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INTRODUCTION

March has been a very great month to IOP as there has been a lot of progress that has taken place to the organization that has enabled the best performance of our organization in general, we welcome you to read through the updates of the activities that the different projects of IOP has implemented this month.

IPVTC

- Admission: In March, we successfully enrolled 25 new students (11 male and 14 female students) across our various programs, including ICT 14, Cosmetology 8, and DSCT 3 This brings our total enrollment to be 43.
- Production: production of school uniform for both Sunflower pre-& Primary School and Kids Corner preschool in progress the total number of 163 Uniforms have been made.
- Employment: We managed to get a teacher for technical drawing, Engineering science, mathematics and other cross cutting subjects who is recently in probation.

CHALLENGES AT THE COLLEGE

- Lack of a boys' hostel, which has become a significant issue for accommodating our growing student population as it can be seen in the report there has been recruitment of the students going on and the

boys have been using one of the classrooms to sleep this will cause disturbance to the students. The need of doing general maintenance of the hostel is very crucial this time so that they have safe and peaceful place to spend their time after studies.

- Absence of dedicated workshop; Additionally, as we prepare to introduce new programs, the absence of dedicated workshop spaces is another critical challenge that requires immediate attention so that we can add more programs because many students are going to other colleges simply because we lack some programs

BLOCK MACHINE

The activities that were done at the site this month included;

Slashing around the site, cultivating and planting vegetables behind the high way café, producing blocks where 3091 blocks were produced and selling 200 blocks.

IOP SHOP

Spraying the weedkillers and termite killers around the building at the shop to retain the building from being destroyed by termites.

ILULA ORPHAN HOME

- Weeding and planting vegetables in the gardens.

Cleaning and slashing around the orphanage.

- Attending the goodbye party for the volunteers who were at Center were the children sang and danced for the guests.
- Travel to Iringa for the outdoor activities and excursion. The children went to Gentle Hills Hotel for playing games, went to Iringa Garden for lunch and later went to the Iringa Sunset Hotel for swimming. It was such an amazing trip to the children for the first time as they got to explore outside Ilula.



Some of the IOP Children sitting together

Also, there was maintenance work done at the orphanage that included painting the Orphanage buildings, repairing furniture and windows and door locks.

SUCCESS

This month the children received various gifts and payments done by different people that have visited the orphanage including;

- One year milk bill for the children that was paid by Doret and this will enable the children at the orphanage to get milk in the morning during breakfast.

- 36 school bags were purchased by Doret to the children.
- Foods for the children (Spanish omelet and fruits) were purchased by Inza also she supported the children with the trip to Iringa where she covered all the cost from transport to meals and all enjoyment activities that the children had.
- The Iringa Maasai market group visited the children on the 30th of March and provided children with Maize flour 50kgs, sugar 1 carton, salt 1 carton, drinking water 2 cartons small, juice 2 carton small, cooking oil 10 liters, bar soap 1 carton, powder soap 15 kg and body oil 1 dozen that cost 316,500/= Tanzanian shillings.
- Also, on the same day the staff from the Gentle Hills Hotel visited the children and supported them with 2 carton of juice, 5 liters of cooking oil, 25 kilograms of maize flour, 5 pieces of bar soap, 10 packs of powder soap and 3 kilograms of sugar that costed 116,000/= Tanzanian shillings.

SENIOR CLUB

This month there was a meeting with the senior citizen members where 62 seniors attended the meeting together with 5 leaders and 1 facilitator who is a doctor from Ilula Lutheran Hospital. They had a lesson

on food and nutrition where they learnt on the importance of protecting their health through foods also learnt on the foods that can destroy their bodies and the effects of alcohol.

It was such a great lesson to the seniors as they asked so many questions and learnt so much!

FARMING AND ANIMAL PROJECTS

During the month of march the project had planted beans 10 acres, weeding sunflower farms 5 acres, application of fertilizers in maize farms 28 acres. Also, the project has purchased 2 cows for milking and 500 chicken layers.

