

BWC PROGRAM REPORT - July 2021



Main activities in July have been:

1. Continuous dissemination of Covid 19 information and distribution of masks
2. Sourcing of food/ clothes and distribution to vulnerable BWC members and families
3. Designing and making African bags and African attires
4. Hair dressing and beauty therapy training
5. Entrepreneurship and transformative leadership training
6. Mentorship of groups and One on One
7. Mentorship / Monitoring on business, leadership, and personal development
8. Group /One on One counseling
9. BWC assessment by TVET officer
10. Training of BWC entrepreneurs on Packing/Processing by KIRDI
11. BWC assessment by US Embassy on a proposal which had been done to buy equipment's
12. TOT training of Female Genital Mutilation at Isinya in Kajiado
13. Counseling of AA group

Program	Number enrolled	Month	Trainers	Observations, Recommendations and Requests
<p><u>COVID 19 PROGRAM</u> Continuous training of BWC members on COVID 19 on how its contracted / ways of protecting and preventing it . How to relate with infected and affected persons</p> <p>Mask distribution</p>	207	July	<p>Wanjiru Ngigi</p> <p>Alice Waruguru</p> <p>Teresia Wanjiku</p>	<p>BWC has continued educating its members and community on how to protect/ prevent themselves from CIVID 19 as they continue engaging themselves in their daily activities. They have been trained in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being extra keen on wearing masks all the time properly and consistently and also to wash them daily . 2. Observing social distance when with people or in crowded places 3. Being extra careful while traveling by wearing masks and regular sanitation of hands 4. Regular washing of hands with soap and following the guideline on how to wash them 5. Sanitizing hands regularly when with people , touching surfaces / objects or traveling 6. Avoiding traveling unnecessarily 7. Regular disinfectant of the house and compound 8. Keeping off from handshaking hands with people or touching ones face . <p>207 families have been issued with masks/ detergent and empowered with information</p>
<p>Tailoring</p> <p>BMTF African Clothing line</p>	27		<p>Judy Awino</p> <p>Alice Waruguru Grace Mbuthye Teresia Wanjiku</p>	<p>The lead trainers have trained the new trainees and old ones refreshed on how to operate machines . They have also learnt how to thread , oil and wash machine . New trainees learnt how to fix different types of zips .</p> <p>Main activities in July have been:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Designing , cutting, and sewing different types of dresses 2. Designing and making curtains 3. Making different types of African bags 4. Designing and making African traditional dresses 5. Designing , cutting ,and sewing straight skirts 6. Distributing masks too the members and community. 7. Introducing the new trainees to tailoring <p><u>Observation</u></p> <p>The new trainees are eager to learn new things and to perfect their skills. The old trainees have now perfected their skills and have totally been engaged in making the dresses , curtains, and African bags . 7 clients have brought materials to have their dresses designed and made at BMF</p> <p>Recommendation/ Comments</p>

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Beauty Therapy Hair Dressing	25	July	Rebecca Mutanu ...Beauty therapy Gladys Ndunge	<p>Beauty therapy has progressed well in the month of July. There are 8 new trainees who have joined the class The trainees have been trained in the following skills ; Facial , pedicure , manicure , make up application and gel polish application . Trainees have been started with the basic on beauty and later introduced to other areas</p> <p>In hair dressing the trainees have been trained in the following areas, Waxing dreads both retouching and new ones, twisting with curling gel dying different types of hair color, washing /shampooing hair and blow drying and flat ironing the hair. Practical's has been being the main thing this month as they worked on each other's heads. The 8 trainees have been started with basic in hair dressing and also trained in Salon etiquettes</p> <p>Observations: There are new trainees who have joined the center and have integrated so well with the old trainees The learners have shown a lot of passion and interest in learning. The inducting of the new trainees was very effective.</p> <p>Recommendations/ Comments :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The beauty therapy and hair dressing class to continue being marketed by the trainees and the BWC IT officer online 2. The BWC management to look for well-wishers to support this department with equipment's and chemicals 3. BWC Management to market the beauty therapy department in events .
Table Banking	Groups	July	Teresia Mwangi	During this month of July, 14 groups have met for their monthly meeting.

