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Community Based Programmes in Siaya County, Kenya.***

REPORT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT ID No. R081

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1.0 Project Title:
 Promoting Awareness and Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Education and Other Community Based Programmes in Siaya County, Kenya (PAPPS)

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3.0 Partners

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Leonard Chesire	Orpa Ogot	0708840037
Deaf Aid International	Geofrey Abuga	0720944689

During the period (August 2020), four partners, NCPWD, Ability Africa Foundation, Leonard Chesire and Deaf Aid International participated in field activities and virtual conferences.

4.0 Introduction:

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) and five Collaborating Partners secured funding from the National Research Fund to conduct Action Research titled **Promoting Awareness and Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Education and Other Community Based Programmes in Siaya County, Kenya.**

The Steering Committee scheduled data collection activities during the month of August 2020 for purposes of obtaining information on socio-economic activities that PWDs as individuals and as groups are involved in, engaged stakeholders in Vocational Education and Training to obtain baseline data. The project also engaged Curriculum Support Officers (CSOs) in Siaya on tools of assessment and reviewed existing policy documents to teeth out matters of disabilities and propose suggestions for their domestication and/or improvements to benefit PWDs. Content for a short course for parents/caregivers was also developed.

5.0 Thematic Area	Social Sciences
6.0 Activities Period	August , 2020
7.0 Current Stage	Intervention
8.0 Implementation Budget	Kshs. 1,916,100.00

Project activities implemented in August 2020		
No.	Activity	Particulars
1	Partners meetings	The Project team held consultative meetings with three partners, Sabatia Eye Hospital on 13 th August 2020, Deaf Aid International and National Council for Persons with Disabilities on 27 th August 2020. The aim was to reinvigorate the partners to take a more active role in project activities during the intervention phase and beyond and to explore ways of establishing a longer term relationship with the University beyond the project life.
2	Virtual meeting with Carnegie University and Curriculum Support Officers (CSOs)	On 1 st September 2020, the Steering Committee held a one-day conference with Prof. Adera of Carnegie University and CSOs to deliberate on appropriateness of tools used for assessment of PWDs in Kenya comparative to those in use elsewhere particularly in the US and explored use of improved tools.
3	Data Collection form Stakeholders in Vocational Education and Training	The Project Team with support from Dr. Obiero Ogone, developed tools for collecting data from stakeholders of vocational Education and Training in Siaya County and subsequently administered the instruments to the various respondents including relevant Directors at the County, Vocational Education and Training Institutions Managers, selected instructors, students and parents. The baseline data was collected through multiplicity of methods including face to face interviews, focus group discussions and telephone interviews at diverse dates between August 18, 2020 and September 5, 2020.
4	Curriculum Support Officers Forum with Project Team	On 14 th September 2020, the project team held a virtual meeting with all the CSOs in Siaya County and considered the various tools that the CSOs use for assessment, categorization and placement of PWDs in education institutions. The team discussed the merits and demerits of the tools and proposed improvements and follow-up with the national office to explore the possibilities of using improved tools in the ensuing periods.
5	Collection of Baseline on Socio-economic activities of PWDs	The team and partners visited three groups of PWDs in the County and assessed the various socio-economic activities that members of the groups engage in individually and as groups. The team which was sub-divided into three groups for quick coverage of the three sub counties and for convenience also conducted focus group discussions with selected PWDs and obtained baseline data.

<p>Team A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Charles Omoke (PI) ➤ Mrs. Orpa Ogot (Leonard Chesire) ➤ Mr. George Sure ➤ Mr. Francis Manyala (Sch. Head) 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sub-county</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bondo</td> <td>Toa Ujinga Group Demonstration Farm in Usenge</td> <td>26.08.2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">The team conducted a fresh visit to Toa Ujinga group, visited a demonstration farm of the group and subsequently held discussions with selected PWDs. An earlier FGD was deemed insufficient hence the repeat visit and FGD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sub-county	Venue	Date	Bondo	Toa Ujinga Group Demonstration Farm in Usenge	26.08.2020	The team conducted a fresh visit to Toa Ujinga group, visited a demonstration farm of the group and subsequently held discussions with selected PWDs. An earlier FGD was deemed insufficient hence the repeat visit and FGD		
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6	Policy Documents	<p>The Project team and partners reviewed the following policy documents in groups and presented the pertinent issues at a conference held on 15th September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UN Conventions on the Rights of PWDs, 2006 ➤ UN Conventions on the Rights of Children, 1989 ➤ African Charter on the Rights of Children, 1990 ➤ Constitution of Kenya, 2010 ➤ SNE Policy, 2009 ➤ Children’s Act 2003 ➤ Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003 <p>A team of four members: Dr. Charles Omoke, Dr. Mary Onditi, Mr. Fredrick Oluoch and Mr. Dennis Moogi of Deaf Aid International was selected to spearhead civic education to PWDs in Siaya County on their rights and obligations as entrenched in the respective policy documents.</p>								
7	Short Course for Parents and Caregivers	<p>On 29th and 30th August 2020, the Steering Committee, with support of Dr. Obiero Ogone developed course content for a short course for parents and caregivers of PWDs in Siaya County. The content is to be validated and administered to 120 selected parents/caregivers throughout Siaya County.</p>								

8 Main challenges faced

Challenge	Mitigation
Disbursement of funds were marred with delays occasioning delays in commencement and implementation of scheduled activities. As a consequence, activities spilled into September.	Rescheduled activities timetable
Technological challenges particularly occasional disruption of virtual conferences due to lack of steady connectivity.	We enlisted technical support from ICT team which stabilized communication and connectivity continually
Familiarity of some participants. Some of the respondents were known to some of the researchers (interviewers-interviewees and vice versa)	Data triangulation to help in validating the data and eliminate bias.
Language Barrier particularly for FGDs on Socio-Economic activities of PWDs. Some of the respondents were only familiar with the local language	Incorporated researchers who are familiar with the local language in each team. Data transcription.
Budgetary constraints whereby the team had to spend on some areas which were initially not budgeted for (e.g. face masks and sanitizers, higher turnout of participants beyond the expected numbers).	Revising some budget lines downwards to accommodate emerging costs within the available financial resources.

9.0 Financial Statement

Imprest No. 20006-00618-20	August 1, 2020 to September 15, 2020	
Expenditure Item	Budgeted	Actual
Daily Subsistence Allowance (Researchers)	1,218,000.00	1,271,400.00
Local Travelling Expenses & Mobilization	208,500.00	119,900.00
Partners DSA and Related Expenses	182,100.00	235,200.00
Refreshments & Meals for participants	110,500.00	106,000.00
Stationery & Supplies	10,000.00	24,545.00
Communication (Airtime, Data Bundles)	46,000.00	21,000.00
Researchers Data Bundles	44,000.00	44,000.00
Total	1,819,100	1,822,045.00

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