



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
BOTSWANA

ORAL HEALTH PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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INTRODUCTION

This is a summary of activities that took place between January and December 2018.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- 9886 children from 16 Primary Schools received Oral Health Education during January to December.
- 62 teachers from 32 Primary Schools in Kweneng, Katleng districts and Serowe village, and 4 SOS Mothers benefited from Train of Trainers workshops during the months of February and September.
- 9 Primary Schools with 6700 children which previously benefited from the project between 2015 and 2017 were revisited as a way of monitoring and evaluating the project.
- Filming of the project was conducted in September as a way to enhance fundraising for the project.

SUCSESSES

- 94.2% adults participated the Train of Trainers workshop.
- Active participation in the peer to peer demonstrations by the previous beneficiaries during a monitoring and evaluation exercise was a clear indication of a high positive impact of the project through the trained teachers.
- A strong effective partnership with our stakeholders continued to be maintained as it contributed to our success.

CHALLENGES

- Unofficial withdrawal of Colgate South Africa from donating toothpaste and toothbrushes continued to bear high costs on the project.
- Delayed procurement of cartridges/injections for treatment by hospitals hindered smooth operation of the project, as screening and treatment would have to be postponed at times.
- Lack of provision for toothpastes and toothbrushes replacement by less privileged families affects practical oral care of some beneficiaries.
- Selling of unhealthy products at the surroundings of some Primary Schools continue to tempt children, which contradicts Oral Health Education being taught, and yet nothing much could be done about it as it could be the only source of income to some vendors.

FUTURE PLANS

- 39 schools are scheduled to receive Oral Health Education in 2019, with 27 of them being covered between January and April.