SPONSOR PROGRAM OFFICE

Apart from attending students and writing sponsors updates to the different committees the office has done the following works;

- Provision of the school materials; this was for all the students studying in primary school where they got shoes, exercise books, pen, pencils and uniforms. All the students were gathered at the sponsor program office together with their coordinator teachers and some with their guardians and parents the students came from Sunflower pre and primary school 150 students (63 Boys and 87 boys), Masukanzi primary 12 students (7 boys and

5 girls), Ilula primary 6 students (1 boys and 5 girls), Kising'a primary 2 girls, Isoliwaya primary 12 students (5 boy and 7 girls) and Visada primary 13 students (7 boys and 6 girls), Ikuvala Primary 1 boy, Imalutwa primary 1 boy, Mwaya primary 4 students (2 girls and 2 boys), Mtandika primary 1 boy and mtua primary 1 boy.



Student at the office trying the shoes for school

- New Sponsorship; this month there were two new sponsorships where 3 boys and 1 girl got sponsored. These sponsors are from Germany and USA. And we still have 22 students who are in the waiting list and need to get sponsors.
- Students reporting; there were 62 university students who reported at the office this month (32 Male and 30 Female). These students soon after reporting to the office wrote their self-updates letters to the sponsors, took pictures, submitted different requirements like receipts, progress reports and letters then filled their request forms for the college or university needs for the new academic semester.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

This month there were four volunteers visited IOP from the different countries that were Netherlands and Germany, the guest was Inza, Doret, Pia and Charlotte.

These volunteers have done various jobs at IOP including;

- Meeting with the young mothers at IPVTC where during the meeting they got to share the experiences with the young mothers also helped with babysitting the children of the young single mothers when the mothers were attending their lessons.
- Assisting home works to the children staying at the Ilula Orphans Home. The volunteers ensured that the children understood the assignments given by teachers and accomplished them.
- Joining youth program at IPVTC; the volunteers participated in the youth program where they joined dances and had different discussions with the youth in the program.
- Escorting the children to the church; this was done on Sundays where they escorted the IOH children to the church and back to center during the afternoon.
- Helped teaching at Sunflower primary school, Kids Corner preschool and Lords Hill High School. The volunteers assisted with lesson planning and

teaching the students in the classes.

- Provision of marketing sessions to High Way Café and IPVTC; the volunteers mentored the staff on marketing strategies and how to grow businesses. The purpose of the lesson was to enable the project on how to do marketing and customer handling.
- Also, the volunteers had fundraised funds that had supported the different projects at IOP, for instance Doret Cornelissen fundraised 5,746,400 between the month of February and March and supported the Young Single mothers living in mama house, Kids Corner and IOP center, and Inza Gast from Netherlands fundraised more than 4,5000,000 to support different projects like the orphanage, youth center and two vulnerable families in Ilula. And moreover she has fundraised more 5500 Euro sent through IOP Netherlands to support the orphanage and chicken project.

This month, Ilula Orphan Program (IOP) hosted five fieldwork students from various Tanzanian universities and colleges: one female student from Mzumbe University, two students from Tengeru Community Development Institute, and two students from the Tanzania Institute of Social Work. Additionally, seven internship students from SEGA (Secondary Education for Girls

Advancement) organization based in Morogoro region were also at IOP for their practical training.

IOP provides a dedicated space for students from different institutions to undertake fieldwork practice or internships. This initiative addresses the challenges many students face in finding suitable offices or organizations to apply their classroom knowledge practically. By offering this opportunity, IOP supports many youths, particularly those from disadvantaged families, enabling them to gain valuable experience without having to pay fees. In some cases, accommodation is also provided during their stay, further easing the burden on these students and fostering their professional growth.

IOP VEHICLES

The project has used the machines and vehicles in the different areas such as Cultivation of farms where 11.5 acres of farms were cultivated, hallowing the farms 9 acres, planting 37 acres and shunting construction materials like sand, blocks and cement 5 trips.

MAINTANANCE WORKS DONE

This month there was maintenance done for the tractor Massey Ferguson no T915BUH (285) and maintenance of Toyota Ipsum T144CYP.

