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YOUNG MOTHERS

Activities conducted under this program include

- Weekly meetings done on Tuesday and Thursdays every week, where this month the training was on Children's Rights and Gender Based Violence. The Young Single Mothers were trained so that they know the children rights but also to be able to know their responsibilities to the children.
- Preparations for the African child Day and The torch of Freedom Day (Uhuru Torch); during the preparations the young single mothers prepared various items to display and promote the program to the community.
- Attended the Day of the African Child (DAC) and the torch of Freedom Event (Uhuru Torch); the young mothers had exhibition tent where they displayed various handmade items. These items included: Batiki, Liquid Soaps, Cultural Bracelets (Beaded Bracelets), Plastic handmade baskets, beaded necklaces, and beaded porches.
- Supportive supervision to the Young Single Mothers with businesses where their businesses are progressing well. The visitation was done to two Young Mothers who sell Porridge and who makes handmade plastic baskets.
- Collecting Business Proposals to the young Single mothers who have not started business yet to know the ideas on business and the kind of business they wish to

establish. In this; evaluation of the running costs and profits was done. The expectation is that 18 Young Single mothers will establish their businesses after the proposals have been careful checked.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Youth activities at IPVTC are going well, there has been positive works, and here are the activities that done so far:

- Attending weekly programs every Saturday and practices such as dancing, singing and acting. Also during the weekly attendance, youth received training on patriotism. In the training youth learnt the History of Tanzania and the history of the union. Also leadership and qualities of leaders. In addition, Youth learnt the qualification of being a leader in Tanzania and levels of leadership.
- The Anti-Drug Abuse Club made training and counseling to victims of drug abuse where many are alcohol addicts and marijuana smokers. The club has managed to elicit 23 people who are in drugs though the main challenge observed was many victims come from the areas where the substances are found so it is hard for the victims to abstain and quit from alcohol and marijuana. The club is new but it has done great job as part of the club members were victims of drugs and are role model to others.

- Attending African Day of the Child; the peacemakers youth got chance to be part of the celebrations of the African Day of the child together with the scouts. Where in the event their main work was to supervise the marching on the road and supervise the different activities that were taking place at the grounds like receiving guests and directing people. It was a great event and youth enjoyed their participation.



Amos Mkungile giving training on drugs abuse at Isele grounds on the Uhuru Torch event

- Youth Camp; together with the scouts; there was a camp special for preparations and receiving the Uhuru Torch. During the camp Youth and the scouts got various programs and trainings on government leaders and receiving the Uhuru Torch protocols. The camp was very important as Youth helped much in the preparations of the environments and receiving guest. The camp was from 22 June to 24 June 2024.
- Attending the Uhuru Torch event; Youth had a wonderful chance to attend the event as the Anti-Drugs Abuse Club had a tent where

they provided education to the community on ways of combating drugs and HIV/AIDS testing. Youth in this area did a great job as one of the theme of the Uhuru Torch was combating drugs abuse. The Uhuru torch was great to the Youth activities as it inaugurated the activities that Youth have been and youth have gained recognition to the government.

IOP CENTER

The following are the activities done by the children with the help of the nannies and guardians at center;

- Children cleaned the rooms and areas around the center, sang and danced for guests. Also attended games and sports activities after the studies. In addition to these children harvested maize at the farms totaling 3.5 acres, husked maize and stored them.
- Attending Day of the African Child (DAC); the boys and girls at center attended the celebrations of the African Day of the child where they interacted with other children outside the center and in



Children Marching on the Day of the African Child in Ilula

the end of the event the children got gifts from CAMFED as part of the participations in the event. The event was important to children as it helped get awareness on children rights and children responsibilities.

- Guardians meetings; there was a meeting with the guardians of the children at center where during the meeting various issues were discussed including the behavior change of the children with regard to the growth and schooling, academic performance of the children in the schools they attend. In addition, guardians were reminded to ensure that they visit children in the center and know the progress of the children; also, guardians were reminded to support the center in kind or by helping works at center. The meeting was on 17 June 2024 held at IOP Center Hall. After the meeting, children were taken by the guardians for a short break as they were on the midterm holiday.
- There was visitation done by the Youth from the church of the Samaritan Tanzanian Assemblies of God in Ilula, these Youth brought tokens to the children that were washing soaps and salt.
- On 27th, June children come back to center from their families, and on 30 June, the children who attend boarding schools departed to the schools. Fourteen girls went to schools including Scholastica Mgeni and Amina Salum who have joined High Schools and they will not be

coming back at center as they have passed a minimum age to be in the Orphan Homes. Now they will be staying at their guardian's homes.

