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Dental project

Project information

Structure	Västerås
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Project title	Dental project
Project start date	01/10/2019
Project end date	26/11/2019
Project location	Sweden
External partner (NGOs, companies, local government, etc.)	No partners

Programme objectives

Education

Health (including water and food security)

The story of your project

Please summarise your project in some sentences:

A dental training was arranged for refugee single, women with kids, newly arrived to Sweden.

Why did your club / union choose to do this project?

It has been noticed that tooth health in general are less good in the group of refugees that have come to Sweden than by Swedish citizens.

This is mainly noticed that an educational matter.

Since persons recently arrived to Sweden do not have full access to the dental clinics we wanted to make a difference by giving a class.

How did you implement this project? What concrete actions did you take to tackle the issue you mentioned in the previous question?

In our Västerås Club we have two dentists who could hold this kind of education. Material was prepared. A presentation with a lot of pictures as well as physical examples of how much sugar different products contain.

Through friends and friends we got in contact with a village where a group of women lived. A training occasion was booked.

During the training other soroptimist sisters acted as baby sitters. And after the training we had a joint light meal and also handed out toothbrushes and -paste to all attendees.

In total 12 women attended and approximately 15 kids.

Did you encounter any problems in organising or running your project?

At our first attempt to organize a training we was aiming too high with translation of training material and we turned towards a team of women that had come with their hole families.

This became too complex and we was not able to organize the actual training since the respons from invited persons was too low.

How did you solve this problem? What did your club/union learn form solving these problems that you would like to share with others Soroptimists who might find themselves in the same situation?

We reevaluated our set-up for the project. The training material was not translated instead we did it visual with pictures and actual products. We also tured to a group of women in a smaller comunity and who was not bound by their families. In addition to this we offered baby sitting during the training.

Did the members of your club/union consider this project a success?

We consider the training as a hugh success.

The women we tured to was very interested. In the beginning the atmosphere was quite reserved but after the training it was all smiles, glittering eys and a lot of questions. We have also had positive feedback afterwards with requests for new training sessions for other groups.

Project results

Our project's main target were:

Boys
Girls
Women

How many people benefited from your project in total?

30

How much money did you raise?

100 €

How many hours have you spent to achieve this project?

80

Supporting material

Women's voices

Do you have a nice story or quote from a woman or girl who directly benefited from this project? If yes, please share it with us in the space below.

A mother came and asked her daughter to see the products and how much sugar they contained.

When the daughter came back to the playroom she with a sad face told her friend "Now we will never get candies again".