CHALLENGES;

The IOP transportation project is crucial for the success of IOP

activities, particularly in agriculture, transportation of construction materials, and facilitating the movement of people for official business. However, the project has faced significant operational challenges due to insufficient funding. Below are the specific challenges that need urgent resolution to ensure the successful implementation of this project:

Challenges Facing the IOP Transportation Project

- Disc Hallow Requirements; A disc hallow is essential for field operations, especially in leveling fields located in hilly areas, softening hard soil, and making it lighter for planting activities. The planter has frequently been damaged due to rocky and hard soil conditions in our fields. Acquiring a disc hallow would significantly improve efficiency and reduce damage to equipment. The cost of purchasing a disc hallow is nine million Tanzanian shillings (9,000,000/=).
- Prado Maintenance; The Prado vehicle plays a vital role in facilitating transportation activities within the project. However, it has been facing long-term mechanical issues that require urgent repairs. Key areas needing attention include the gearbox, engine, and the board. Repairing this

vehicle would restore its functionality and reliability. The estimated cost for repairs is twenty-one million and seven hundred thousand Tanzanian shillings (21,700,000/=). The money that was fundraised earlier was used for clearance for the new land cruiser Prado T907EGH (D4D)

- Repairing JJ Golf Cart; The JJ golf cart has been out of service due to a faulty gearbox. Procuring a replacement gearbox locally has proven extremely challenging as they are rare in Tanzania. We request assistance from sponsors who can source and send the required gearbox to Tanzania so it can be installed and restore the cart's usability.
- Tractor Challenges; The tractors currently in use at IOP are overburdened due to the high workload and have become prone to frequent breakdowns. To alleviate this issue, acquiring an additional large tractor would help distribute the workload more evenly and ensure smoother operations across all agricultural activities.

Addressing these challenges promptly will significantly enhance

the efficiency and effectiveness of the IOP transportation project, ensuring that it meets its objectives in supporting agricultural activities and other organizational needs.

HOLLAND HOUSE OF BOOKS

There were various activities done at the Holland House of Books (IOP Library) for the month of March that were very productive including:

- Writing card entries these will help the library users to know the direction and types of books. The card carries all the details of books that are available at the library and are stationed at the library reception.



Children Learning at the Library

- Shaving books; here after cataloging the books all had to be kept in the shelves.
- Attend library meeting; this was to make the schedule and programs of the library. The meeting was between the librarian, BB Berit and accountant.
- Sorting the books
- Program with Kids' Corner preschool Children; this is done every Tuesday of the week.

- Program with the young single mothers' children where they have been learning different games and learning few things at the library like counting and opening books.
- Stock taking of the books and books entry in the computer; here all the details of books available at the library were entered in the computer to easier the books sorting and cataloging.
- Maintenance of the building were painting the walls and the roof of the building, slashing and making the library path was done. Also, there was changing of tube lights at the library.

YOUNG SINGLE MOTHERS PROGRAM

Apart from the meeting that the young mothers have been attending, this month we were able to attend the Women's Day here in Ilula and during the day we had a booth that showcased all the products that were made including batik, bracelets, plastic baskets and liquid soaps. This event was on the 6th March also on the 8th March the Young Single mothers has attended a forum at IOP Orphanage which gave a room for discussion on the different matters related to women protection and community safety, it was such a great form to learn and was a vibrant meeting.

KIDS CORNER PRESCHOOL

At the school this month there was a birthday celebration for the children of February and March, the party was great to all the children. There were 7 students (4 boys and 3 girls) celebrated this month during the birthday party.

Our school has recently embarked on a significant development project, constructing two large classrooms with sponsorship from IOP Germany. These classrooms, currently in the roofing phase, are expected to be completed early this year. Their addition will allow us to enroll more students, thereby increasing the school's income and enhancing its educational capacity.

CHALLENGES

- Additional equipment for the school playground; We are lacking more games and equipment at the children playground. We have only two swings which has made very difficult for all the children to enjoy playing during their breaktime. We would like to have more swings and slides if possible because as we are expanding the classrooms we will have more children compare to the games equipment that we have at school.
- Need for the school bus; As our school continues to grow, we face challenges concerning the safety of transportation for young children aged between one and a half and five years. Many students travel from

distant areas using motorbikes and tuk-tuks, which pose safety risks. To address this issue, acquiring a school bus is critical. This bus would ensure safer transportation for our children from their homes to school and also facilitate educational trips without the need to hire external buses.

FINAL WORDS

Apart from all these activities this month the IOP women from all the

departments attended the women's day that was prepared by the Kilolo government and the stakeholders including IOP. It was a good day to women as they celebrated the day, they had a great time meet and great also to interact with other women from the different areas that attended the event. The event was great as women were reminded on their roles in the community but also how to protect their rights and the community in general.

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