Challenges at Center

Latifa Mlasu is still sick, has postponed a Year of studies. She is still under treatment and seat for national examination next year 2025 if she is well to attend classes.

Judith Mpogole came back from school as she was sick and still under treatments when the school open she will go back to continue with studies.

Insufficient funds to run the orphanage, more donation needed to help the boys and girls daily life and other activities at center.

FARM

The project has harvested 4 acres of maize and half acre of beans. Maize is not husked. In addition, there was vaccination and treatment of animals. Moreover, there was milking and sales of local chicken.

IOP BLOCK MACHINE

The project has produced 3965 blocks and sold 3735 blocks. Also gardening of the vegetables and flowers for high way Café is going on at the Block Machine Project area.

WORKSHOP

Making nine tables, 10 chairs, 4 doors and maintenance of tube lights at center, fixing water pipes at Cabins, and general maintenance at High Way Café.

AVOCADO PROJECT

The works at Isagwa like cleaning and watering are going well, this month 1270 avocados equivalent to 247 kilograms were picked from the Isagwa Avocado farm.

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Activities done by the project including;

- Supportive supervision to the coalition groups including checking the tree nursery gardens and the progress of the groups and their plans for the future.
- Training on Bee keeping and maintenance of beehives. In this training, the groups learn the importance of bee keeping, the modern way of bee keeping, the products that come from bees, and the importance of bee keeping in relation to environmental conservation and conservation of water sources. The moderator insisted that in areas where bees are kept is hard for people to do domestic activities like cutting trees and farming hence, it is a way of conserving the environment, but also bees act as security guards in such areas.

VOLUNTEERS AND CABIN

In June there were six volunteers, four are one family from Belgium (Joah Eduard Van Overloop, Lucie Helene Van Overloop, Amal Magel Schauss and Arne Van Overloop) and two are one family from Norway (Marita Myklebust and Tonje Myklebust). There were different activities done in various areas including;

- Renovation of one classroom at Kids Corner preschool and making of the small bed for the children at the school.
- Home visit to the IOP sponsored children this was purposely to see the progress of the children in their studies and to see the condition of the families.
- Working at IOP workshop and Block machine project where the volunteers supported in maintenance works, production of blocks and gardening of the vegetables.
- Working at Kids corner preschool with special needs children who are attending the school. This was done by Amal Schauss as she is specialized in with special needs children.
- Stamping books at IOP library done by Joah and Lucie Van Overloop, and Arne Van Overloop assisted teaching at IPVTC in the ICT classroom because the guests had specialist in IT.
- Moreover, Tonje and Marita visited the young mothers supported last year with capital to start business to check the progress of the businesses started.
- Having dinner with the children at center on 28 June and lunch with senior citizen club on 29 June at High Way Café.
- Also Joah, Lucie, Amal and Arne Left the center on 16th June 2024 and during the stay at center their children Joah and Lucie Enjoyed their stay by attending the school at sunflower preschool and primary school also interacting

with the boys and girls at center.
They had a wonderful stay at IOP.

VEHICLE

The project managed to shunt 11 trips of sand on June, shunting 8 trips of construction blocks, 3 trips of paving, and slashing various areas of IOP like the IPVTC, IOP library and the football ground (Berits Park).

SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

The senior citizens had a meeting this month where the major topic was violence; elders learnt different types of violence that happens in the community and effects of violence in the community also how they can solve them. In addition, senior citizens learnt on how to advocate and be part of the solutions. In addition to this, there was photo-taking activity in order to get passport sizes for membership Identity cards.

In the end, the elders had a wonderful meal at the High Way café, the meal was gladly sponsored by Tonje and Marita from Norway. Thank You so much for facilitating this wonderful act to our elders.

THE LORD'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL

The form two students had academic camp this month to prepare themselves for the national examinations in nearest future. The camp started on 1 May to 28 June and was finished with sports and games. It was a great camp and students enjoyed it.

The construction of the boy's dormitory is going on and has reached 55%. We hope it will be finished in the nearest future so that the boys will start using it.

Attending the Uhuru Torch Day at IPVTC. The students had a great chance to see the whole event and participate in the inauguration of the youth activities at IPVTC.

