



## Ilula Orphan Program

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We welcome you to share with us the news of November 2016

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## ✓ THE EXAMINATION HALL

### *Monthly Update*

We are moving closer to realizing our long time dream of having a completed Examination Hall. The Hall besides examinations will also be used for a number of other purposes including graduations for IOP Schools, Social and cultural functions, trainings and seminars to mention but a few when there are no examinations at the Lord's Hill High School!

Mobilization of the needed materials for finishing is in a very good progress, internal finishing work has started by preparing the floors to receive concrete slab on one side while the basement side which will be made of lumber the materials have been ordered and paid for ready to be delivered on site and fixed soon. Fixing of door frames will be done simultaneously with casting floors and plastering.

All this would not be possible had it not been for the commitment of IOP committees abroad and individual sponsors who have been generously donating thus making this work to be successful. IOP Tanzania would like to thank all of you very much for the wonderful work you are doing to make new standard of living for our community.

We are pleased to inform you that we have received a donation of 33,091.27 US Dollars from Fovea Foundation in Norway for completing the examination Hall! This is the amount which was promised by IOP Norway during the IOP International meeting in April this year! That is why I can proudly say we are approaching to hit the touch line. What a blessing that the long waited promise has come true! Bravo Fovea Foundation. They will always be remembered for the massive investment to our lovely school. That has been a true manifestation of corporate social responsibility from the Fovea Company. From this

donation the hall will soon be completely finished as per plans and drawings. We are sorry that it has taken longer than expected to finish the hall due to unforeseen circumstances outside IOP control

However, not all necessary facilities were connected to the Examination Hall project. A kitchen, toilet system including septic tanks, gutters and rain water harvesting tank remain a dire need after completion of the examination hall. Having the mentioned missing facilities will not only make the hall user friendly to students and staff but also enable IOP make get some income in future.



### **NEW TRACTOR**

Having friends around the world is a great opportunity to IOP as an organization, IOP Tanzania really appreciate the moral and material support from donors, friends and supporters of IOP all over the world specifically USA and Europe. You have been doing a great job to ensure that the IOP reaches the goal of new standard of living for the Tanzanian community. For years we have seen how this support has impacted the lives of orphans and most vulnerable children and communities in Tanzania specifically Ilula area thus transforming lives and giving hopes to the hopeless. We have witnessed global responsibility in action by ensuring equal opportunities to resources.

This time friends of IOP in the USA, led by a seasoned IOP Volunteer Jacob Richer, fundraised for a brand new John Deer Tractor, Disc Plough and Dump Trailer to IOP Tanzania! The tractor and its accessories will not only improve availability of food for orphans at IOP Center but also improve efficiency in supply of building materials from

the current 100% loading and unloading manually to loading only. The tractor and its accessories has cost around 40,000USD all from and by friends of IOP in the USA.

The Tractor was bought locally in a local located at Kisolanza area south of Iringa. John, Jake, Edson and two Tractor drivers formed an IOP team to buy the tractor. This is a very important milestone in IOP farming project.

We are very thankful to our friends in USA who have seen and realized our need for this important tool you have provided to us as it will help in our projects. We realize your efforts that you have invested in this through your time and resources. Thank you so much and you are welcome to keep supporting us in many other ways or same ways the doors are still and wide open for you. God bless you all for the big contribution.



*Mr. Jacob Richer, Handing over Tractor Keys to IOP Managing Director Mr. Edson Msigwa*

## NEW GIRLS AT IOP CENTER

On 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 IOP Center received a new 4years old girl named Brighter Swai. She came from Mtua village where she was living with her grandfather and her brother who is 5 years old named Daniel. In her family they are three (herself, her brother and their grandfather). Brighters father passed away before she was born and when she was 1year her mother got mental illness and didn't get any kind of treatment and become a street loiterer. From that point Brighter and her brother moved to their grandparents. The life there were very difficult where by Brighters grandmother decided to run away until today. The grandfather tried his level best to find food for the kids by selling 'Pombe' a local alcohol made of maize and millet in local bar. The earnings were not enough to run the family that it reached a point where he failed to provide food to kids. He changed the business due to losses he got. Now he is selling cigarettes, a disguised unemployment to keep his bones and flesh together, outside the local beer Club. IOP got information about Brighter's life, from the local authorities the authorities pleaded for help from IOP. Following this call for help IOP visited Brighter's grandfather's house and saw how pathetic the living condition was. A decision was reached to take Brighter to IOP Center for girls so as to rescue her from the wretched situation that exposed her to danger of being a victim of social evils and child abuse. She is now living happily at the Center. She has started attending Preschool at IOP's Sollerud Kindergarten with other girls.



Brightness is another girl who moved to IOP Center. She was born in February 2013. Her father is unknown and her mother's name is Paulina. Brightness's mother used to live in Mbeya region. She left Brightness in Mbeya with neighbors after being ill for a long time. She later decided tested for HIV and was HIV positive. Her neighbors took an initiative of finding Paulina's relative who live in Ilula so that she can take the child. They succeeded and it's when Brightness moved from Mbeya to Ilula. Brightness relative applied for her to live in the orphanage through Social Welfare Office in Kilolo hence she was brought to IOP and she is here at the center enjoying the life with other girls.

IOP also has received Amina Abdallah who was born on 23<sup>rd</sup>,





November 2003. In 2017 she will be standard five. Her father passed away and her mother is alive. Anna's mother has a very difficult life whereby she earn her living through selling vegetables in the street and washing peoples clothes when asked to do so. She has been receiving help from Kilolo Social Welfare Office before coming to IOP until the office found a place for her to stay. She is here now with other girls here at the center.

