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INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers, this month at IOP has been filled with exciting events and significant progress, all aimed at advancing our mission to serve the Ilula community better. The following are the events that have taken place at IOP including; District Trade Fair, Safe Menstruation Day, New Modern Computers and Scout Camp.

We warmly invite you to explore our monthly articles and become part of the IOP family. Your support and interest inspire us to continue making a positive impact.

DISTRICT TRADE FAIR (KILOLO EXPO 2025)

For the first time, IOP proudly participated in the business expo held in Ilula, organized by the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCIA) in Kilolo District. The commerce, industry, and agriculture fair took place from May 21st to May 25th, 2025, at the FDC grounds in Ilula Ward.



During the exhibition, IOP showcased a variety of income-generating projects that demonstrate our commitment to sustainable development and community empowerment. These projects included the Highway Shop, Highway Café, Block Machine Project, Fish Pond, Poultry Project, Educational Facilities, Crop Farming, Dairy Cattle Project, and a small business initiative run by young single mothers under IOP/Ilula YWCA. This exhibition was a significant milestone for IOP, not only as an



opportunity to present our diverse projects but also to highlight the initiatives that contribute to the organization's sustainability and the valuable services we provide to the community.

We are honored to have received a Certificate of Recognition for outstanding participation in the Kilolo Expo. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of everyone involved.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors and sponsors whose generous support has made it possible for us to reach this stage. Their contributions enable us to implement impactful projects that foster self-reliance while continuing to deliver quality and relevant services to the Ilula community. Together, we are building a brighter future for Tanzania and beyond.

CELEBRATING WORLD SAFE MENSTRUATION DAY

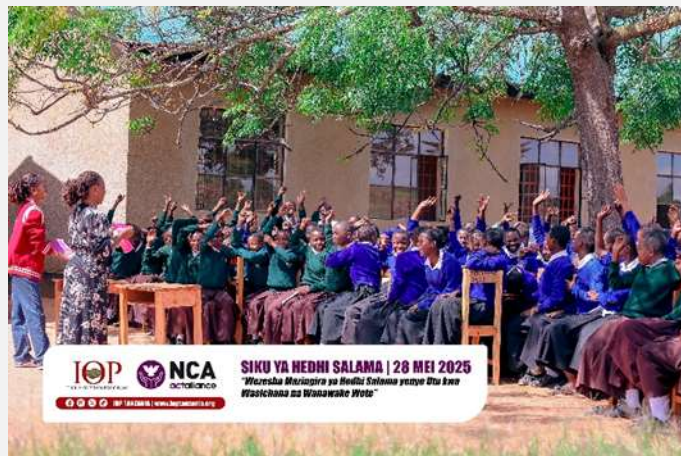
On May 28th, IOP proudly joined hands with various stakeholders to commemorate



World Safe Menstruation Day. This impactful campaign reached 212 female students, providing vital education on safe menstruation practices under the inspiring theme: "Safe Menstruation and Dignity."

The slogan emphasized the critical need for women and girls to have access to safe, high-quality menstrual products and supportive, women-friendly environments in schools, colleges, and workplaces. It also called on the community to dispel harmful myths and misconceptions surrounding menstruation, reinforcing that safe menstruation is a fundamental right for every woman and girl.

This day was especially significant as students actively participated in discussions and activities, demonstrating their understanding of menstruation and learning practical ways to protect themselves during their periods. To further support these young learners, feminine hygiene products were distributed to all 212 female students of the schools that were reached that are; Masukanzi primary (28 students were reached), Lord's Hill High School (82 students were reached) and Selebu secondary school (102 Students were reached)



World Safe Menstruation Day serves as a powerful reminder that ensuring menstrual health and dignity is essential for building stronger families and a more inclusive, compassionate society.

SCOUT TRAINING CAMP IN KILOLO UPPER DISTRICT

May has been a remarkable month for the young scouts of Kilolo District, marked by an impactful scout training camp that brought together enthusiastic boys and girls passionate about personal growth and community development. The two-day camp, held at St. Michael Kilolo School, gathered a total of 84 young participants from four different schools, all eager to learn and engage in meaningful discussions about youth development and scouting.