	14		Wanjiru Ngigi	<p>The groups are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awesome group –The group has 25 members and all members attended the meeting . The members engaged in the following activities: 1.Merry go round 2. Savings 3. Loan repayment 4. table banking 5. Loaning. Members reported that the business have slowed down to increase in Covid 19 spreading Members were mentored on business rebranding and how to market online and also delivered products to customers in their houses by Wanjiru and Teresia mentored them on stress management /parenting skills. 2. Global Women – The group has 20 members and 17 members attended meeting. The group engaged in: 1. Merry go round, 2. table banking activities,3. Savings 4. Loan repayment 4. Loaning. The absent members sent their money to the treasurer. Afterwards they were mentored business rebranding,, records keeping and transformative leadership by Wanjiru. Teresia had a group therapy on how to solve groups differences. 3. For God is Marvelous – The group has 20 women and all of them attended the July meeting. The members engaged in the following activities 1. Saving 2. Table banking 3. Loan repayment 4. Loaning 5. Merry go round. Members reported Progress in their business They were refreshed on rebranding their business and strategies in marketing. Members were also mentored on personal development and leadership skills 4. Baraka Women group . The group has increased its membership to 48 as new members keeping joining. The group is being mentored by the Joy Wo trainers. The youth’s leadership in the group is progressing well. The group’s activities in the month of July have been , 1. Saving 2. Repaying of Loans and 3. Loaning members. The group is being mentored so closely by Wanjiru and Teresia mainly in transformative leadership and personal development . 86% of the members have started their business . One member has been discontinued from the group until she starts to respect the group and regulations . She was given all her savings back . 5. Unique Self-help group. The group has 20 members and all of them attended the July meeting . Members engaged in 1.Savings 2. Table banking 3. Loan repayment 4. Loaning. The group was mentored by Teresia on how to
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Adult education Level 2	3	July	Wanjiru Ngigi	The adult class has picked again in the month of June and is progressing well in the month of July with 3 learners . The learners have been trained on how to do arithmetic . There is a need to look for funds to get a teacher for this class.
Entrepreneurship and transformative leadership Business started/ employment	37 15 77	July	Wanjiru Ngigi	<p>In the month of July ,37 members attended the entrepreneurship / transformative leadership class</p> <p>They have been trained on ,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing strategies 2. Business rebranding 3. Business management 4. Business records 5. Good customers care /relationship <p>15 of the trainees have started their own business while 5 have been employed.</p> <p>77 business have been mentored especially on book keeping and the owner mentored on personal development by the program director and center manager .</p>
Mentorship , Group Therapy, and one on one counseling	14 groups 53 173 One on One	July	Wanjiru/ Teresia	<p>14 groups of table banking have been mentored this month on marketing strategies, business record keeping , business rebranding and personal development by Wanjiru and Teresia. They were also trained on parenting skills, stress management , and group dynamics</p> <p>The 48 trainees at the center have received mentorship sessions once a week and group counseling therapy .</p> <p>Main areas covered are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relationship and true friendship 2. Personal development 3. How to relate with other people 4. Pride

				<p>5. Parenting skills</p> <p>173 members have received One on One counseling session by Wanjiru and Teresia</p> <p>Main issues tackled were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relationship /love affairs 2. Gender based violence and related issues 3. Parenting 4. alcoholism /Drugs abuse 5. Stress management <p>There is a great need to have a workshop on stress management and Gender based violence</p>
Other BWC Activities				
2.BWC IGA	African bags /Detergent	July	Ruth Waruguru	<p>BMFA products sold in July:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. African bags 7800/ 2. Tailoring 500/
A. BMFA Products	2			
B. Cyber			Ruth/Alex	Cyber services included typing, internet services, scanning and photocopying, printing brought 1410/
C. Hair dressing/ Beauty therapy			Rebecca / Gladys	The beauty and hair dressing class brought 70/
US Embassy Ambassadors Self Help Fund	2		Teresia Wanjiru	<p>Ambassadors Self Help Fund from US Embassy sent and email to alert BWC officers that they would be visiting the center on a follow up on a proposal which had been sent to them requesting for funds to buy tailoring , hairdressing/ beauty therapy and computers equipment's</p> <p>Two officers visited the center on 15/ 7 /2021 to assess its programs. They were impressed by the great work at BWC and the interviewed the trainers trainees and BWC staff.</p> <p>The senior officer promised to push for BWC to get the equipment's for tailoring , hairdressing, and beauty therapy</p>
TVET ASSESSMENT OF BWC	4	July	Teresia	Four officers from TVET visited BWC to carry out assessment on the programs for the government accreditation purposes

KIRDI/ KNCCI training on processing and packaging	15	July	Wanjiru	15 BWC entrepreneurs were taken by KNCCI to KIRDI to be trained on processing and packaging their products
Female Genital Mutilation TOT Training at Isinya in Kajiado	12	July	Wanjiru	12 TOT from BWC have been trained in Female Genital Mutilation in Isinya Kajiado
People who have visited BWC offices in the month of JULY		July		1. Covid 19 awareness/ Masks/Detergent 207 2. Design and Tailoring 27 3. Hair dressing and beauty therapy 25 4. Table banking meetings 391 5. Adult Education 3 6. Master Card Loan reapplication 10 7. Counseling 173 8. TVET/ US EMBASSY staff 6 9. Visitors 278 TOTAL 1120

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 16 new members have joined BWC
2. Clothes worth 4500/ and food worth 6500/ was donated to the center and distributed to 25 needy families
3. 3 members have completed repayment of 2nd Master Card Foundation loan
4. 10 members have reapplied for the MasterCard loan
5. 4 African dresses/ 3 African Shirts have been made
6. Trainees have been trained how to make Curtains

7. 8 young mothers have started their business
8. 14 BWC Entrepreneurs have been trained by KIRDI on processing and packing of their products
9. 12 TOT have been trained on female genital mutilation at Isinya in Kajiado
10. 2 BWC trainees have been placed on jobs as casuals
11. 7 men have been placed in rehabilitation center
12. 87 businesses of BWC members have been mentored and monitored on their growth
13. 278 people have visited the center in the month of July
14. 207 families have been issued with masks
15. 173 persons have received one on one counselling

Priorities for August

1. Follow up on proposal which had been done earlier e.g. Future Bora
2. Tailoring of masks
3. Research on marketing BMFA products online

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