

Ubomi Obutsha Centre

SNIP BITS

Falling a bit behind . . . !

It has been 9 weeks since I last sent out one of these Snip Bits. Apologies!

Instead of trying to catch up on each one individually (although there are one or two that I would still like to do) I thought I'd just give you some of the highlights (& lowlights) from these past weeks

- ◆ The first group of OVC parents/caregivers have completed a basic parenting workshop with our volunteers. The next group will begin in the new school term.
- ◆ We had a record 244 children attend one session of the Kids Club lifeskills activity!! A group this size can obviously be a challenge to work with but it shows the popularity of the program & the great potential to directly impact the lives of children who need it so much! The topic dealt with on that day was Honesty.
- ◆ We received & said farewell to a few volunteers from Holland, some of whom had been with us for 3 months & 1 who chose to return! We also had our first local volunteer, but not from the Centre's community, spend 5 weeks with us.
- ◆ To follow up on the story, from week 15, of a 14 year old girl who was being sexually abused by her uncle . . . Her blood tests have fortunately come back negative for HIV & she has been moved to live with other relatives in another community. She has also been placed in another school & we continue to support her. The social worker handling her case has unfortunately changed which is delaying the legal processes.
- ◆ Due to budget cutbacks, one of our major donors of food support have had to cut their support completely & indefinitely! This has obviously put a huge strain on all our work as we now need to focus again on developing the foundations of our work & we cut back on the food support we are able to offer the families & children we work with.

- Mark



General Information

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<u>Donations:</u>	Sam Mandlana - 083 526 7840 - for collec- tion of local donations in kind (clothing, etc).

Some 2nd Quarter Stats

- **1585** OVC's serviced (**2613** on the register)
- **9582** meals fed **955** OVC's
- **660** OVC's were visited through **2341** home support visits.
- **1550** OVC's attended after school lifeskills programs.

(OVC - Orphaned or Vulnerable Child)

Banking Details

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