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Hello family member we would love sharing you the events happened at IOP Tanzania in the month of May 2020.

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THE SITUATION OF CORONA VIRUS IN ILULA

Tanzania's last corona virus update was on 14 May 2020 with 509 cases, 183 recovered and 21 deaths. Currently the new cases are not reported hence uncertain on the current number of people affected. Universities, Collages are open now all over the country. Together with that, high school specifically form six students are back to school to attend their final examination. The recent information given by the Minister of health shows that 15 regions out of thirty has no patients of corona virus. This shows that 15 regions including Iringa region still have patients that is why the government continues to insist on taking all precautions as directed by the health department. In Tanzania together with adhering to precautions, lack of corona virus cure and rapid increase of reported cases in April made people turn to **herbal medicines nicknamed as Nyungu**. This is an alternative in an attempt to prevent more infection in the country. The government has claimed herbal medicines together with prayers have helped the country deal with the outbreak.

In Ilula, the precautions are mostly adhered. Every shop has a water bucket and soaps for customers to wash their hands before getting the services. In the villages people are still, reluctant on following the instructions therefore sensitization is highly needed. At

hospitals, people are not allowed to inter without wearing a mask, mask and washing hands is a must. Masks made of kitenge are sold in the shops for Tshs 1000- 1500 approximately 1\$ per mask. The scariest place is Ilula -Mtua during public market held every Sunday that comprise people from different places. In the market, not all people wear masks as not all people afford to buy it. To prevent the spread of disease IOP takes all the recommended precautions by the Ministry of health to protect the Orphans and Most Vulnerable Children and other vulnerable communities and continue to provide education regarding the disease. In May IOP staff paid some visit to families to assess the situation. So far, IOP have not heard any orphans/ vulnerable children directly affected by the virus though for sure the effects of the disease to IOP and the community at large shows higher. Most of the vulnerable families and elders visited are in need of food and sanitary support.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVER THE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONA VIRUS

IOP has received enormous support from support committees and sponsors to be able to sustain and help the community during this difficult time. Special thanks are entitled to all support countries like IOP Luxembourg and Christian Solidarity International (CSI), Netherlands, Italy, USA and Germany for giving-out the emergency funds over the corona virus. Our thanks are also directed to our esteemed individual sponsors in different countries whom despite this difficulty season they have managed sending out money for school fee and other school requirements to support the students. Since the visits to families in need of food, support and sanitary materials were conducted in May therefore distribution of food and sanitary materials to vulnerable children and families identified will be done in June. IOP will continue sharing the updates of the needy families when arises.

Great thanks to CSI for sending money to save the community during the outbreak. Sanitary materials like buckets, hand wash soaps and sanitizers are in place ready for distribution to the respective hotspot areas like bus stops, schools and markets. IOP has invited government officials in Ilula to attend the handover session.



DEVELOPMENT OF ILULA PEACEMAKERS EMPOWERMENT CENTER (IPEC)

IOP/Ilula YWCA expects to establish a Peacemakers Empowerment Center where by the center will provide trainings to youths and prepare them to create their employments and good future. To realize this dream, IOP/Ilula YWCA through the support from its long time and esteemed partners, Sunnmore Folkehogskule (SUFH) and Y-Global Norway managed to buy the land where IPEC will be built. The establishment of IPEC will be the extension of the operations of Ilula YWCA in reaching out community groups targeting the youth. Some of the courses that will be offered include ICT and Computer courses, Photo, Videography and video production, sustainable agriculture, tailoring, beautician, carpentry, music and studio management, public speaking, event planning and management, renewable energy and electricity, life skills, peacemakers and peace building, nutrition education, mechanics and fabrication, driving and tour management. As part of the IPEC development processes, the part of the land that was not surveyed has been surveyed and boundaries have been recovered. The renovation and construction of the center is expected to start early June 2020.



Photo: Part of purchased land where IPEC will be established.

RENOVATION OF FIVE CLASSROOMS IN ILULA AND ISOLIWAYA PRIMARY SCHOOL

IOP Tanzania through the support from Christian Solidarity International started the renovation of Ilula and Isoliwaya Primary school started on 25th March 2020. IOP Luxembourg plays an important role in coordinating and contribution to the renovation of the project from the initial stage of the fundraising and partnership development to the completion of the activities. IOP contracted Lacha Investment and Co. Limited for the renovation of the five classrooms.

The background to the renovation comes from the request given by the Local Government Authority in Ilula to renovate 20 classrooms (8 in Ilula Primary School and 12 in Isoliwaya Primary School), 4 teachers offices (which are located at the center of four classrooms) and build four classrooms in Ilula (2) and Isoliwaya (2) Primary School. The two schools have a deficit of over 80% of the required classrooms, for instance, Isoliwaya Primary has 8 classrooms out of the required 20 classrooms while Ilula Primary School has 10 classrooms out of the required 18 classrooms. The general situation of the classrooms of the two schools was critically poor for the protection and security of the students, teachers and the future of the children. IOP, for the year 2020, got funds to build two classrooms, one teacher's office and six toilet holes and renovate five classrooms at Isoliwaya and Ilula Primary Schools.

