



# Newsletter

## Ilula Orphan Program

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# Dear IOP Friends & Family;

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## 1. THE EXAMINATION HALL

*Monthly Update*

IOP TZ is pleased with the progress of contributions for the completion of the hall from different donors, at the moment IOP TZ has received 80,000,000 TSH. Therefore We extend a heartfelt thanks to IOP Netherlands for the donation USD 6000 which is about 20 million Tanzanian Shillings, IOP USA for the donation from various individual for supporting 6 million Tanzanian Shillings (USD 2630). Also we thank Bell & Carlene Bate for contributing USD 14,500. The IOP sister school in Norway, Kragerø Secondary School, for donating 24 million Tanzanian Shillings (NOK 93,000). During IOP international meeting in Luxembourg, several pledges were made to see that IOP completes the construction tasks.

*By using the donated funds IOP will be able to accomplish the following planned activities:*

1. Roofing
2. Backfilling, compaction and casting rough cement screed floor,
3. Installation of wooden basement floor,
5. Plastering inside wall,
6. Purchasing and fixing aluminum windows.
7. Purchasing and fixing outside doors' frames, and shutters,
8. Fixing conduit pipes for electrical wiring,
9. Contractor's second installment payment.

The work is in good progress as pictured below. Congratulations to friends and supporters who made it possible for the hall to reach this far. You have been friends in need and friends indeed. We look forward to using the hall for examinations for the first time and for the third graduation ceremony in our hall. This is a big step in the right direction!

However, despite the big step made, still there is so much left to make the hall and surroundings fully completed including electricity installation and wiring, construction of toilets, ceiling board, painting, tiles, landscaping and drainage. We still appeal to our esteemed friends and supporters of IOP to continue assisting us in this course. Together we can make the world a better place.



## 2. DRUMMING FOR PEACE

Drumming for Peace was a campaign that intended to make the world aware of what is happening in Syria and other parts of the World where peace is at risk of being lost or is lost. The drumming for peace campaign at IOP was prepared by the Communication For Change participants. On the start of the campaign the participants visited various schools in Ilula and talked to the students on why there was war in Syria and the effects of the war, but they also talked to the students that measures have to be taken for the world to help stop the war in Syria. After the lesson students had to take drums or any other materials that could produce sound and start drumming.

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, scouts from Ilula invited other scouts from Iringa Municipal Scout Association to join with the Ilula Boy scout and Girl Guides Association to dance, sing, drum, and talk about the Drumming for Peace campaign. The main messages for the campaign were “May peaces prevail on earth! War is out of date! Dialogue must replace war! We are a part of a global movement.” With this campaign it was a success as the scouts got time to discuss different global issues and knew each other.



***The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts prepared to start singing for the drumming for peace campaign.***

### 3. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, of October Elizabeth Jonas (Project Manager for IOP Foster Family Project), held an awareness workshop on Gender Based Violence to 20 IOP Community Volunteers from different villages in Kilolo District. .

The community volunteers represented 19 different villages, namely; Isagwa, Mlafu, Uhambingeto, Mtua, Kipaduka, Uhominyi, Lyasa, Ilawa, Ikuka, Mwaya, Sokoni, Imalutwa, Udekwa, Mtandika, Mahenge, Image no-8, Lugalo and Kitumbuka.

The Village Community Volunteers are chosen from each village by the village leaders in order to work with IOP to support the Foster Parents and Children. They are key persons in implementing the Foster Family project.

The purpose of the workshop is to equip them with the skills and knowledge to prevent Gender Based Violence in villages and create awareness to the community members on the negative effects of violence

against their wives, husbands, children or other individuals they relate to in their daily life. They help victims of gender-based violence get the required assistance and legal support when needed.

For the first time, the workshop took place in 2015 and there are special sessions where children are trained on gender-based violence.

The workshop has helped the community members know what to do when they see the symptoms of Gender Based Violence or when they are violated at the family or community level.



#### **FF/ the integrated community empowerment project training to the Community Volunteers at IOP Center Hall.**

#### **4. FORM FOUR GRADUATION AT LORDS HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL**

On October 13, 2016, the second form four graduation at Lord's Hill, was done. It was celebrated in a way that everyone enjoyed including parents and students. Due to a great job Berit Skaare had done for the school and IOP in general, the School Board invited Berit to be the guest of honor. She addressed the participants in a very inspirational and motivational style. The ceremony was attended by different local government leaders and invited members from nearby school and institutions.

Parents and guests were informed about the services provided by the school and IOP in general. The information attracted the attention to many people about the great works done by IOP to the Tanzanian Community members and the Ilula community in general.

There were 30 students graduating on that day. They will start their examination on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 and will finish on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We have great faith on them as they received all the required preparations and attentions before starting examination.

May God bless them for their final Examinations



**Photos: from the left, The Guest of Honor Ms Berit Skaare together with the IOP Managing Director and the Lord's Hill Teachers and the form four students singing during the graduation session.**

## 5. FARM FOR THE FUTURE

Additional exciting news is that Mr. Osmund Ueland came in October and helped give the Farm for the Future a great start.

The idea behind the Farm for the Future (FFF) is that 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!

Mr. Osmund Ueland (currently acting as the managing director for the Farm for the Future), made a number of presentations about the FFF during his brief trip to Tanzania: the first was on October 29<sup>th</sup> to the IOP board, who really committed themselves to using all possible channels to start to raise funds for FFF. Then on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Ueland, Berit and Edson, gave a presentation about IOP and Farm for the Future to Hon. Amina J. Masenza, the Regional Commissioner of Iringa. Hon. Masenza was



very supportive of the project –she liked the project’s focus on education, and agreed to work together by making her staff fully understand the project and be good ambassadors of the project, with full support.

BUT!!! The farm needs to have good funding for its anchoring. Next year there will be a big meeting whereby stakeholders, including young mothers and farmers from the local area will be invited to participate in different activities though initial steps to fundraise have started. All of the eight IOP committees are invited to help raise funds for this ambitious but sustainable project for IOP. This is another golden opportunity for the entire IOP family to work together! We have our special and unique trust to the entire IOP Community. They have done a huge job for over 18 years of IOP’s existence. The project is preliminarily estimated to cost Tsh 2billion or 1million US\$

We have some very strong technical partners already: SUA (Morogoro), NMBU (a Norwegian Agricultural University), and Yara (a Norwegian fertilizer company) who are on board. The staff at IOP is very much looking forward to this farm. Ideally with successful fundraising, construction will start in 2018, and the farm could be operation in 2020.

Next, Mr. Ueland and Berit will present the project to the Tanzanian Parliament, the University in Morogoro, and then the Norwegian Ambassador in Dar Es Salaam. If you would be interested in helping to raise funds for the Farm for the Future, you are really welcome.



## 6. SUFH GLOBAL SAFARI CLASS VISIT

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, of October a big group of students from Sunnmore folk High (SUFH) School, Norway, came to IOP. It was a very nice day where we had various outside games with IOP girls and staff members. Soon after outside games we had welcome party whereby all party attendants enjoyed very much due to presence of songs and dance from IOP girls, staff and SUFH group. They SUFH

Global Safari group will stay for one week at IOP and they will visit and see what IOP is doing. They will meet with Single Young Mothers and see what they are doing in their program. They will visit Foster Families and spend the whole day sharing various activities with the families. They will meet and share different ideas with Senior Citizens in the Senior Club at the IOP library (Holland House of Books).

They sing and dance with the elders (senior club members).



## 7. INITIATIVES

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

- Funds to complete the examination hall and the girl's dormitory 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
- We have a 78 students waiting for Sponsorship to cover their school needs.

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

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