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Mentors training Sept 2024



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In the month of September, the mentors had a three days training which took place from 3rd to 5th. This training was attended by 12 mentors and 4 staff members from KTM. The Mentors were trained in community bible study which is an initiative now in many parts of Uganda where people are trained on how to effectively conduct bible study for children of various age groups. The mentors were thus equipped on how to best teach the children especially on center days.



Main topics discussed

- How to effectively conduct community Bible study
- Monitoring, visits and report writing
- Child abuse and sexual exploitation
- Psycho social child support

The training was characterized by morning devotions which was full of praise and worship, prayer and sharing of the word of God.



Teaching children the Bible

This topic was taught by a facilitator from Community Bible Study who shared a curriculum for teaching children which consists of 4 levels. She emphasized that children ought to be categorized in age brackets for this to work. Level 1, which doesn't require children to read and usually stories plus illustrations are the most used, Level 2 and 3, which require reading and writing by the children plus individual study and small group discussions. Then lastly, level 4 for the older children or young adults who can do book by book study of the Bible and are proficient readers.



Mentors during bible teaching sessions. They were divided into small groups through which they were to practice what they have learnt.



Meal time for the mentors and trainers.

Monitoring, visits and report writing

Mentors were also reminded on important aspects of their roles such as conducting regular monitoring visits. They got to know the importance of monitoring visits: why and how home and school visits should be done and how to write a good report. A step by step guide on report writing was given.



Child abuse and sexual exploitation

This was also one of the topics discussed. Under this, things like children's rights, prevention of child abuse, common forms of child sexual exploitation, vulnerability to sexual exploitation and how to handle or deal with such scenarios etc. were talked about.



Psycho social support

The term was defined and explained. Furthermore under this, signs of psycho social problems and practical ways of providing psycho social support to the children were discussed.

Application of what was learnt

The mentors went back to their centers and immediately put into practice what they had learnt, for example those of Pader and Kitgum organized center days in which they were taught using the newly acquired skill. using locally available materials



Children demonstrating the story of garden of Eden, Adam and Eve covering their nakedness using locally available resources.