



SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES  
BOTSWANA

# WRIGLEY ORAL HEALTH PROJECT

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At the beginning of the year the plans for the first four months of the year included the following:

- Training of Trainers for the remaining schools in Serowe and the surrounding areas.
- Working on and producing a work schedule/school visits time allocation for Oral Health visit for Molepolole and surrounding areas schools
- Working on and producing a work schedule Kgatleng and surrounding areas schools
- School visits for Kgatleng and Kweneng (Molepolole) schools (as outlined on work schedule)
- Revisit to 10 Gaborone schools for project monitoring and evaluation

The above stated were planned for in liaison with all concerned stakeholders and below are the outcomes of each:

### **SEROWE TRAINING OF TRAINERS**

The training of trainers for Serowe and surrounding schools took place on the 09<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 at SOS Children's Village Serowe. The training brought together 8 of 10 schools that were invited to take part, 14 teachers, 4 new SOS mothers and 2 training facilitators (Project Coordinator and Dr Ratanang Mokgosi, dentist from Sekgoma Memorial). The training was done in partnership with project partner Sekgoma Memorial. Teachers were trained and given even more information (courtesy of the hospital) on oral health diseases for personal knowledge enhancement and to emphasise the seriousness of unmanaged oral health diseases and to prepare them to be great champions and stewards of the project in their respective schools. The teachers actively participated and the entire training session was a success.

### **MOLEPOLOLE SCHOOL VISITS**

Following a successful training of trainers in Molepolole in September 2017 a meeting was convened at the beginning of the year between SOS CV and the partnering hospital (Scottish Livingstone) to map a schedule of work /project execution plan for the 15 Molepolole and surrounding areas schools. A consensus was reached based on the school terms (January –April, May –August, September- November), the government year plan and other hospital external engagements/projects (COHEP and SOHEP). In order to accommodate us we agreed to devise a plan to cover five (5) schools in each term. As agreed and reflected on the execution plan 5 schools were covered in the school first term that ended April 13<sup>th</sup>. Students from these schools were given oral health education, screening and treatment over a period of 3 weeks. The table below indicates the schools visited, number of students in each school and the total number visited for the term.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>
Suping Memorial Primary School	714
Magokotswane Primary School	796
Boribamo Primary School	837
Bokaa Primary School	897
Bonewamang	613
<b>TOTAL NUMBER</b>	<b>3 851</b>

The remaining 10 schools will be equally divided in the next two terms. This bring the total number of schools visited to **4 552** in the year 2017/2018.

### **KGATLENG SCHOOL VISITS**

The plan for Kgatleng schools was also completed with each school allotted a date of visit but didn't not suffice due to hospital transfers, staff shortage and the challenge to get right fit interns (As was highlighted in the last report that the interns would be used to help in filling up posts and enabling the project to take off in Kgatleng schools). A decision has been taken to do the education component when the school reopens for purposes of progress. Screening and treatment will be suspended until the hospital has resolved its staffing issues and is able to go on board.to suspend screening and treatment till the hospital has sorted the staffing problem. This decision was taken considering the fact that the problem had persisted for quite some time (since last year) and only one school was covered last year and the visits are long overdue. Once the staffing issues have been resolved there will be revisits to all school to complete other components of the project (Screening and Treatment).

### **SCHOOLS REVISIT/ MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

In an endeavour to ensure continuation and sustainability of good oral health practices among the students follow up visits are being made targeting all the schools that have benefited from the project since 2015. During these follow up visits practical knowledge testing and remedial lessons are done especially for old students and education is done for new comers.

Interviews/questionnaires are also used to re-assess and track any new changes in behaviour of older students and to establish trends with the new students. Teachers are further encouraged to continue giving these lifesaving education to their students in their respective schools.

During visits students have shown changes in habits and exhibited great knowledge and confidence in the brushing techniques. Their forthcoming and active participation in the process was quite intriguing and shown that peer to peer demonstration is of utmost importance as it will have a ripple effect that goes beyond the school parameters and garner the expected outcome as well as outlive the project duration.

The evaluation will continue and spread to other SOS locations targeting Francistown and Serowe for the next coming two school terms. The following 9 of 10 schools that were earmarked for the process and completed the process with the exception of 1 due to end of term examinations.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TOTAL ENROLMENT</b>
Batlokwa National School	789
Mafitlhakgosi Primary School	826
Thebe Primary School	600

Bontleng Primary School	694
Camp Primary School	703
Tshwaragano Primary School	1045
Tshiamo Primary School	722
Botsalano Primary School	720
Kgosikgosi Primary School	601
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 700</b>

### PIPELINE ACTIVITIES/ACTION ITEMS

- Initiate recruitment of new schools for September Training of Trainers (ToT)
- Draft plan for Serowe, Francistown and Gaborone School Visits (Monitoring and evaluation)
- Submit new visit requests for Kgatleng and Kweneng schools for term two
- Plan and prepare for September Training of Trainers (ToT)
- Follow ups with Colgate South Africa for possible sponsorship







