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# IOP NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY - 2024

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## CHILDRENS STUDY TOUR TO FARM FOR THE FUTURE AND IOP WORKSHOP



This month the students at Sunflower Preschool and primary school and students from Lords Hill high school had a study tour at Farm for the future at different sessions. Students from the two schools had lesson on modern agriculture at FFF, the lesson included both planting and animal keeping for family or community use. Also they learnt new types of seeds that can be grown at house hold level in addition to that they were taught on how to keep animals like rabbit, chicken, ducks and goats and the importance of these animals at

households level. The most important part of the study tour is that the students of the Lords Hill Secondary school were de tussling the maize at farm for the future. More than 340 students did this activity to over 5 Acres of maize, this activity needed casual laborers to do it, but the students, did as part of the learning. Big up to the teachers who saw the opportunity, used it to benefit the FFF, and could have costed the company large sum of money. More over the students went to IOP carpentry where they learnt how to manufacture various house equipment like tables and chairs. These study tours will be a continuous action to our schools to enable our students be well equipped and more

Creative in both school life and outside school life.

### **Challenges:**

IOP is blessed having workshops however, the limiting factor is the small number of basic carpentry tools for a class to use at one time thus some students became observers of what other students were doing. In this, the carpentry staff would like to have more tools so that in the coming sessions will be able to help the children perfectly.



## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME PARTY AT IOP CENTER



On 20 February, the IOP staff and the children at Center had a welcoming party for the volunteers who are at IOP; these are the ones who volunteers at IOP and those who volunteers at FFF. The event was very lit and hosted by IOP staff. The children at Center and the IOP staff sang and danced for the guests also there was a welcoming word from one of the girls and from the Managing Director. We also had a dance from the change participants. It was very funny as every individual

available at the party made that the guests feel welcomed. IOP is happy to welcome more volunteers to work in the different projects as these volunteers has been contributing much to what IOP could have used much costs to run some of its projects, rather the volunteers have been partly of IOP goals accomplishment. We welcomed the four volunteers from Netherlands who are Astrid Thormersen, Helen Willems, Robertus Willems, Hermanus Bos and Ane Marie Bos, Linea Hestivik, Linda Duriqi and Mathea Hestivik and Linea from Norway. During the welcome party, the managing director gave a speech to welcome the guest. The volunteers have donated 1,867,000/= to different areas like at hospital, in the sponsor program families and at IOP center.

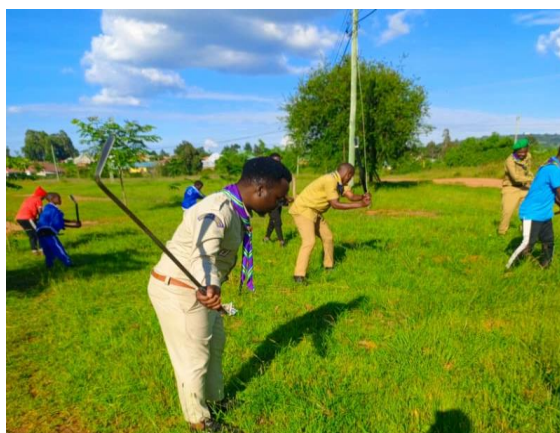
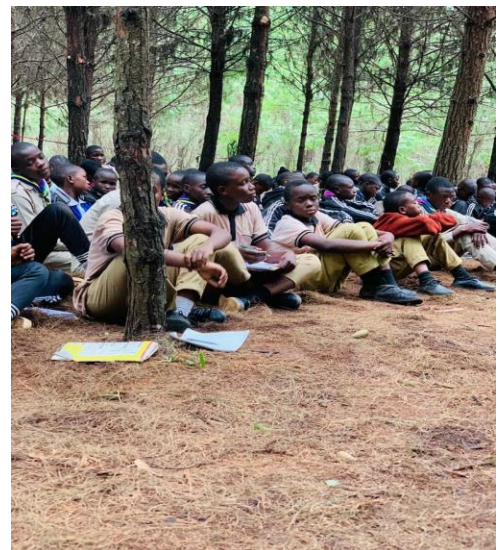


## SCOUTS FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

The Scout Founders Day is the event commemorated on 22 February every year to remember the founders of scout. The Ilula Scouts did it on 24 February because it was on the; weekend the purpose was to



engage many young people. The scout-celebrated the founder's day with camping, these camps started on 23



February to 25 February. There were two scout camps one at St Michael Secondary School and the other in Udzungwa Secondary school. The Secondary schools participated in the event were St Michael

Secondary, Kilolo, Makwema, and Mtitu, Udzungwa, Dabaga, Ipeta, Bomalang'ombe, Lutangilo, Madege while the Primary schools were Mwatasi Primary, Bomalang'ombe primary, Isanga Primary. Total of 351 students being 210 male and 141 female from different schools attended the camp.

Apart from camping, the scouts did community services at Kilolo District hospital where they cleaned the surroundings of the hospital also planting trees around the St Michael Secondary school. In addition too they visited and inspected the progress of different projects that scout groups have established. During the closing out of the camp IOP provided sanitary towels to the schools had students in the camp. As part of the women's day campaign IOP, donated sanitary towels to the schools with the students attended the camp because during the meeting with scouts girls requested if they will be assisted with towels. This action by IOP was purposely done because in our community menstruation is still considered a taboo hence many girls feel shame and insecure when they are in their periods. This situation has been causing many students to skip classes during their periods. Therefore, this has created a need for supplying sanitary pads in schools especially government schools as many students come from poor families and cannot afford to purchase a pack sanitary towel. In Tanzania one pack of sanitary towel cost 2000/= which expensive in many families to assist the girls due to families low income. Twenty boxes of sanitary towels were donated that cost 640,000/=



**NEW CABIN NUMBER 6 - BERGES CABIN**



In response to the growing need for alternative accommodation for volunteers and orphan boys, the management of IOP has initiated the construction of a new cabin on its premises. We are excited to announce the construction of the sixth cabin!

The cabin, currently in the roofing stage, boasts four bedrooms, a sitting room, and a compact kitchen, offering a comfortable living space for

residents and volunteers alike.

Designed to accommodate sixteen individuals, the rooms feature a combination of single and bunk beds, ensuring flexibility in housing arrangements.

This initiative, funded generously by Atle Berge and facilitated by the dedicated efforts of Team Ueland, aligns with IOP's mission to expand its capacity to shelter more boys and provide dedicated spaces for volunteers, who are the backbone of IOP sustainability. We are thankful for the generous donation of Atle Berge family for this massive strategic donation to IOP

While this cabin marks a significant step forward, the need remains pressing, with two additional cabins required to fully address the shortage of volunteer accommodations and meet IOP's target of eight cabins.

As the project progresses, IOP extends a heartfelt appeal for continued support from the community to realize its vision of safeguarding the lives of young boys in need.



## VALENTINE'S DAY WITH THE YOUNG SINGLE MOTHERS



On Wednesday 14th of February the Change, participants arranged Valentine's Day for the young single mothers. Twenty-four mothers participated together with the four Change participants. The meeting started at 10AM at Berit's park where they had football and other fun games. After

outdoor games, they went inside the center to make each other valentine cards. During the writing of cards, they exchanged names so that



each of the participants can write a card to another person. After the occasion, it was lunchtime with all the young mothers. Lastly, there was a cake dessert made by young single mothers. The day was good and the mothers together with the children were happy. Thank you for organizing such an event.

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