



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
BOTSWANA

WRIGLEY ORAL HEALTH PROJECT

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The month of September 2016 marked the second phase/second year of the Wrigley oral health project in Botswana. The phase was officially kicked started with a training for all teachers of the schools that will participate and benefit from the project as of September 2016 to September 2017. The trainings were conducted in all the SOS location areas on different dates: Serowe training took place on the 06th September followed by Francistown on the 08th and lastly Tlokweng on the 12th September 2016. A total of 36 schools, 57 trainees (48 teachers and 9 SOS Mothers) were trained by a team of 6 representatives from Wrigley. The intend goal of the project is to reach out 16000 students through Oral Health Education by September 2017

Following the training appointments were made with school leadership to propose implementation dates/school visits. This was done also with the assistance of health institutions that have pledged their support to the project. Securing appointments was a challenge due to an interplay of different factors which include but are not limited to the following:

- The third term is usually the busiest as it leads to the end of a school year and is characterised by continuous assessment/monthly tests and final examinations and therefore school visits are minimal to almost not allowed.
- The grade 7 started their final examinations/Primary School leaving Examinations (PSLE) in October so visits from outside projects/organisations were suspended until they finished the exams hence a few schools were visited 2 weeks following the examination.
- Preparations for the country's 50th Anniversary celebration where most students and teachers were required to participate in national activities hence their unavailability.
- Other school curricula engagements that demanded the teacher's attention; for example, some teachers who trained were selected to be invigilators and to mark the Primary School Leaving Examinations hence no one to assist during project school visits.

All these events/activities made it not possible to reach out to as many schools as intended. Despite these challenges the project still reached out to a few schools in the Serowe area. The Francistown and Gaborone schools will be covered in the year 2017 together with the few schools left in Serowe.

The following schools in Serowe were attended to and offered Oral Health Education (OHE) and Screening and Treatment through the help of Sekgoma Memorial Hospital.

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Mmualefhe Primary School	725
Makolojwane Primary School	824
Makolo Primary School	238
Dinokwane Primary School	239
St Augustine Primary School	425
Motetshwane Primary School	613
Manonnye Primary School	672
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	3 736

In conclusion a total of **3 736** students (23% of the target) have been reached between September and December. The schools have recently closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays and will reopen mid-January. School bookings and consultative meetings are ongoing as well as mapping a way on how to reach our target for the year given the fact that not all the school that were invited for training turned up.

