now has enough water to cook, bathe, wash dishes and clothes at any time of the day that she chooses.

She says that she no longer has to walk a long distance to go to the well to collect water.

Conclusion:

We thank God for what he enabled us to achieve in this quarter, providing good health to our seniors and keeping them safe from the covid-19 disease. We are grateful for the UK Team for your boundless support and to all our friends for the continuous support extended to the seniors. May God continue to protect and bless you all!