

Narrative Report of Education support's Distribution for the third term 2016:

Introduction:



The Education support' distribution to the students supported by FR is a termly activity. In this third term of 2016, the activity has started on time in some places but in other places it has started later due to the problems of administration of NGO's Partners through which the students are supported. These problems are linked with lack of insufficient employees. But, in general, the activity has gone well. Every student has received his/her amount of school fees reserved for him/her.

The structure of the Education support's distribution the third term 2016:

The Education support reserved for every child were as follows:

No	Level	Amount
1	Primary	10,000frs
2	Nine Years Basic Education	15,000frs
3	Public and Private Secondary Schools	40,000

The course of the education support' distribution in the supervised areas:



The Education support were distributed in different areas through local NGO's Partners in two ways:

1. Some mothers of the students from Karongi, Rusizi and Nyamasheke districts were given the support by cash.
2. Some mothers of other students were given checks; these are the students supported through Kanyarwanda (Southern Province, Eastern Province, Northern Province and Kigali City).



NB: Non-supervised areas are the ones in which AER and Solace Ministries are operating. Here, the support are distributed through accounts opened in Umurenge SACCO (this is the case of AER). Others are given them by cash (this is the case of Solace Ministries)

The changes appeared in the ES' distribution in different supervised sites:

NGO's Partners	Sites supervised	The occurring changes	Other comment
1. AWR	1. MWU (New office of AWR)	<p>The mothers from Rusizi and Nyamasheke Districts had met in this site.</p> <p>41 mothers had to attend this site but two were absent.</p> <p>This mother N. Nzeyimana Annonciata (child names UWIMANA Solange) did not come to take the ES for her child for unknown reason. The ES reserved for her child were given to another orphan student NIYONZIMA J. Baptiste who was used to being supported by FR but who was removed from the list because his adoptive family had rejected him but recently he has shown us that he has been back to school and that he is now in Senior 6, ready to complete his secondary school.</p>	<p>- The student who had dropped out school must be removed of the list and the news about another one should be sought.</p>

		2. Mukampinyuza Mariane (students names: Uwiringiyimana Francine) This mother did not come to take the ES for her child but her neighbours have told us that the child had dropped out school.	
2.KANYA RWAND A	1. Bugesera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are two checks left in Kanyarwanda because their owners did not come to take them. - There were two checks which were badly filled. One student has bought it back to Kanyarwanda for correction. Another one was given the school fees of the student who had joined 9YBE from a public secondary school because the latter is also registered in 9YBE now. 	One cheque has belonged to an orphan Ishimwe Eddy and when the activity started, he was at school. Then, he has informed us that he is going to ask for a permission in order for him to take his check from Kanyarwanda because he would delay to go to school if he waited for it. he said that her school management knew her case.
	2. Muhanga	The mothers from Muhanga, Kamonyi and Ngororero Districts met in Muhanga Districts. Here, one of the mothers whose child named Mukase Josée came to take the school fees while her child had already completed her secondary education. Another one named Nyirabega Beatrice did not come to take the school fees. She did not come even the previous time and so did Mukankuranga Beatha. As such, their cheques were brought back to Kanyarwanda.	
	3. Ruhango	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One student named Gahunga Regis came to take his cheque and brought us his school report but after taking his cheque his colleague students informed us that he is a dropout who brought us a forged school report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This one will be visited at school to see if she is still at school. If she is a dropout, she will be removed of the list.
	4. Nyanza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no changes. 	
	5. Huye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mothers from Gisagara and Huye 	

