

kwa wazee



QUARTERLY REPORT
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Executive summary

Kwa Wazee envisions a community in which older and young people are capable of living dignified, healthy and secure lives. Our mission is to advance the empowerment of older and young people through promotion of inclusive policies and practices in Tanzania.

This report is designed to provide an update on activities done during the period of 1st January to 31st March 31, 2021. The report gives brief narration of what have been done in each program, beneficiaries reached and impacts noted during the implementation.

Activities done

Non-conditional and non-contributory Cash transfer (Pension Fund)

The table below shows number of beneficiaries per each month and total cash transferred;

Monthly	Gender		Total	Children	Cash transferred (In Tanzania shillings)
	Male	Female			
January	173	720	893	120	13,654,500
February	171	714	885	119	13,548,000
March	169	711	880	112	13,412,000

In assessing the impact of monthly cash transfers, 94 non self-collectors (76 males and 18 female) have been visited to control their funds delivered by their representatives in Kibanga, Mubunda, Ngenge Rwigembe, Kishuro and Nshamba and three pensioners reported that through pension they are engaged in group savings which have helped them to rehabilitate their houses.

Universal Pension Pilot

During this period, 3 beneficiaries died and 2 new older people were registered in a pension scheme to make a total of 196 (66 male & 130 female) by end of March 2021. The table below shows the number of beneficiaries reached per month:

Month	Gender		Total	Cash transferred (In Tanzania shillings)
	Male	Female		
January	67	132	199	2,985,000
February	66	131	197	2,955,000
March	66	130	196	2,940,000

The results from this pilot project have revealed how our universal pension to older people can improve older peoples` lives and increase government efforts in reducing poverty among its people. Kwa Wazee continues to learn on impacts of this scheme and advocate for implementation of this type of social protection by government like as a way of reducing poverty rate in rural communities.

70% of non-self-collectors visited during the first quarter confirmed that have been receiving their exact amounts they are entitled where the least of nor-self pension collectors will be visited during the next quarter.

We also conducted 2 sessions with all self-collectors in Ikondo and Nsisha where during the sessions over 50% pensioners requested their data to be validated. Some of them requested to change their representative information with a reason that their representatives shifted in another area for different reasons. In the next quarter during the pay days we agreed with them to come with their new representatives they wish to collect their pensions in case of emergency for us to update their information.



Older Peoples self-help Groups (PSS)



We have trained members in Rwingembe and Ngenge on composite manure production which will help them to feed into their farms and increase their production at low costs. We have visited 63 groups in clusters to monitor their progress, reviewed the previous year activities and assess what worked well and what needs improvement. The following testimony was recorded from one of visited groups in Nshamba.

“I have been participating in groups where I got support through revolving fund. The fund I was given was spent into agriculture by paying the day labor and I purchased two goats. At this moment I sold two goats which helped me when I got sick and admitted at hospital. I managed to pay the sums of 35 USD (80,500 TZS) for the treatment. I feel proud of being in this group and still I have sufficient food and two goats remained as the future investment.”

Also, we have conducted one day training to older people in Kasharunga on goat keeping and care. After the training 20 goats have been distributed to 20 older people under revolving goat scheme as way of empowering older people to improve their income and health and increase their source of food. The revolving goat scheme has benefited 478 old people since 2012.

During goats monitoring it was noticed that apart from the breeding of the goat as the source of income other concept and perceptions on the benefit of the goats were emerged from the older people keeping goats. They feeling of reduced stress caused by the loss of their children and closed people. “I use most of the time feeding goat after working in the shamba and the goats make me feel happy as I concentrate on feeding rather than thinking of the lost children and close relatives.”

Saving of the groups

Month	January	February	March
Saving	512,000	851,500	696,000

Community support



In January, evangelical fellowship church came to our organization and supported the older people with soaps, sugar, salt, rice, and tooth paste and brush. This was brought during the celebration of the New Year. 30 older people benefitted with this support.

Advocacy “a voice for older people”

Kwa Wazee have supported OPC leaders in 37 wards with stationeries and other working gears for running their advocacy activities. We have supported 70 OPC from 7 wards with 700 short term avocado seedlings (100seedlings for each ward) to empower them to have an extra source of income where partly of it will be used to run their advocacy work with just less support from Kwa Wazee.



We have financially supported 9 people with different case to attend the court and link them with other legal aid facilities. One of these cases was criminal while the rest were related with land grabbing.

In this quarter, we received complaints from older persons that identification letter provided

for accessing free health services have been rejected in some of public health facilities which was also confirmed with the first quarterly report from 23 out of 43 wards of Muleba district as indicated in the table below: -

No. of OP in 23 out of 43 ward who submitted their reports			No. of OP being sick			No. of OP went to Health facilities		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
6,722	9,168	15,890	528	682	1170	450	511	938

No. of OP got free health care			Different btn OP who went to Health facilities and those got free health care			No of OP died		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
198	235	433	252	276	528	164	174	338

To verify the reported information, Kwa Wazee conducted a very simple survey to 111 old people who visited health facilities in last 6 months to identify acceptance of OP identification letter in accessing free health services in 16 out of 43 wards of Muleba District. The results shows that, out of 111 old people, 31 visited with identification letter and got free health services while 24 old visited with identification letter but did not receive free health services. Also, 44 old people did not visit with identification letter and did not receive free health service. These shows that provided old identification letter are not accepted in all health facilities in Muleba District. Kwa Wazee plans to organize session with various health and government leaders to advocate for that issue.

