

Grow Healthy, Grow Strong

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Photo: First Community Engagement meeting Rieit Ward, Sinivit LLG



COMING UP NEXT MONTH:

In September, we aim to have two main events held.

The first will be to hold our inaugural Community Nutrition Advocacy Group (CNAG) meeting as a follow up to our orientation meeting at Sinivit LLG. This group will provide guidance on the community level activities planned for the coming months.

The second will be a health worker workshop. Our current health worker teams will provide feedback on activities so far and plan for future events that will support their work in nutrition at the health facility level.

GROW PROJECT UPDATE

This month, the project expanded our activities from health facility level to the community level. Our new team member Onawuta has been busy orientating and organising the stakeholders involved in Rieit Ward, Sinivit Local Level Government (LLG) from Warangoi District. This ward will be the pilot area as it has a high level of undernourished children and was identified by the Warangoi health workers. A stakeholder orientation meeting was held on the 30th of August and included over a dozen ward members who will be trained by the project as nutrition champions for their local communities. Our plan is to upskill this group with relevant knowledge, then support them to organise parent and caregiver groups. These groups will provide awareness on childhood stunting to parents and caregivers. They will also advocate for adequate nutrition from conception until the child's early years in the community. The project will take the lessons learnt from implementation in this pilot area to develop and expand into the other communities in our target districts.

We are excited to have expanded our project activities. We appreciate the enthusiasm of those we work with on the ground at the health facilities and the local level governments. We particularly want to thank the Rieit Ward for their support and participation so far and look forward to working in their community to improve local livelihoods.

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