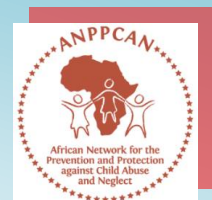


The African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN)



**Activities and Progress
in the Year 2020**



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ACRONYMNS

AACs	Area Advisory Councils
AKIN	African Kids in Need
ANPPCAN	African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease 2019
DCS	Department of Children Services
IGAs	Income Generating Activities
ILO	International Labour Organization
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organizations
KICC	Kenyatta International Conference Centre
NCRH	Nairobi Children Remand Home
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
PEEP	Parents Economic Empowerment Project
SND	Strategies for Northern Development
TdH-NL	Terre des Hommes Netherlands
TSC	Teachers' Service Commission
WHO	World Health Organization

YEAR 2020 IN BRIEF

The year 2020 began on a high note with a lot of hopes for implementation of programme activities in areas ANPPCAN was operating. However, came March 2020, the whole country had to be under total lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic that had reached Kenya and spread fast. The pandemic, which started in Wuhan, China in 2019 went spreading across the globe killing many people and is still on the run, with very many dying, others infected, while some are recovering. The pandemic severely hit many countries economically, with a trickling down effect to governments, companies, families and individuals, among others. Countries are grappling with the situation whether to save its people or the economy. Thus, the year 2020 has been a very tricky and slippery road to walk upon.

The Covid-19 pandemic, fundamentally changed peoples' way of life and the daily routines, people were used to. Schools, businesses and offices were also closed down as the people had to follow the laid down rules from World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health in respective countries, such as wearing of masks, washing of hands, use of sanitizers and keeping of social distance to help in containing and eradicating the virus.

This resulted into many people at family and organizational levels, lose their sources of income, while many lost their lives. People could not purchase basic items like foodstuff and those living in urban areas even could not afford rent due to lack of income. Even as the year approached the end, the effects of Covid-19 were still greatly felt, because the pandemic was on a vicious cycle of recurring. To-date, there are lockdowns going on here and there globally and Kenya, where ANPPCAN Regional Office is based, has not been spared. This had led to reduction of activities, as some of the supporters and partners of the many ANPPCAN activities in Kenya, were not spared by the impact.

However, the positivity part of all the above experiences, is that ANPPCAN supporters continued to support the targeted communities and families with cash transfers, foodstuff, masks, jerry cans for water and even beddings. This was truly positive, as all schools were closed and children were at home with their parents, some of whom, had lost their

jobs and could not do their usual economic activities in the non-formal sector. ANPPCAN was most appreciative to the donors, who decided to adjust their funding so that the resources went directly to support families to feed themselves and protect their children during the pandemic.

As this was not enough, the rains also visited some of the Counties ANPPCAN had programmes, subjecting many families to homelessness and they had to be evacuated to safe areas. Again, ANPPCAN partners responded very fast and enabled the families to settle in their new homes safely. The Government Departments, as well as, the County Offices worked very closely with ANPPCAN to ensure that normalcy was returned to these families with speed. The use of digital form of communication, became most appropriate, but this also became a reality with the support of ANPPCAN donors, namely TDH, AKIN, Kenyan School House Programme, as well as, WeSeeHope. To this group, the families in Budalangi Sub-County of Busia County and government officers on ground, remain most grateful indeed.



Project families that were affected by the floods in Budalangi Sub-County being supported with essential items.

MEETINGS ANPPCAN ATTENDED

Well, all was not lost to Covid-19 pandemic. In January 2020, ANPPCAN was represented at the roundtable stakeholders meeting, which was a collaboration between Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and Gender Violence and Recovery Centre (GVRC) held at the TSC Headquarters. The TSC called upon stakeholders working in the area of child protection and education sectors to get information on the situation of school related cases of gender based violence in Kenya and how to deal with such cases. The TSC put emphasis in their Circulars of 3/2010 and 6/2017 and in their Strategic Plan 2019 on the need to have children protected from abuse in schools.

Similarly, during January, the NGO Coordination Board, held an NGO week at the KICC and ANPPCAN was represented. Participation to this meeting came from NGOs, INGOs and the Private Sector. The NGO Board managed to launch the NGO Sector Report 2018/2019 and its Strategic Plan (2020-2022) during this time. The Sector report was drawn from the different annual reports submitted by different organizations that submit annual reports to the Board. It was revealed that more than 88% of the development financing of NGOs comes from outside Africa, 10% from within Kenya and 2% from the rest of Africa. The Board noted that dependency on external funding had an implication on the sustainability of these NGOs and their activities and called for ways to improve level of sustainability of NGOs. This included; allowing NGOs to do business or undertake economic activities, as well as, strengthening efforts of NGOs to raise resources locally.

