ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

We continue to express our sincere gratitude for your loyal support of our monthly IOP newsletter. Your time, effort, and commitment mean a great deal to us, and we truly appreciate your dedication to walking with us on this journey.

This month, our organization has experienced many wonderful and memorable moments. We have carried out a variety of activities, including dynamic scouting programs, renovation and construction projects, the introduction of structured sports lessons, and a vibrant women's forum, among many others. We invite you to read this article and journey with us through these stories of hope, progress, and shared achievements.

KIDS' CORNER PRESCHOOL

This month at the school there were two major activities done at the school apart from scholastic work that included:

- Roofing of the playground at the school. As for this month, roofing of the playground building has been done so the internal finishing is waiting where we would need the plastering and painting. Also having the equipment to install for the kids to play.



- Toilet maintenance; during the reporting period of June, we reported that the toilet pit had sank, so new pit was constructed that has been related to the renovated toilets and the kids are using it already.

ILULA PEACEMAKERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (IPVTC)

The college had a wonderful month where different productive work was done at the college, these works have been very impactful at our college as it will ensure the betterment of our college. The following are the list of works accomplished already;



- Ten goats have been purchased for our college also, Grasses suitable for goat forage have been planted within the pasture and are already showing growth. These grasses will be regularly watered to ensure they thrive, particularly during the hot summer months when natural forage may become scarce. This proactive irrigation strategy will provide the goats with a reliable food source even during periods of high temperature and low rainfall.
- Harvesting crops; with the different plots that were cultivated the college managed to harvest 14 bags of maize and 3 bags of sunflower. These crops will be very crucial for food production for the students at the college.
- Cultivating tomatoes, green papers and other vegetables; the old garden where the vegetables have been harvested are already planted with the new vegetables.
- New registration of 3 new students (2 ICT Class and 1 Cosmetology class) these are short term students.

VOLUNTEERS AND CABIN

This month there were ten volunteers who visited the organization and performed different works including;

- Welcoming party and goodbye party; we welcomed 10 volunteers from the Netherlands (Youth group and one family) who have been at IOP for the different times during the month of July and performed different works. During the welcoming and goodbye party all the IOP staff and children participated in the event.



- Family visiting; the volunteers visited different families in Ilula where they learnt about the family's history also provided families with sleeping mattresses,

hygiene items and food parcels to help the families. Apart from this, the volunteers had a day where they spent with other families where they engaged in their daily routine and learnt different things like food preparation and house management. It was a wonderful day as they also played with the kids in the families.

- Painting works: the volunteers had painting works done at the orphanage where they painted the wall at the boy's wing and the girls' wing.



- Teaching and helping kids: they spend different days at Kid's Corner preschool where they assisted in teaching the kids also helping the kids with different issues like assisting at the playground, taking the kids to the washrooms and assisting them during breakfast.
- Working at Ilula Lutheran Hospital; One of the volunteers spent the day working at Ilula Lutheran Hospital as a nurse. At the hospital worked together with other local nurses in patients attending.
- Beby sitting the kids at IPVTC; on Tuesdays and Thursdays volunteers worked at IPVTC during the Young single mothers' programs where they were assisting with babysitting the kids so that the mothers would focus on the studies.
- Working at workshop; maintenance of chairs and tables at the IOP workshop, Building the new cowshed together with Erick, also sewing clothes with Osolina.



- Kitchen work; food preparation for the volunteers at the orphanage. They worked together with the cook.
- Helping kids with homework; after school hours the volunteers assisted the children at the orphanage with homework. It was a good time as during this time they had an opportunity to interact with the children.
- Market; during their visit at IOP, youth groups travelled with some clothes for sale to support the senior citizens. These clothes were arranged and sold to IOP staff.
- Training; The Stan family provided training to employees in communication and leadership and how to give feedback at work. This training was provided for some employees who were willing to attend. It was very good training as it allowed employees to reflect on how they have been communicating as leaders and how they have been giving feedback to various stakeholders. It also strengthened relationships between employees.

INTRODUCTION OF PRACTICAL SPORTS LESSONS AT LORDS' HILL AND SUNFLOWER SCHOOLS

After a long period of reflection and careful consideration of our students' long-term interests, the IOP leadership is proud to introduce a new subject at our school of sports which will include both theoretical and practical sessions, supported by our newly employed sports teacher.



This will open a wide field for our students as now they will balance traditional classroom learning with active, outdoor physical education.

The introduction of these sports sessions serves two main purposes which are firstly, the school will fully be complying with the requirements of the new national educational curriculum and secondly the school will be expanding our educational scope to identify, nurture, and develop young sports talents, preparing them to become the sports stars of tomorrow.

Also, our long-term goal as an organization if this program succeeds, is to register an official football academy for our schools under the **Tanzania Football Federation (TFF)**. This will provide a structured pathway for talent development and open an alternative career and job opportunities for our youth in the sports industry.

As the subject is newly introduced at our schools it will be implemented in two ways as follows:



- **At Lord's Hill:** Sports will be a formally registered subject under the new curriculum from next year and the students registered in form one class from next year will be part of their core subject in class. While introductory sessions have already begun in select classes.
- **At Sunflower:** Building upon the theoretical sports lessons already in place, students will now transition into a comprehensive program combining both theory and practical field sessions.

The main sports that have been introduced firstly include; Netball, Volleyball, and Football. Though we have successfully launched this program using limited resources and generous initial donations from well-wishers. To ensure every student has equal access to quality training, we welcome all stakeholders,

sponsors, and wishers to support us with sports equipment, including balls, kits, cones, and nets, trainers and funds if possible so that we can put our playgrounds in a better environment, especially since they are still of a very low standard to allow children to learn professionally.

Your support will go a long way in shaping the future of our students. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

RENOVATION OF MAMA HOUSE

The Mama House (Malisa's house) is currently undergoing major renovations to enhance safety and meet modern living standards for our young mothers and their children. This vital project includes raising the building's walls, replacing the roof, and enlarging the windows to significantly improve natural light and ventilation throughout the home. These structural upgrades will transform the house into a safer, healthier, and more modern space that supports the well-being of the young single mothers and their children. We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors from IOP Germany, whose visionary support and generosity have made this transformative project possible.



CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUND AT IPVTC

Construction of the playground at the IPVTC for young single mothers. This playground construction has been funded by the Liv Ulven foundation from Norway. The purpose of the playground is to create a safe space for the young single mothers' children during the program. As it was observed that when the young single mothers are in class sessions the children do not have rooms where they can spend their day, so having the playground will help the children have a place where they can grow and nurture their talents with their babysitters and their mothers focus on the studies and concentrate more on studying.



FINALLY

We warmly welcome all who wish to be part of this inspiring story in our organization. At IOP, you can volunteer in many meaningful ways: supporting and raising children, teaching young mothers, offering French lessons in our schools, or coaching sports such as football, volleyball, and netball. By joining us, you will not only touch lives today but also help shape a better tomorrow and make a lasting mark in history together with IOP.

If you would like to be part of this big and unforgettable experience, kindly contact us through;

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