The renovated classrooms were terribly torn away in such a way that during the light rain, children were not feeling like in a classroom but in the forest that is showered by heavy rain. In the year 2020, the rain exceeded the normal limit and the three months of the students being in the classrooms were like staying in heavy rain full of storm. Children did not enjoy being in the room rather, would prefer being outside playing football so that the rain could cool their sweating bodies.



One of the classrooms before renovation

Classrooms had no glazed or covered windows, enough light was missing, as windows were relatively small, iron sheets were leaking in every corner of the classrooms and the children were being bathed to the dust as the floors had lost the cement floor.

Teachers did not feel comfortable being part of the old and torn out classrooms built 75 years ago, having experienced no major renovation or repair except only when the roofs were taken away by the strong moving winds. Then, replacement was done!

Thanks to Christian Solidarity International for listening to the request and long-lasting cry by the Ilula Community towards IOP making major renovation to the school. Their funding has enabled the Ilula Community see the real changes in the five targeted school infrastructures.

The five classrooms were renovated starting March 24, 2020 after the schools were closed following Corona Virus Diseases cases in Tanzania. - **We pray for the lost lives across the World-**. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania closed the schools but allowed people to work hard as there was not a possibility for the people to have lockdown and food coming in. The only option was to work and earn an income while taking all precautions regarding COVID-19. The Contractor started working and the renovation work completed by the 31st of May 2020. Thanks to the great efforts showed by the Government in Kilolo District for offering enough support towards smooth implementation of the Project.

It is anticipated that in June, the construction of two classrooms, six toilet holes and one staff room will start. IOP wishes to contribute to the best school infrastructures in Ilula through the renovation of old classrooms and the construction of new classrooms.

There are many consequences towards mental, physical and social growth of the students raised in the poor- or low-quality classrooms. Having quality school infrastructures will increase the participation of the students in their academic performance and therefore, there future development and creativity.



The five classrooms before renovation

IOP continues to thank Christian Solidarity International (CSI)-Luxembourg for this important funding. We continue to encourage various stakeholders to improve the remaining items in the renovated classrooms including new desks, gutters for collecting water, permanent water tanks and public water and electricity installation in the schools.



The five classrooms after renovation

FARM ELEDERS CHICKEN PROJECT



IOP Germany has sponsored twin children Rebecca and Yakobo in a family of Adventina Kavenule who is a mother of 7 (3 males, 4 females) children! The Mother is a hard working person taking care this huge family alone as her husband died some years ago. To support this family, IOP Germany in support of Farm Eleders- a sponsor in Germany decided to start a chicken project with 13 chickens to support the family so that the family can have something for the living.

The project helps the family to get food, eggs and meat. However, the family through selling the chicken and eggs also earn money for other home usage. The project staff in sponsor program visited the family to assess the progress of the project and found that the chickens are in good condition as they are laying eggs, some chicken have chicks where there are 15 chicks already. The family thanks a lot to IOP Germany for sponsoring the kids and supporting the family with the chicken project that for sure, it is very useful in

the family as has improved the nutrition status of the children and has raised family income.

"I will continue working hard and taking a good care of these chickens so that in a year I can have many chickens. May God bless all supporters who are helping me and my family" Says the mother.



Photo 1: Adventina Kavenule, some of her children and the chicken. Photo 2: Chicken & chicks

MAMA'S HOUSE



IOP/Ilula YWCA through Young Single Mothers program have started to implement a new project called Mama's House Project. Mama's project is an extension of young single mother's project. This project is the result of increase of young single mothers in need of support whom the program does not reach them. The project intend to reach single young mothers living in vulnerable environment and remote areas who are eligible and face difficult in

attending the daily programs at Ilula YWCA center where other single young mothers under the program meets. Therefore, this project will help four young single mothers from poor family condition and those who were chased home due to early pregnancies. The mama's together with their children will be hosted in a rented house located in Masukanzi village near IOP shopping center. Apart from staying in that house, they will be attending different trainings at IOP/Ilula YWCA Center. The mama's will be working in different projects at IOP so that they can earn income to save them and their children. IOP responsibility is ensuring all mamas' attend the trainings so that after the project they can stand by themselves to support their families. Being near IOP, will be easy for IOP to make follow up on their progress while they are at home and when they are at program. This program will be of big help to the young single mothers who have lost dignity by being denied by their families and society. Some of them have lost hope due to early pregnancies and see that they don't have a chance to accomplish their future goals in

life. This project will help them value their life and understand that they are important and helpful and they can achieve their future goals.



Photo showing some of the bed and cabinet to be useful by single young mothers in the mama's house

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