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**Dear family and friends, we would love sharing with you the events that happened at IOP in the month of November 2020.**

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### **VISITING DAY**

On November 07<sup>th</sup>, Sunflower Pre and Primary School had a visiting day for boarding students. It is a day whereby parents and family members get opportunity to visit their children at school to see how they are doing.

Many parents and guardian showed up, however there were also some relatives who did not manage to be there. Two representatives from IOP Kanisia Chengula (IOP staff) and Emilie Wilhelmsen (IOP volunteer from Norway) were there to represent the families of Stella Kilyenyi, Elemina Mbuma, Angel Longo and Prisca Sarufu.

The headmistress had a talk in front of everyone and all the relatives got the chance to give their child a piece of cake. After that it was meal time. Some



relatives came with food and some relatives especially who came from other regions contributed for food so that the school can prepare food for them.

It was easy to see how happy the children were for their visit. The relatives also got their children's results from the teachers and it is a day where by parents can hear more about the students' academic matters and others.

### TRIP FOR IOP CENTER GIRLS

On Sunday November 8, Emilie Wilhelmsen (A volunteer from Norway) arranged a trip for all IOP center girls with funding help from Anne Marie Johnsen from Norway.



Sollerud bus was hired and all the girls (including three who had their examinations) joined.  
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Jessica, Dina Ngokwai, Kanisia Chengula, Furaha Maluli, Belina Mhanga, Osmund Ueland and Kim Ueland also joined the trip! Together they went to Gentle Hills Hotel in Iringa town.

It was a very good place for the girls, because of the opportunities to play. They could use the swings, carousel, trampoline and they even put up a jumping castle. The girls were running around and enjoying to the fullest!



Emilie had also fixed a small surprise for everyone, and the surprise were that their former nanny Jovitha Luvanga came to the hotel. All were happy and excited to see her. They shared a lovely



lunch with chips, omelet, chicken, salad, watermelon and soda for everyone.

## SUNFLOWER PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS IV NATIONAL EXAMINATION



On November 25<sup>th</sup>, - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the class IV pupils of Sunflower Pre and Primary School had the National Examinations. This was the first National Examination to be done since the commencement of our school. They were 39 pupils who sit for the examination (22F & 17 M). All pupils were ready to get into the exam a thing that nourished our school history. This is a result of school's culture of scheduling for pupils examination several times that has

helped the pupils to gain strength and experience.

The feedback from invigilators said that they have enjoyed the environment, pupils discipline during and after each exam. The school expects that all students will pass the examination because they were well prepared for it.



Class IV pupils enjoying after the examinations

## SCOUT DAY CAMP

Anyone (Adolescence boys and Girls) who is about to enter puberty should be taught or know the basic. medical definition of menstruation that it is a normal process that female go through as their bodies prepare themselves for potential pregnancy. It is part of the monthly menstrual cycle that occurs in the female reproductive system that makes pregnancy possible. In the month of November during day camp, the girls learned about menstrual hygiene and a first period for a girl through the drama made from 3D animation. The girls had time to ask questions with curiosity. Ilula YWCA learned that more session for discussion like this is needed to the youth. Ilula YWCA has realize using dramas by using 3D



animation has a lot of impact since it speak specific information in a funny way and it can be used many times at any place. Apart from that, during the camp they learned about scouting, culture, visiting patients and the hospital and elders (20 families) and helped them with domestic work like cleanliness, fetching water, washing dishes and laundry work.

### PEACE MAKER'S LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR YOUTH

Ilula YWCA has succeeded to sustain the peacemaker's leadership program which started in the year 2019 by CFC participants (Communication For Change youth exchange program).



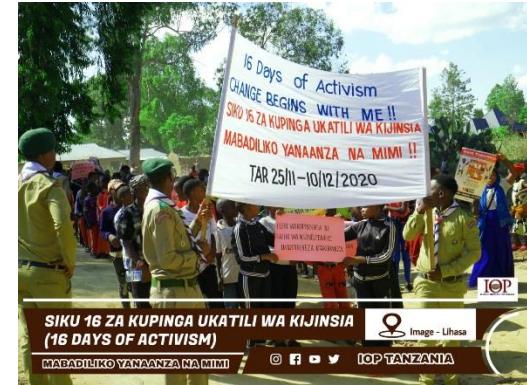
Every week during Saturday, youth gathered at Ilula YWCA office and learned different life skills depending on the topic. One of the interested topic in November was about sex education, where by many people in Tanzania based on the culture; assume that young people aged between 14 to 18 are not involved in sex but in reality these young people some of them are actively engaged in sex. The modality of

discussion was the division of youth based on their gender where by girls and boys were separated. Apart from other lesson participants were told to write down in a piece of paper without revealing their names whether they have a boy or Girl friend and why and what do they do with them. 1/3 of the youth said they have boyfriends or girl friends and their doing sex not one time. So Ilula YWCA had realized that it is important to give proper information to the youth regarding sex. When youth have right knowledge their free to make right choices and to meet their goals. During the discussion also girls said some boys tend to harass them by touching their breast or buttocks without their permission. Girls were asked how did they react or deal with it. The girls were empowered to speak and to stand against harassment.



## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

In every year, IOP/Ilula YWCA joins the world's campaign of fighting violence against women and girls known as **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**. This is an International campaign that take place each year, it commences on every 25<sup>th</sup> November (which is basically the international day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10<sup>th</sup> December (The Human Rights day) indicating that violence against women is the most pervasive breach of human rights worldwide.



On this year's campaign, IOP/Ilula YWCA organized two major events for the campaign with the theme of Changes begins with me! First event, it was on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 there was a public awareness creation campaign on Gender Based Violence to the community. The campaign was conducted in Lyasa village of Image ward, Kilolo District at the public meetings grounds.

During the event youth marched along the way while holding different postures with different messages, there was public sensitization by sending short messages to the community by different people such as Police department Gender desk section, Community Development Officer of Nyalumbu ward and the hired facilitator, facilitated the event.

During the event youth from Ilula YWCA (from Peace Maker leadership course) had prepared the dance and a message through the drama. People

were so impressed on the message and the performance of the youth. One of the feedback from the event women said there is a need of calling for public meeting with the specific agenda of women biting. Some women said it has been a common habit for husbands to beat their wives. Hence beating has started becoming normal culture among the men. Some women are not happy with the behaviour.



On 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, another event was conducted. This time the event based on dialogue among stakeholders including; religious leaders, teachers and IOP/ILULA YWCA staffs who also contracted the gender specialist person as a facilitator and the moderator regarding Gender issues. The

forum was conducted at IOP in the IOP Holland House of books. One of the highlight during the discussion was many times people are blindly practice gender violence without intending. For example in many churches the parish worker is expected to be a woman and the pastor is expecting to make the woman do all the domestic work including making tea for him, wash the pastors mantle and iron them. Depending on the patrols' knowledge sometimes this work can be so demanding and leads to the gender violence. The forum was successful and all the participants agreed on several matters including formulating the forum



that will intend on discussing and addressing all forms of inequalities.

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