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SECTION 1: NAME AND PARTICIPANTS

The Name of the project is Fako America Orphanage Santa 2022

The participants of this project are

Iya Sophie Ngongi (Project Manager)

Iya Catherine Mukete (Project Member)

Iya Maureen (Project Member, coordinated all local purchases on the ground)

Mola Sammah Mbuu (Project Member)

Mola Julius Esunge (Project Member)

Sango Ndiva La Manga (Project Member)

Mola Gwanyalla Lopez (Project Member)

Mola Samuel Moka Effange (Project Member)

SECTION 2: PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project was to brighten the outlook and prospects of orphans and their caregivers during the festive season in December, by providing basic necessities at selected orphanages in Fako division. The objective was to Provide at least a special meal to orphan children during this festive season. To continue in the footsteps of previous administration by being charitable and support underprivileged children. To support the selfless efforts that several caregivers provide unconditionally to displaced and orphan children.

SECTION 3: PROJECT SCOPE

The project was only limited to 5 orphanages in Fako division which are either registered with the government or popularly known to be taking care of orphaned and displaced children. Below are the information the project team had to use in preparing for the project

2	Name	Location	Registered Orphanage	Number of Children	1st Contact Infor	Phone Number
3	Mountain Kids Orphanage	Bokwaongo- Baptist Entrance	TBD	12	Stella Nange	237-670250099
4	Save the Children Alliance	Mile 2 Red Cross	Yes	17	Mrs. Ngale Nalova Josephine	237-678659105
5	God first Orphanage	Wututu	TBD	16	Lilian Tabrey	237-682320592
6	Marian Mojoko Orphanage	Wovilla Small Soppo	Yes	15	Marian Mojoko	237-676885800
7	Grace of God orphanage	Bonduma	Yes	38	Mary Ebane Sume	237-678299715

The items to be received by the various orphanages consisted of rice, chicken, tomatoes, onions, drinks, cooking oil and a monetary gift of 2,000 CFA per child

SECTION 4: PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND ANALYSIS:

The project was able to meet up with all of the milestones which they set to accomplish in the project brief. The project team exceeded their expectations in certain areas like raising \$2500 through GoFundMe in record time and with very little publicity. The estimated budget of the project was enough to purchase the food and the gifts allocated

for all the orphanages and these items were delivered before Christmas. It was estimated that the project was to cost FAKO America \$3500, but we ended up spending \$2700. The project team envisaged that the information provided in regards to the actual number of members per orphanage might not be accurate, so they over estimated the cost of certain items. The extra money was handy because some orphanages had more members than what was reported. The extra money also covered the cost of having the media, producing a banner for Fako America and car rental to transport some FAKO America members to participate in the occasion. These extra expenditures were not factored during the planning stage, but they were a must have in telling and capturing the stories of these orphanages, as well as Fako America playing a role in supporting local businesses.

The orphanages were very grateful of Fako America’s support. They expressed their appreciation as well as gave first hand information to our members who were present of the challenges they face. These challenges and hardship expressed, was common in all the orphanages. The team was informed that in December there is a lot of assistance from many benefactors, but unfortunately the help is lacking during the other months of the year. The hardship is severe during the raining seasons when the kids cannot go to the market to sell the goods they produce or easily walk to school. They will be grateful if they could have the means of transporting children to their various schools, have text books and tutoring at the orphanages and not be forgotten in the course of the year.

A few pictures of the visit





SECTION 5: CHALLENGES AND RISKS

The amount of time from the conception of the idea of the project, the planning to the delivery was too short to effectively get the participation of all Fako America members who would have loved to be involved in the project. The gathering of information related to the various orphanages was not easy. The project team received a lot of incomplete information on the number of members per orphanages as well as the addresses of these locations were not accurate given that Fako is not urbanized with specific house addresses. With no JPS coupled with bad roads, getting to some orphanages was time consuming, tiring and not possible for all types of vehicles. This made it

impossible for the Media team to reach one of the orphanages . Some F.A members had conflicting personal engagements which made it impossible to join the team in visiting the orphanages.

SECTION 6: LESSONS LEARNED

The things we did well

The project team was able to meet up with all their milestones. The project was completed on time and within the budget. Miscellaneous expenditures were covered within the allocated and projected budget. The entire project team assisted in one way or the other to make sure that the project moved forward harmoniously. WhatsApp groups, google docs and zoom was used by the project team to facilitate communication and the sharing of information. Support from F.A board of directors to facilitate and support the execution of the project also helped tremendously

Things that needs to be improved

We need to improve on our communication within Fako America to make sure that all our members are fully aware of ongoing or planned activities. Allocate enough time to plan, and deliver projects. Reduce the number of important miscellaneous activities and expenditures not included in the project brief. As a 501c organization, we need to meet up with our obligations towards our donors.