	7. Kigali City	<p>Districts met in Huye.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three mothers, namely Sharibabaza Liberathe (she did not come to take the school fees last time.), Mukansoneye Colette (she did not come to take the school fees last time and her colleagues informed us that she would not have been informed because she lives far away and that she has no phone.), and Niragire Aderine (this one has a child who has joined a TVET school.) - One mother named Uzakunda Beatrice was given a badly filled cheque and it was then brought it back to Kanyarwanda. - The mothers from Nyarugenge, Gasabo and Kicukiro met here. Four mothers (Mukangarambe Daphrose, Umwaniwabo Laetitia, Kangabe Jeanne and Umuhoza Zena) were reported to not come to take the school fees for their children. - This site also included the mothers from Eastern Province such as Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Nyagatare, and Gicumbi Districts but obviously they are a few. The activity closed when six mothers did not come to take cheques for their children. As such, these cheques remained at Kanyarwanda. -Rubavu Group put their school reports together and one volunteer Umuhire Therese who represents others brings them and takes back their cheques to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The news of others whose news is still unknown should be sought through field visit so that if they are found dropouts, they will be removed of the list. - One of these ones who did not come to take the school fees came later when the activity had already been over, saying that she was sick. - Most of them do not have phones. - There should be a follow-up in this district after the school fees' distribution.
KARONG I Group	1. Adra Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mothers from Rutsiro and Karongi Districts met here and receive ES cash - There are here other beneficiaries of FR in this area but they get their supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes founded. - They wish they would have a meeting

		<p>through Kanyarwanda. But these beneficiaries have no guideline. They, like others, were given their support together by cash last term, but now they have found it difficult to come in Kigali to take their cheques.</p>	<p>with the management of FR and Kanyarwanda to see how they will be given their support together with other beneficiaries of FR in this region.</p>
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This chart above gives the general image of the ES distribution at some sites where FR was represented in this activity:

- The occurring changes will be considered during the elaboration of the list of the beneficiaries of FR in the first term of 2017.
- The beneficiaries who are absent during the school fees' distribution should be visited to identify whether their children are still students or dropouts.

Challenges:

1. Giving the ES using checks is a safe way but the bank has charged every beneficiaries with a fee equal between RWF 300 and RWF 500 because her cheque was below RWF 200 000. The bank is charging its customers these fees to stimulate them to use ATM machines.

The beneficiaries were not happy with this decision because their support is still low as usual (they are required to add to this amount in order for their children to continue their studies). They wish this method should be changed in order for them to be given their support by cash and if not, Kanyarwanda should pay these bank charges for them.

2. Lack of enough employees and there are also NGO Partners that have closed their offices, for example AWR has no employee and Kanyarwanda remains with one employee and this is a serious problem especially for the beneficiaries. As a result, there were the mothers who came to take their children's support without their school reports. They state that their children have brought them to AWR Office as usual on Friday of the week in which they go to holiday and

when they found the office closed, they inserted their school report into the office through below the door. This news was heard in the second and third term.

3. There were some mothers during the school fees' distribution who have children who have already completed their secondary education and who have got the government's scholarship. They thought they would be given the registration fees (it was not easy to make them believe that there was no budget for their registration fees).

Conclusion:

- The third term is usually long in comparison with the other two preceding terms and it bothers the parents because a child is going to end the school year and the parent is asked to pay the school fees as well as arrears on time. If these are not set, a parent is asked to accompany his/her child to school to tell the school management why s/he does not fulfil his/her duties because if the school year closes when the child has some arrears, s/he is not given the school report. As it has been seen term after term most of mothers came to take their children's support without the school reports due to arrears their children owe their schools.

Therefore, it should be much nicer for the mothers to be given their children's support at least during the first week of when the school begins and the one who does not bring her child's school report due to arrears should come with an attestation of her child's arrears because even a dropout might claim for a support, pretending to be a student.

- The mothers who did not come to take their children's ES and who were reported by their colleagues that their news are unknown should be visited and if it is found out that their children are dropouts, they will be removed of the list and their allocated money will support others in need.

- The beneficiaries of Kanyarwanda from Karongi Group wish they would be given their support together with other beneficiaries from Rutsiro and Karongi. This should be analysed in order to facilitate them like others from the next term in 2017.

- The mothers whose children get the government's scholarship and lack the money for registration fees and lodge for their children should be advocated for so that the opportunities of FR beneficiaries keep being fruitful now that their number is increasing.

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