PROGRAMMES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN 2020

In the year under review, the Regional Office managed to undertake a study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Children in Busia, Loitoktok, Marsabit and Nairobi. These are project areas, where ANPPCAN is working and the organization wanted to determine the impact the pandemic had on children and their families, as well as, emerging issues of the effect of COVID-19 to inform the strategies ANPPCAN was using. The team carrying out the research, was able to monitor the beneficiaries of ANPPCAN projects in these areas, as they went about with the study. The study was undertaken, when the

pandemic infection rates had been reported to have reduced in Kenya. But all the Health regulations and protocols to prevent the spread of the virus, were fully observed.



A Focus Group Discussion on the Impact of Covid-19 on Children with parents at Okook Primary School in Teso North

Meetings continued to be held virtually all over the globe. ANPPCAN participated virtually in meetings, such as, on child trafficking, child participation, elimination of child sexual exploitation and child labour, among others. Also, the team at ANPPCAN met virtually in June 2020 with those working on the ILO-CAPSA project in Kenya. ILO was looking for partnership to help tackle issues on child labour, which is a subject dear to ANPPCAN. Since ANPPCAN had worked with ILO in the past, both organizations looked forward to working together, once more, on pertinent issues affecting children in Kenya. The Regional Board of ANPPCAN was also not left out as it met on Zoom in December 2020.

As a key stakeholder, in children matters, ANPPCAN was invited to attend the meeting for Area Advisory Council (AACC) in December 2020 at Nyayo House. The important meeting discussed on matters on the status report on child protection issues in Nairobi, report of a children's home and a Rehab school, a brief of child trafficking, among others

PROGRAMMES

Building the Foundation for Child Trafficking Free Zones in Urban and Rural Kenya

This started its last leg of the year in the 3 Counties it has been operating, which ANPPCAN identified as zones for child trafficking in Kenya, namely; Busia, Nairobi, and Mandera (Marsabit and Moyale). This programme has had major impact in these Counties targeting children likely to be trafficked and rescuing those trafficked and placing them in places of safety run by the Government. It worked closely with Government Departments, namely, the Police and Children, where institutions that take care of children needing protection are temporarily housed. These institutions were strengthened with resources to improve services they give to children, as well as, enhancing knowledge of staff running and working in the institutions.

Although, the planned activities were affected due to Covid-19 virus, few meetings were conducted before the total closure, with law enforcement agencies working in the 3 targeted Counties sharing information on how to deal with cases of child trafficking and how to improve the services being provided e.g. improve the periods cases take in courts, as well as, ensuring that children are not exposed to the perpetrators once more. The need to involve their parents or guardians in the process of rehabilitation is underscored in the forums.



Law Enforcement Forum: A Chief contributing in the forum discussions

Due to the closure of schools and the lock down in Kenya, the programme assisted many families and their children with resources to deal with the impact of the pandemic effectively.

ANPPCAN staff worked with their team members in the field to identify immediate needs. This led to the supply of water tanks, soaps and sanitizers to use for washing hands. Many families were supported with money to buy food for the families. This worked very well, until the situation eased in October 2020, when many parents could go back to do whatever economic activities they were doing before the pandemic to fend for their families.



A beneficiary receiving items in response to COVID-19 in Moyale

Through Zoom, the project staff liaised with those in the field to enhance knowledge of different groups on the Health guidelines to help families stay safe. Different groups in the communities were also targeted with awareness raising on Covid-19 virus. The project team received a lot of support from partners based in the 3 Counties targeted to ensure that some activities were undertaken as much as possible. Cases of teenage pregnancies and sexual abuse were also reported and dealt with.

ANPPCAN went further and undertook a study to determine the impact of Covid-19 on children and families during the lockdown period, to guide future strategies when the situation turns into normal.

However, the programme faced a major challenge that due to lock down and closure of the schools, it became difficult to undertake the planned activities. But, the donor and staff running the project used the resources to support the families and the institutions that faced problem of resources. The programme, also facilitated volunteers and government team on ground from Department of Children Services (DCS) to continue with rescuing the children and monitoring the situation in the targeted community. This was most positive approach in this programme.