Self-Protection

Kwa Wazee trains old people new defensive techniques to protect themselves against any form of violence. During this period, Kwa Wazee has introduced these trainings in Kimwani sub villages and 228 grannies were trained and 15 assistant trainers were appointed. Also self-protection groups in Nshamba with 60 members were monitored to see how they are practicing defensive mechanisms and to identify their status against sexual violence. Visit reports show that elderly have stated that self-defense training has increased their resilience and helped them in defending themselves and their properties thus reduced the act of violence significantly, whereas in these 3 months there is no violence case reported against them.



Health Promotion

In promoting health of our beneficiaries, during this quarter Kwa Wazee has conducted refresher trainings on simple physical exercise, food intake and personal hygiene to 315 older people (101 males & 214 Females) older people from 19 former groups were trained on health skills. Kwa Wazee also supported eye checkup to 12 old people who got eye surgery in last year of 2020. We have supported 16 helpless patients (9Male &7 Female) to attend medical treatment at the hospital.

In March, Kwa Wazee conducted eye screening to 76 (46 male and 30 female) old people in Ngenge ward and 21 old people got eye drops only, 22 got spectacle only and 27 old people got both eye drop and spectacles. Mobile eye clinics have proved equal accessibility of eye services to old people in rural areas.

Tatu-Tano

Educational Support

In working towards accessing quality education, Kwa Wazee has paid fees worth 3,130,000 Tanzania shillings to 25 students(14 girls and 9 boys) of which 7 are in vocational trainings schools, 9 are in Teachers` Training Colleges and 8 are in Advanced Secondary Education schools. Kwa Wazee Tatu-Tano has also conducted monitoring visit to 18 children learning groups to assess their performance at schools, usage of provided learning books, communicating information from organization and receive reports on groups` income activities. We are very pleased that there is improved academic performance of group members as 202 members joined secondary education in January 2021.

Self-defense



41 groups with 1729 participants were monitored during this period to discuss challenges they face and possible ways to solve them. Kwa wazee also conducted simple evaluation for all 97 assistant trainers in January to determine three things their strength, their weaknesses, and way forward in increasing group participation in trainings. Assistant trainers identified their strength and

weakness, and 6 groups agreed to change the day of attending the training, 8 groups agreed to add new assistant trainers according to the number of participants and 9 groups were the

old ones are supposed to continue with advanced studies. So, until March the number of attended participants has increased from 49% to 64%.

PAMOJA

During this period Kwa Wazee has continued to hold various meetings organized by 1600 trained community members to influence other community members to take actions. From meetings parents have designed agreed action towards act of violence in the community which use local government leaders to ensure that they defend the rights of children and vulnerable people and promising to disseminate this education to parents, guardians and their children

“I feel It” Project

This project aims at empowering young children from 6 to 10 years in fighting against fear, insecurity, and anxiety as lack of ability to express them. Kwa Wazee conducts various training for children to eliminate such situations and give the child confidence. Since January this year we have trained 327 children’s (202girls and 125boys) on friendship, communication, and complexity topics. In facilitating these topics , children have revealed that use of games in trainings has increased effective participation of children in groups as it make them to learn happily and connect them together

Young people empowerment

During this quarter, Kwa Wazee has distributed 137 kilograms of beans and 194 kilograms of groundnuts for groups which cultivate various crops. Also, we have supported 67 groups by building sheds and distributing goats.

The aim is to empower young people with skills and ability to improve their lives through self-employment. Our beneficiaries have reported that through Tatu-Tano groups they are able to afford their basic needs like foods and buy school materials like exercise books and pens



Peace is a Decision (PiaD)

We have conducted meeting with 54 assistant trainers to discuss various challenges facing PiaD groups during trainings. The major challenge noted is low number of participants during group meetings and trainings. Assistant trainers were advised to use games, having different learning topics pr each meeting and facilitate peer to peer learning rather than direct facilitation.

CPC – monitoring report

We have visited 3 CPC groups in Ngenge, Nyakatanga and Nshamba. We reviewed their work and incidences that they have worked on to improve protection in their community. 10 cases were against children violence where there was children abandonment, sexual violence at school and at the community, and domestic violence which leads to child humiliation.

The committees supported the children to solve the violence against the children which helped the children to have rights and stop violence against children. The children in the area have been reporting the cases and the committees investigate violence which is resolved by the members together with community leaders. The following challenges have been noted ; Sexual violence sometime takes long time at the court which makes the parents and witness to fail following the cases, no funds for running the cases as far as the caretakers are living in poverty and sexual violence fails have clear witness

Vijana Bicycle Center (VBC)

During this quarter we received 1 container with a total of 465 bikes and 292 bikes had been sold making the income of Tsh33, 271,000/=. Also, we have sold spares with value of Tsh1, 165,900/= and bikes repair with total Tsh40, 000/=. The total income was Tsh34, 476,900/=

During this period Kwa Wazee continue empowering youth in bicycle assembling and trading concepts. We are also training 5 students on bicycle Materials, Measurement, General check, Basic mathematics, and wheel, and Metals in bicycle assembling center. We also visited 12 secondary schools to support the students with bicycle maintenances and during maintenance; we did an assessment on the impacts of the Bike to school programs. We have noticed that this program has increased attendance at school, reduced absenteeism at school, managing time and self-learning and increased supports to parents after school.