The camp covered a variety of important topics designed to equip the scouts with knowledge and skills to thrive both as individuals and as responsible community members:

- **Scouting Rules and Regulations:** New scouts were introduced to the fundamental rules and regulations of scouting. This session emphasized the importance of discipline and proper behavior, ensuring that all participants understood what it means to be a responsible scout.
- **Safe Menstruation and Dignity:** Recognizing the unique challenges faced by young girls, this topic focused on creating a supportive and respectful environment for menstruating girls. The session also reinforced the importance of mutual respect between genders in all settings.
- **The Effects of Drug Use:** To safeguard the youth from harmful influences, this lesson highlighted the dangers of drug use. Scouts were encouraged to stay focused on their studies and avoid situations that could lead to drug abuse, promoting a healthy and productive lifestyle.
- **Community Service at Kilolo District Hospital:** As part of their commitment to community development, all scouts participated in an environmental cleaning activity at Kilolo District Hospital. This hands-on service reinforced the value of maintaining a clean and safe environment, particularly in public spaces.

Ilula YWCA/IOP has been instrumental in facilitating these positive experiences for young people in Kilolo District. By organizing such training camps and encouraging youth participation in community service, the organization



fosters a safe and nurturing environment. Their efforts not only protect young people but also empower them to become catalysts for sustainable development within their communities.

A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF MODERN COMPUTERS AT LORDS HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

With immense joy and gratitude, Lords Hill Secondary School proudly announces the arrival of 15 state-of-the-art computers generously donated by our friends and



supporters from Know IT Company and Kragerø high school, Norway. This invaluable contribution marks a significant milestone in our journey to enhance learning and teaching experiences for our students.

In today's rapidly evolving technological world, these computers come at the perfect time. They will transform how our students learn by supporting a blended teaching approach. After traditional classroom lectures, students will move to the computer lab—our new “theater”—where they can explore a wealth of information online, deepen their understanding, and broaden their horizons beyond textbooks.

This access to technology is crucial. It equips our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a world driven by science and innovation. Many students in developing countries only encounter computers late in their education, often putting them at a disadvantage. With these new resources, the Lords Hill students will be ahead, gaining early exposure to digital tools and global knowledge.

Before this generous donation, our school had only one computer, used solely for administrative purposes. Now, we are proud to become a leader in IT education among local schools. However, we still face challenges: with 15 computers, each device must serve seven to nine students. To truly empower every learner, we call on donors and friends worldwide to continue supporting us as our school has more than 400 students that will need to access these computers; this will enable student's individual access to computers when needed. Our digital room takes 45 students at once.



We extend our deepest thanks to all who have recognized and responded to our needs. These computers open new doors for our students, connecting them to the world and inspiring a brighter future.

Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more technologically equipped the Lords Hill Secondary School.

FINAL WORDS

Thanks to generous funding from IOP Germany, we have constructed two new, modern classrooms at our Kid's Corner school. These spacious classrooms are a



significant upgrade from the older facilities and will allow us to enroll more students, thereby increasing IOP's capacity and income.

The classrooms are nearing completion, but we still need essential equipment such as 60 Students chairs where in each class will be 30 chairs, 60 students' tables where in each class will be 30 tables, 2 teachers' tables and 2 chairs where in each class will be one table and one chair, Four shelves in each class are needed for storing students' materials, Montessori materials for teaching students are needed, Sleeping mats, Books for the students in the classes and funds for painting the class walls with the pictures and alphabets this will make the classes fully functional. We kindly ask for your donations to help us furnish these new learning spaces.

Your contribution will directly support our goal of making our school one of the best in Ilula township, providing quality education and opportunities for our children.

Thank you for joining hands with us in this journey. Together, we can build a brighter future for the youth of Ilula.

With gratitude,

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