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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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During the period (July 2020), only one partner, NCPWD was involved in the field activities as the said activities fell within their mandate nationally and their contribution to the project as collaborators.		
4.0 Introduction:		
<p>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.</p> <p>The Steering Committee scheduled data collection activities during the month of July 2020 for purposes of obtaining information to determine how PWDs including the gifted and talented are identified, assessed and categorized for purposes of intervention. The project also scheduled a radio talk show on a vernacular radio station with national reach to explain the progress of the report and also market the University. The talk show targeted natives of Siaya County within the County and in diaspora.</p>		
5.0 Thematic Area	Social Sciences	
6.0 Activities Period	July , 2020	
7.0 Current Stage	Intervention	
8.0 Implementation Budget	Kshs. 776,000.00	

Project activities implemented		
No.	Activity	Particulars
1	Acquisition of Connectivity to support online meetings	On 4 th July 2020, the PI tasked the University's ICT Technician to assist the project acquire Zoom or Kenet connectivity to support online meetings taking into account that meetings are becoming more and more online, with the advent of COVID 19 pandemic. Necessary accessories were obtained and installed in the Skills Lab which can support up to 15 users at a time.
2	Development of tools for collecting data from health facilities, parents and caregivers.	Seven members of the Project team met on 14 th and 15 th July 2020 and developed questionnaires and Focus Group Discussion interview guides for health facilities, for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities on identification, assessment, and categorization of PWDs. The tools were pretested at Siaya County Referral Hospital on 18 th July 2020 and refined.
3	Obtain and share information with the new County Director of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities, Siaya	The Steering Committee prepared a brief of the Project progress and upcoming activities and subsequently held a day long consultative meeting with the new County Director of NCPWD, Mr. George Odhiambo (who succeeded the late Mr. Lawrence Kojijo) at the Council Offices in Siaya. The meeting shared and also obtained new information on assessment of PWDs and the County status. The forum also served to bring on board the new Director to the Project.
4	Collection of Baseline Data from Health Facilities	During pretesting of the instruments, the team established that throughout Siaya County, identification, assessment and categorization of PWDs is done at two facilities; Bondo Sub-County Hospital and Siaya County and Referral Hospital. The team therefore settled for an in-depth FGD with the team at SCRH. The team, with support of a facilitator, Dr. Obiero Ogone conducted an FGD with the technical staff at SCRH and the team from the NCPWDs on July 21 st 2020 and obtained the necessary data.
5	Collection of Baseline data from cohorts of parents and caregivers.	The team arranged meetings with parents and caregivers in all the six sub-counties in Siaya by first identifying and mobilizing participants through Chiefs, leaders of PWDs and other gatekeepers. The team then thinned down participants to 60 so that there are 10 per sub-county. The team had sought clearance from the County Commissioner, Siaya to permit the gatherings and got the nod for a maximum of 15 participants including the researchers per sitting and in strict observance of government guidelines.

Consequently, the researchers were organized into three teams so as to comply with the government guidelines and also collect the data in the shortest time possible.

Team A ➤ Dr. Charles Omoke (PI) ➤ Mr. George Odhiambo (NCPWD) ➤ Mr. George Sure ➤ NCPWD	Sub-county	Venue	Date
	Alego Usonga	Siaya County Referral Hosp.	22.07.2020
	Bondo	Bondo Disabled Workshop	24.07.2020
	The session for Bondo started a bit late as the team was involved in presenting wheel chair donation from NCPWD to PWD from Usenge, at the Main Campus. The function was presided over by the DVC, PAF.		
Team B. ➤ Dr. Ruth Otienoh ➤ Prof. Dr. Henry Onderi ➤ Dr. Pamela Raburu	Sub-county	Venue	Date
	Ugunja	CDF Office	22.07.2020
	Ugenya	-	23.07.2020
	Ugenya Sub-county did not take off due to leadership wrangles among stakeholders in Ugenya culminating into two parallel FGDs which compelled the Steering Committee to suspend the activity in the last minute on 24 th July 2020.		
Team C. ➤ Mr. Fredrick Oluoch ➤ Dr. Mary Onditi ➤ Dr. Washington Wachianga	Sub-county	Venue	Date
	Gem	Gem Disabled Sheltered Workshop	22.07.2020
	Rarieda	Tin Toler Hotel	24.07.2020
	Activities started in time and ended well. Rarieda activity stretched late into the evening as the respondents engaged the researchers very elaborately.		

6	Radio Interview	The Project secured a one-hour live stream airtime on Radio Nam Lolwe on 23 rd July 2020. The live presentation and discussion was led by Prof. Francis Ang’awa DVC, PAF with the discussants being Dr. Charles Omoke, PI and Dr. Rose Koweru lecturer/PWD. The support team were Mr. Fredrick Oluoch, Lead M&E and Ms. Keziah Ogada, University’s Corporate Communications Officer.
7	Follow Up Visits	The PI and Lead, M&E carried out follow-up in all sub-counties between 26 th July 2020 and 5 th August 2020 and obtained detailed information on the individual children with disabilities. The data has been compiled and passed on to the NCPWD for intervention. For purposes of FGD for Ugenya, respondents were identified and a list of participants harmonized to accommodate the two factions.

8 Main Challenges faced

Challenge	Mitigation
Language barrier: The team had assumed that parents and caregivers were fairly educated and would understand the official languages. This was not the case as some understood only the local Dholuo language	Team members who were familiar with the local language served as translators. The data was subsequently transcribed into English but the original versions have been retained for reference.

Respondents particularly for FGDs for parents out stretched the sample size of 10. Some parents came along with children.	The children were excluded from participating. Teams accommodated up to 12 sometimes splitting the FGDs into two.
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.
Selection of parents in light of the limited number authorized to participate in the research viz. the large number of parents of CWDs. Some of the gatekeepers had vested interests on the hope of financial gains.	Equitable distribution of respondents by sub-county and later by ward and gender. This notwithstanding most respondents who eventually participated were of the female gender (mothers of PWDs).
Inability to conduct certain activities due to internal wrangling among the gate keepers; the case of Ugenya Sub-County.	PI spearheaded fresh identification of participants and rescheduled activities.
Budgetary constraints whereby the team had to spend on some areas which were initially not budgeted for (e.g. mobilization, presentation of wheel chair, enhanced cost of meals for participants).	Revising some budget lines downwards to accommodate emerging costs within the available financial resources.
Indisposition of two members who had to attend to other University activities on different days when expected in the field.	Substitution and co-option of a facilitator.

9.0 Financial Statement

Imprest No.			July 1, 2020 to July 31 st 2020	
Expenditure Item	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Remarks
Total				

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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

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