

SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL LIRA

MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT OF BARLONYO SOLVATTEN PROJECT –PHASE TWO

The Barlonyo Solvatten project phase two in Barlonyo was carried out by SI Lira with support from SI Sweden, who provided the Solvatten equipment and the necessary funding to carry out the activities. SI Lira carried out a final assessment of Barlonyo Solvatten project phase two.

The assessment exercise was successfully carried out with 45 members in attendance out of the 70 beneficiaries of Solvatten in Barlonyo. The 70 beneficiaries affirmed that they are happy because Solvatten has made life easier in the following ways:

- I. This has reduced the risk of childhood diarrhea among children of the beneficiaries, which could lead to childhood mortality.
- II. Spousal relationships have improved since there is less delay used in boiling water for bathing and tea.
- III. One mother says she carries along with her the Solvatten to the hospital to enable her access hot water for tea and bathing while,
- IV. Another carries her Solvatten along with her to the garden to allow her water boil while she works as opposed to leaving it un attended to when she is away in the garden. She is also able to get hot water for tea to refresh herself while working. She also looks at Solvatten as very convenient and making a contribution to improving the standard of life and access to clean water.



Barlonyo women's group after the project evaluation exercise together with the Chairman Local Council 1 in the foreground

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TO BE INTRODUCED IN BARLONYO IN JANUARY 2024

In support of the SI Lira vision of seeing that women achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. Members of the communities in the rural areas are not only poor, but illiterate and are unable to read or write. This affects their participation in decision making on key issues that affect them.

SI Lira carried out an assessment of the collective needs of communities and reached a consensus to introduce Functional Adult Literacy program (FAL) among the members of the group. Functional Adult Literacy would involve teaching women with simple arithmetic, reading and writing skills and knowledge

- a) The idea of FAL was greeted with collective positivity from the entire team in Barlonyo.
- b) The team requested that their FAL teacher be got from within their community and even proposed names of facilitators for reference.

c) The team finally came to the conclusion that FAL be introduced to the group considering its positive outcomes of developing and enhancing skills of the whole society, improvement of their interaction abilities and confidence(self-esteem) and participation in decision making which is on way of empowering the communities.

SIDE ACTIVITIES IN BARLONYO

(1) Making liquid soap

With regard to the SI Lira mission to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities, the women were taught on how to make liquid soap, in a bid to help introduce a source of income to the women. This is the second lot to be trained on making liquid soap.



Barlonyo women's group during the Liquid soap training.

(2) Mental health talk/teaching

Mental health is a challenge in communities, especially among people in communities affected by insurgency. Even when communities left the internally displaced camps and resettled in their homes, past trauma have continued to manifest in form of mental health. This has become rampant. SI Lira was accompanied by a new member, who is a specialist in mental health and the communities were engaged in a discussion with the expert. Below is a picture of the expert engaging the Barlonyo members on mental health issues.



Mental health teaching session in Barlonyo