



INTERNATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – APRIL 2022 REPORT

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<p>OVERVIEW</p>	<p>Ark and Mark Trust through its partnership with the Department of Social Protection, continues to expand the service of ICDP in the various localities of Botswana. This has been a result of the positive impact as experienced in Thamaga village.</p> <p>In the year 2022, we have 3 new villages that have been fully funded by the Ministry of Local Government through the Department of Social Protection as beneficiaries, and these are Ramotswa, Gabane and Molepolole.</p> <p>This report will focus on Ramotswa as the current and newly implementing locality. It is worth noting that there is still much interest to replicate ICDP by the respective councils.</p>
<p>TRAINING</p>  <p><i>The ToTs with Patrick and Chiku</i></p>	<p>Training in Ramotswa village, in the South East District of Botswana, about 40kms from Gaborone, was conducted on the 10th – 18th February 2022 in Ramotswa. The training was embraced by international trainers, Patrick O’loughlin and Chiku Ali of RVTS (Resource Centre on Violence, Traumatic Stress and Suicide Prevention), Bergen, Western Norway. The two also carried the role of supervising the training of trainers as kickstarted in March 2020. Hence much training was being done by the ToTs. The ToT training delay was due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Facilitators in training to be Trainers of trainees (ToTs) comprise of 6 community members from Thamaga village from the first and second cohorts of trained and implementing facilitators and 3 are professionals from Ark and Mark Trust.</p>



	<p>Upon completion of the first part of training, the ToTs were divided amongst the implementing groups to supervise, monitor and guide them closely in the planning of the parents' groups through physical visitations and by telephone.</p>
 <p><i>The implementing facilitators in Ramotswa with trainers</i></p>	<p>The facilitators in training comprised of professionals from the local Social Welfare and Community Development office, members from the various village committees and just ordinary parents.</p> <p>Of the planned 48 facilitators to be trained in Ramotswa,</p> <p>49 completed the theory training (5 Males & 44 Females) 2 dropped out due to social commitments (Females) 47 remain as active implementing facilitators 20 implementing groups Reached out to 165 Parents Reached out to 369 children</p> <p>The official opening of the training was done by Paramount Chief of the Bamalete tribe, and her support to the program was notably appreciated.</p>
<p>GABANE & MOLEPOLOLE VILLAGES</p>	<p>These 2 villages form part of the replication localities for the year 2022. Communication and planning for these have been underway since February 2022, as working towards their scheduled training in May and June 2022 respectively. Each of the villages will have 30 participants trained to be facilitators. Council management and the respective village leaders have embraced ICDP as an ideal program to address the complex parenting challenges in their communities.</p>



THAMAGA

Implementation of ICDP in Thamaga still continues in the year 2022, as the village continues to be a beneficiary of the funding. The implementation was started in April 2022.

We have 22 actively implementing facilitators. The numbers reached out have not been established as some of the groups had just started meetings and some have not yet started as they are still at recruitment stage for their respective parents' groups.

Pictures



One of the ToTs facilitating a lesson



One of the 2 classes in session



During the facilitators pairing exercise

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