The staff also used the opportunity to participate in the study initiated to assess the impact Covid-19 virus had on children and their families.



A Focus Group Discussion with teachers on the impact of Covid-19 on Children at Okook Primary School in Teso South Sub County

Empowering Children as Advocates of their Rights

This programme covers two Counties, namely; Busia and Kajiado. In Kajiado, it targets Loitokitok because of the study ANPPCAN did in 2006 looking at trafficking of children. Many children were found to be trafficked through the border of Tanzania and Kenya. The aim was to raise awareness and prevent trafficking, as well as, rescuing those being trafficked from their families into Kenya or Tanzania. Trafficking was also common between Kenya and Uganda border in Busia.

The programme started well in January 2021 with the activities of graduating the programme from 15 schools who had been in the programme for several years and recruiting another 15 schools (10 in Busia and 5 in Loitokitok). The concerned schools were involved, targeting head teachers and School Management Boards. Also, other stakeholders, such as, teachers, community leaders, such as chiefs, as well as, Government Departments of Education and Children were involved.

However, these activities had to be stopped in March 2020, until December 2020, because of the spread of Covid-19, making the government close schools and go into lockdown. The donors that support this programme, WeSeeHope, also faced economic challenges and informed ANPPCAN on time. The communities were also prepared for the changes.

The positive thing about this programme is the strategies it has been using. For example, through Child Rights Clubs established in schools, the children were assisted to undertake Income Generating Activities (IGAs) under the leadership of school heads and their management boards. Hence in some schools such as in Loitokitok, the children and some of their teachers continue with these activities even when schools were closed. This prevented children getting into problems as demonstrated in other areas, where children were left unattended or kept busy through activities as shown below.



*A vegetable farm, an
Income Generating
Activity (IGA) at
Olanti Primary School
in Loitokitok Sub-
County*

Based on experience, ANPPCAN initiated Parents Economic Empowerment (PEEP) some years back. The parents of some of these children continued with their economic activities despite the pandemic, especially being assisted by volunteers and staff from the Department of Children's Services, who were facilitated to continue monitoring these activities. The government and other groups assisted them with face masks and transport as well.

However, the groups in Busia faced difficulties as many of the people used to sell their goods lost their jobs and this was revealed when ANPPCAN was assessing the community needs, especially when schools were closed. To overcome this, the PEEP groups were assisted to venture into mask making, as well as, making soaps. This is working well, since December 2020.

ANPPCAN learnt major lessons here. First, instead of entering schools with programme activities, with good intention of keeping children in school, it is important for ANPPCAN programmes to target the communities as the tentative results of the study undertaken show that children faced lots of problems, when schools were closed, leading to increased cases of teenage pregnancies, sexual and physical abuse. Many parents reported having problems related to food and discipline, when schools were closed. This means that there is strong need to empower parents, children and communities to relate to each other whether schools are closed or not.

Elimination of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

This is a third project of ANPPCAN being implemented in Busia County targeting Budalangi and Matayos sub-Counties to respond to the needs of children identified during several studies undertaken in Busia County by TDH Netherlands and ANPPCAN. A significant number of children in these two Counties are into child labour and sexual exploitation for economic purposes.

In 2020, the project started by reaching out to schools, teachers and community leaders to be sensitized about the problem faced by some children and how to prevent such activities and ensure that children attend and stay in school to complete their education. It was also intended to reach out to key stakeholders, such as, police and Department of Children's Services to ensure that the children rescued got counselling and family support to enable them go back to school or vocational training to acquire skills, which they can use to earn decent living.

The introduction of the project to different groups was followed with selection of schools to introduce Child Rights Clubs and set up Child Help Desks, where children facing problems that make them not attend school or run away could be dealt with. The Child Right Clubs are intended to, not only empower the school children with their rights, but also, to increase their knowledge on sexual exploitation and how to protect themselves, as well as, know where to report such cases starting with schools.



Child Rights Club Members from Bulanda Primary School with their Patron and Child Help Desk Representative

This project used the strategies ANPPCAN has been using in Child Participation Programme, as such, the period saw training activities being undertaken until Covid-19 pandemic became pronounced in Kenya in March 2020, leading to the closure of schools and total lockdown to follow the health rules aimed at stopping of the spread of the virus.

