



# Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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## END OF YEAR SOCH REPORT, DECEMBER 2017

### Introduction

There are a number of activities that have been done in the year, 2017. Other activities are still in progress. Some of the activities include processing of Orphanage registration under registrar of NGOs, preparation of Child Care Plans, revision of SOCH Constitution, preparation of Child Disciplinary Policy, workers fire fighting training and drill, Sewing Skills, Socialisation, Education sponsorship, feeding and orphans clothing, operation of the guest house and completion of a maize hummer mill construction to mention a few. SOCH is in short a home of orphans as it has been.



### Registration under The Registrar of Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

It is a requirement that we are supposed to be registered under Registrar of NGOs as we are a Child Care Facility. This process is still in progress. This therefore demanded that we revise our constitution. Other requirements for our operations are Child Care Plans and Child Disciplinary Policy. These have so far been done in addition to having all personnel who are part of the orphanage be cleared by the Police with Police Check Certificates.



The front pages of the three important documents that have been done.

In addition to these, a fire fighting training was done in order to orient workers and children on how to quench fire in case of break out. This followed the installation of new fire extinguishers in all the dormitories and the kitchen. All SOCH workers attended the workshop.



**Fire fighting training and Drill done**

### **Children's Health and Social Status**

No serious sicknesses were recorded this year, 2017. However, there was one child, Innocent Kunda, who went to Australia late 2016 for surgery of his leg and now he is back healthy and well rehabilitated. His return was joy to everybody involved with SOCH. He was escorted by Lucy Farmer, who was very helpful in taking care of his company when travelling back. The Children's First Foundation, The doctors, SOCH sponsors and SOCH staff deserve thanks for taking part in changing both the physical, health and psychosocial life of this handsome young man, Innocent Kunda. SOCH also had friendly games with Chibobo Orphanage over one of the weekends to make sure children socialise, children are happy and psychologically free.



What a great day it was once again when SOCH had a closing party together with Hope Children's Care facility to celebrate together for the end of the year and re-integration of the older children. Prior meetings with orphans guardians were done and finally a get together marking the end of re-integration process and end of the year. It is so lovely to have orphans so responsible and helping out in simple chores such as cleaning plates and throwing a bin rubbish away and picking litter around to keep the environment clean.



**Guardians meeting with SOCH,**

**Closing party**

**&**

**Orphans helping with chores.**

## Guest House, Hummer mill and Sewing Skills

So far in the year 2017, SOCH has had the Guest House opened and its operation seems normal. The other activity that encourages is the continuation of sewing skills. Table mats and some uniforms are being sewn from SOCH machines by some orphans with the help of matron, one care giver, and the experienced tailor of the town. This has progressed well and that some of the table mats have been sent to sponsors for fundraiser. The hummer mill construction and fixing of the machines were finished long time ago, but to a disappointing note; connection has delayed a lot, making us lose some chance of operating this year, 2017.



**Guest house grass slowly turning green, Sewing in progress & Hammer mill Machines fixed.**

## Education Sponsorship

Orphans are still going to school under tireless sponsorship by the SOA/ZOA since the orphanage started in 2004. A new plan has been made to take orphans to better schools so that fees is not wasted. In previous terms orphans have NOT been doing well except few who are in boarding schools or are naturally intelligent. Slow learners have been unable to catch up even after employing a teacher, who also proved to be incompetent and her contract was hence terminated. We hope new plans of taking all orphans to private schools in 2018 will help provide better education to these orphans.

## Conclusion

SOCH is very thankful to sponsors and all partners in helping support the orphans who were really vulnerable and now have hope for future. We therefore with all partners all the best during festive season and the new year, 2018.

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