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IOP NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2021

We would love to welcome you reading the events that happened at IOP in the month of March 2021

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STUDENT VISIT TO FARM FOR THE FUTURE TANZANIA LIMITED

On 6th March, students from Lords' Hill Secondary School and pupils from Sunflower Pre and Primary School got a chance to visit Farm For the Future (FFF). The purpose of this visit was to expose students to the farming and agricultural engineering as an employment and business venture. Visits of this nature, prepares kids and students to grasp interest in the sector from their young ages.



Mr. Osmund Ueland, Grace Kimonge, Richard (all from Farm For The Future) and Dr. Mtakwa from Sokoine University of Agriculture, took part in the training. We are proud to see children drawing interest in modern agriculture and that some of them said they would like to be farmers in the future! This visit shall take place **again** in the harvesting stage. Much appreciation to the Farm for the Future team for the invitation.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

During COVID-19 Pandemic, senior citizens are not able to meet at IOP every month as usual. Therefore, home visit for every senior is established. On March, the senior club Committee managed to visit 21 senior citizens from

Masukanzi, Kimamba and Igingilanyi. During the visit, education regarding covid-19 and protection measures was provided. Seniors were advised to take more time staying home than visiting relatives or friends(staying home). They were also oriented on mask wearing and advised to put on facemask whenever they would like to attend any social gatherings. During this home visit, seniors were given liquid soap and face masks for covid-19 and other respiratory infections' protection.



IOP CENTER GIRLS WASHING ROOMS RENOVATION

Girls at the IOP Center enjoy the life because they receive love and care from different people around the world in different forms. The love and care is revealed through physical visit, moral and financial support. In March 2021, the girl's bathrooms were renovated and the laundry place was constructed. This work was possible with the help from Elsbeth Dokmo who fundraised the money during her 80th birthday in the year 2020. IOP administration and the Girls are grateful for the support. The renovated bathroom will ensure good hygiene due to the design and the material used in construction. Also, the inside laundry area will help the girls to clean their clothes in a comfortable place, unlike before when they had to do their laundry outside and

without any shade. The works done were fixing of tiles, mirror, water taps and showers. **Thank you Elsbeth Dokmo, your friends and all IOP supporters for this important support.**



COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On March 8, 2021, Ilula YWCA participated in the celebration of International Women's Day together with other stakeholders in Kilolo District. The event took place in Ruaha Mbuyuni Ward with more than 400 people participating in the event. **The Kilolo District Commissioner, Hon. Asia Abdallah.** was a guest of honor at the event. The theme for this year was **#ChooseToChallenge**. As it is known that Gender equality is at the heart of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development: which is why we are seeking a **Planet 50-50 by 2030**.

It is important to celebrate women's achievements each year because despite constantly achieving great things like running Multinational Corporations, acquiring high education, becoming heads of state, etc, women are rarely seen or recognized. During the celebration, people started marching in joy from the **TANZAM** highway to the hall! Different speeches and performances were made to explain the importance of achieving gender equality and how to address different challenges that face women.



Eight young mothers who started in 2018 were given certificates of attendance for attaining 3 years of training at Ilula YWCA. Youth from Ilula YWCA presented a drama and a poem based on the theme. Apart from that, during the speech, Hon. Asia Abdallah said that in Tanzania women have proven that they have the ability for great responsibilities in leadership in several positions. The Late President of The United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr. John Pombe

Magufuli, had appointed a number of women to be Ministers, Heads of Departments, Executive Directors, Commissioners, etc. This shows the transformation of culture and it is a sign that women are trusted and respected much more than previous years. Women only need to trust themselves and prove their trustworthiness. She continued by saying that while other women are struggling for higher positions and to do their best, there are some women who are pulling down other women by not respecting their fellow women. She insisted that it is important to support each other in a better way and advise each other with love. She further said that in case there is a problem with one female leader, someone needs to follow the proper channel of discipline rather than ashaming her in public.

She continued by saying that in spite of the achievements, the majority of women in Tanzania, just as in many countries, still face inequality. Women find it more difficult than men to access resources such as land and finance. Unfortunately, violence against women and girls remains a big issue. Hence, women still have work to do in order to attain 50-50 by 2030. The celebration ended by getting lunch for all the participants at 05:12 PM



SUNFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL MID TERM EXAMINATION



After every three months

Students expected to do the

of the studies, students have to be examined. The midterm exams are done few days before **Easter Holidays.** Examination is considered as one of the best student's continuous assessment. The reports are sent to the parents/guardian in order to know the progress of their children. The reports sent to the parents are written in the report books in which the monthly progressive assessment is also included.

examinations from 22nd -23rd March 2021. However, due to the loss of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania **Hon. John Pombe Magufuli**, the school timetable was interrupted.

Therefore, the examinations were done and marked on Tuesday and Wednesday 23th and 24th March 2021 instead of Monday and Tuesday because Monday was Public Holiday. Report books were compiled, filled and been sent to the parents on Thursday 25th March 2021.

BUILDING A TOILET FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AT KIDS' CORNER PRE SCHOOL



This month, March 2021, IOP Kids Corner Pre School succeeded to build one toilet that will be used by children with disabilities. Also the ramp was constructed to allow Persons with disabilities to get in and outside the classes without any challenge.



All these were done in order to help kids with disabilities and to fulfill the Government's requirement for all schools to have infrastructures that are friendly to the Persons/children with disabilities.

PRELIMINARY SCOUT TRAINING FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS



From March 27 to 31, 2021, there was a preliminary scout training course camp for Secondary and Primary school teachers. The camp had 51 participants (4female and 47male) who were the teachers and rovers from Kilolo District and Iringa Municipal Council. The participants leaned different things such as First Aid, child protection, scouting, communication, basic knots, elements of scouting, areas of development and campsite layouts.

The Head of the Department of Training and adult resources led the training from **Head Scout Assistant Chief Commissioner LT Omari Mavura** from Dar-es-salaam.

The Aim of the Training

The main aim of the training was to strengthen Scout groups in schools and make them actively participate in the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and psychological training of students. The training will enable students to be patriotic, obedient, tolerant and helpful to others and their nation. The training, as well, aimed at building their resilience and their ability to teach their students based on the age and condition of each group of students.

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