SPONSOR PROGRAM OFFICE

Even though attending students at the office has been the major activity, the office managed to accomplish the following tasks also;

- Attending the Day of the African Child (DAC); in this event, the sponsor program office was the main organizer of the event at IOP, also managed to call and supervise students from various schools around Ilula to attend the event. More than 500 students attended the event including the sponsored children. During the event, children marched but also at the pray ground showed dances and songs to the audience. In the end, they had meal prepared special for that day. The event was on 16 June 2024 held at IOP playgrounds.
- There were two meetings held consecutively at the office; one was with the form six graduates and the other was with form four graduates. The aim of the meetings was
 - firstly and foremost was to congratulate the students for successful completing their studies in the various schools they were,
 - then to advice students on how to live in the community also in the new schools that they will join,

- Insist students to apply loans, this was specific to the form six graduates who will be joining colleges and universities. In addition, if it happens that they do not get loans, reporting to the office is mandatory for further negotiations with sponsors.
 - Self-awareness; students should know their worth before someone does; avoid in engaging in illegal and adultery activities to avoid diseases and deteriorating their lives. They should show positive behaviors regardless of where they come from.
 - Reporting and communicating with the office is compulsory; this should be physical either reporting or making calls, sending payment receipts and progress reports. This will help the office to communicate timely with donors and sponsors but also to assist students timely.
 - Working hard in schools and colleges is very important, as it will determine the future of the students.
- In June there were payments done to the students where by 136 students got payments for school fees, tuition fee, field works, stationary, fare and other items that students needed. In this, there were 74 female students and 62 male students.
 - In Nutrition program there were two mainly works done in June including;
 - Harvesting of maize where in Igominyi 3 acres of maize were harvested and got 33 bags of 100 kgs each of maize and one basket, and harvesting 10 acres of maize in Kibaha primary. They are not yet husked.
 - Food coupon payments where 11 families of the sponsored children have been supported with food coupons at IOP shop.

ILULA PEACEMAKERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

- **Students lesson;** The students have continued to learn well by their teachers and through good teaching, students like the lessons, especially those who were studying the short course, others wish to continue here with the long course due to good and calm environment but also excellent education they are getting from the teachers which is satisfying. In addition, some students of the cooking class have done a one-month field at the IOP (Highway Café) hotel where they were trained well by the Chef of the Highway Café.
- **Tables for electrical sewing machines;** IPVTC have succeeded to make 9 tables for electrical sewing machines and installing them in the sewing workshop where the challenge faced now is the lack of chairs in those electrical machines. The machines are good and modern, they will help the college a lot in the sewing class, but also IPVTC

will have a wide field to sew different fashions of clothes according to the needs of the existing market whereby the Income of the college will increase.

➤ **Farming Activities;** as it was reported in the monthly updates of the past months that we have grown beans, then the crop has grown well and harvested whereby the harvest is six buckets (six 20Litres of buckets) of beans. The work was successful as compared to the small area cultivated and planted one bucket of beans. Therefore, it is a good start for agriculture.

➤ **Uhuru Torch;** IPVTC received information that the Uhuru Torch will come at Ilula Peacemakers Vocational Training Centre so there were various works done including;

- Preparations meetings that began about a month before the actual date of the visit by the Uhuru Torch. Various leaders from the District level came many times to satisfy themselves with the youth activities that are taking place and later followed by visits of the leaders from the Region to

verify the activities carried out by the youth at IPVTC also to verify registration of the Centre, management and financial information as well as compliance of the Government taxes.

- Visit of the Uhuru Torch; The Purpose of the visit was to Inaugurate youth activities at Ilula Peacemakers VTC, Youth activities are divided into the following projects; project for young single mothers, change program, scouts, Sauti ya Vijana, the Anti-Drug Abuse Club and young people studying Information and Communication Technology, Design, Sewing and Clothing Technology, Cosmetology and Cookery class. IPVTC Benefited to get National Recognition by being visited with the Uhuru Torch but also being known by many people who eventually will be the customers.

KIDS CORNER PRESCHOOL

In June there was opening of special children class, the volunteers from Belgium donated learning tools for the pupils that will enable teachers to assist well the children. Thank you so much to the volunteers for making the donations and recognizing the needs of the special needs children. The school currently has five special needs children.



Police officers at IPVTC with the Uhuru Torch for inauguration event

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