### **FARM FOR THE FUTURE “VISIT BY REGIONAL AND DISTRIC OFFICERS”**

The farm for the Future (651 acres) is a farm owned by IOP with the purpose of developing sustainable agriculture. It will be a development project for the entire Iringa region. In addition to functioning as a profitable commercial operation that will help sustain IOP in the future, the farm will be an educational arena where local farmers and single young mothers will come to get hands-on training in agriculture and processing of the farm's products. With its



emphasis on education about all different types of activities, including job training, FFF will truly be a farm focused on the future!

After the meeting in Iringa about the farm for the future with the Regional Commissioner and IOP Team (Osmund, Berit and Edson) in October, on November 10<sup>th</sup> we received the representatives from the Region, District, Division, ward and village offices. The representative members and IOP Team (Tulia, Atilio, Gerald and Lynnchristine) went through the farm boundary following the map of 1960's and managed to visit almost all parts of the farm.. In the meeting, IOP informed the team on its activities and the desired use of the farm.

IOP was asked to do boundary recovery for the farm for the future and re-survey the land in order to complete the master plan for the farm before sending to authorities for approval.

Another task that IOP is supposed to do is Environmental and Social Impact Assessment before starting the project.

IOP had another meeting with the District Commissioner (Kilolo District) to share with the Ilula community about the plans for IOP to develop the farm and the advantages of the project. It was a very productive meeting as the community accepted with great honor the decision of IOP to call the meeting as previous owners never called them to inform about their plans. IOP was required to leave the old roads for the farmers to pass when going to their farms and continue to socially serve the community as it has been doing.

We are so grateful with initiatives by Mr. Osmund Ueland and other stakeholders for joining hands. We are particularly appreciating the government (Ilula Township Authority, Kilolo District Council and Iringa Region) for their commitment to ensure that the project is carried successful.

We are still having many activities in order to reach the target. It is a call to all friends around the World to take part in this important project. We believe the project will help the farming community in Iringa and Tanzania in general.

### **BUILDING CHICKEN AND PIG SHED IN SINGLE YOUNG MOTHERS HOUSES**

Young mother empowerment center is among of Ilula YWCA new project aimed at empowering young mothers economically. This project address the issue of low self management and low level of economic among young mothers and ensure social inclusion in the society, by providing different trainings such as self management trainning, entrepreneurship trainings, health and reproductive rights, child care and business development and management. By obtaining these trainings there will be increase in self-esteem and confidence, increased of safety and security of young mothers, increase in skills and knowledge of how to take care of children, increase in using micro loans and increase economic independence of single mother.

Young mother program aim to empower single and young mothers through theory and practical trainings.

In November 2016 young mothers were trained on modern chicken and pig keeping, they were also trained on how to make a chicken and pig house. At the end of the year the program we will support each young mother by providing either one piglet for those who select pig or two chickens for those who like to keep chicken. Also the program support them by giving materials and supportive supervision on building chicken and pig houses for each young mother as a party of empowering them. To prove the above, Beatrice a young mother said;

***“I thank this program for supporting us in this animal keeping project, I hope it will bring positive results and I will try my best to make this project sustainable.”***

Program officers will pay a visit and provide supportive supervision to ensure that the project is sustainable. Thanks Y-Global for supporting young mother’s empowerment project.



#### **TRAINING OF NEW PETS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TOTS**

PETS- Means Public Expenditure Trucking Systems, IOP is implementing project called Integrated Community Empowerment, sponsored by Norwegian Church AID (NCA) NCA has three thematic areas, Economic Empowerment, Cross cutting issues and Resource Governance , PETS is implemented under resource and governance. Integrated community empowerment project is implemented at Kilolo district in 20 villages in 9wards. The training was conducted at IOP on November 28, 2016 the aim of this training was to provide knowledge and skills to the PETS committee members, the training involved 8 PETS committee’s and new PETS committees from 2 wards, Ilula ward and Nyalumbu ward,. The training involved Training s of Trainers (TOTS) the purpose of involving TOTs in this training was to refresh them on PETS issues but also to ensure common understanding between them and all PETS committees The training was about Good Governance, Responsibilities of citizen to their leader and leader to citizen, the important of involving citizen in the Budget making meetings and how to measure development.





### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING**

From 22 to 26 November, the Integrated Community Empowerment Project(Foster Family Project) conducted the training at IOP Hall on entrepreneurship and supervision of business to Village Community Bank (IR-VICOBA) member who had started a business. The aim of the training was to transform their ways of doing business in order to bring economic impacts, understand the business and the use opportunities and how to accomplish their dreams. The trainer started the training by brainstorming about the meaning of transformation and how they could transform their business. They trained on business idea as few words which help a person to do and run his/her business. Not every idea can fit every place, because there are things to consider as business idea to grow as, resource, environment, good idea and experience and not every business idea can grow, before entrepreneur start a business he/she must do in depth analysis of the opportunities, threats, challenges and weakness around the business itself.

They were taught about business plan and how to find market, how to recognize customers, understand customers' needs and learn from their competitors.

With the training, IOP believes that those who plan to do business, with develop entrepreneurial skills and behaviours that will enable them live a transformative life. Economic empowerment to the community is

one of the important things that IOP continues to do in order to ensure that families are able to take care of their families.



# INITIATIVES

**IOP has some projects that need fundraising and financial support!**

- Funds to construct kitchen, toilets and water tank at the examination hall
- Money to build Matron's and Patron's houses near Boys and Girls Domitories at the Lord's Hill High School
- Annual running expenses of \$49,000 for the IOP Center (Orphanage)
- Annual running expenses of the IOP pre-school 'Kids' Corner' \$10,500
- Core administration support
  - We have a good number of students waiting for Sponsorship so they can go to school.

**Your decision to sponsor one girl or boy will totally change one's life.**

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