The activities of this project before the closure of the schools were extremely impressive, where some 387 children had joined child rights clubs in 10 schools and were meeting once a week. Community leaders such as chiefs and church leaders had been identified and trained. Several Parents Economic Empowerment (PEEP) groups had been identified and trainers were identified to improve the skills of the group members on the activities the groups would undertake such as making detergents, soap and face masks.



Teachers Training on formation of Child Rights Clubs and Child Help Desk in schools

During this period, the project had identified key ministries to be members of the implementing team in the sub-Counties, to ensure the activities are continued beyond ANPPCAN. These included Ministry of Education and Department of Children's Services in Busia County. This team became most useful when the schools were closed and the pandemic was on upsurge, making it difficult for the staff from ANPPCAN Regional Office to travel to Busia.

The two sub-Counties faced a challenge of heavy rains in March and April 2020, leading to some of the families living near Lake Victoria, being displaced. The project team had to reach out to the donor and other groups to support children and their families during this

difficult time. These families were supported with food, beddings, mosquito nets, jerrycans to store clean water, clothing, sanitary towels, masks, among many other items.



Provision of beddings to displaced families

The project went ahead to support 50 families with KShs 2,000/- every month to buy food and soap to wash hands and any other items needed. This support was provided from April to December 2020 to be able to provide 2 meals a day to selected parents to prevent their children from going to the lake to fish or get lured by the fishermen to engage with them sexually in exchange for fish and other basic needs. Some few parents saved part of this small income and started small businesses. For all this, ANPPCAN is most grateful to the partners who came to assist the families who needed help in the Sub-Counties.

During the brief period, the programme initiated Parents Economic Empowerment Programme for some schools. At least 4 groups were initiated composed of 10 members in each group, where each member contributes KShs.200/-, which went into their savings. These groups worked towards registration with the Department of Social Welfare in the County. Registration allows them to access small grants from the government and also access trainings that improve their skills in whatever they do.

These groups are also used to discuss child protection and sexual exploitation of children in their sub-Counties and what they can do to prevent or stop their children from being lured by traffickers or even by relatives, who promise them heaven, only to go and abuse their children. They are also informed where to report cases of child abuse.



*Tuinuwane PEEP Group
at Mundika Primary
School*

With the arrival of the pandemic, these activities had to be halted until the situation improved. However, because this project had engaged other stakeholders, some activities were done out of school like monitoring the situation of children when the schools were closed. Some activities such as holding meetings with few members of the Child Rights Clubs continued with all health protocols being observed but with staff from the Department of Children’s Services in the County.

AUDIT REPORT

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (K)

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Scope

We have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of accounts.

Respective Responsibilities

The management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the organizations' state of affairs and of its operating results. Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the organization and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organization as at 31st December 2020 and of the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended and comply with International Accounting standards.

Signed

CPA Barrack Aggrey Ochieng Obungu

Certified Public Accountants

Nairobi _____, 2021 Kenya

FUND ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

		2020	2019
Receipts	NOTE	Kes	Kes
Grants and Education support	2	58,124,584	68,403,585
Total Receipts		58,124,584	68,403,585
Less: Expenses			
WeSeeHOPE-UK expenses	3	5,416,592	8,557,479
Terres Des Hommes (TDH) expenses	4	30,482,640	27,763,681
ECPAT France expenses	5	700,638	2,452,498
African Kids in Need (AKIN) expenses	6	7,325,182	9,032,308
Collective Closures expenses	7	61,503	53,235
LEN-MORRIS expenses	8	1,256,829	1,078,790
Contract Natural Gas power-up (CNG) expenses	9	-	920,115
Individual donations	10	1,130,070	6,763,774
Global March	11	-	-
PADEM	12	-	1,355,602
Terres Des Hommes (TDH) ECSEC expenses	13	12,122,566	3,477,488
		58,496,020	61,454,970
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		(371,436)	6,948,615

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTE	2020	2019
Non current Assets		Kes	Kes
Property, Plant and Equipment	14	2,762,268	3,667,338
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank Balances	15	8,002,947	6,993,503
		<u>8,002,947</u>	<u>6,993,503</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payables	16	190,000	190,000
		<u>190,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>10,575,214</u>	<u>10,470,840</u>
Financed by:			
Funds Reserve	17	10,575,214	10,470,840
		<u>10,575,214</u>	<u>10,470,840</u>

