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INTRODUCTION

Happy new year every one! It is our hope that you are all doing great and have enjoyed the new year celebrations! As we are starting the year we have had several activities accomplished including the campaign on green environment in our institutions, teachers training and the new semester to the sponsored students of IOP and the schools. Welcome and read what has just taken place at IOP. Thank you so much!



Students receiving school materials at the sponsor program office

THE CAMPAIGN ON GREEN ENVIRONMENT

In 2025, IOP continues to demonstrate its commitment to combating environmental degradation and promoting a green environment by undertaking a significant tree-planting initiative around its institutions which are Ilula Orphan Home, Sunflower pre and Primary school and the Lord's Hill secondary school.



Pupils at Kid's Corner Preschool Planting a plantain seedling

This project involves planting both shade and fruit trees, which latter intended to provide sustenance for children and students, as well as generate income through the sale of surplus produce. Where at the Lord's Hill Secondary school 200 trees were planted, 70 trees at Sunflower pre and

primary school, at Kid's Corner preschool 15 trees and 130 trees at Ilula Orphans Home (Center). The shade trees were provided by IOP through the Kilolo District government that provided trees for the institutions and the fruit trees were bought by the schools and the IOP Center.

Also, it was such a moment when the children of the Ilula Orphanage engaged in a rewarding experience by weeding maize, which not only ensures food security for the upcoming season but also provides them with valuable skills in practical handicrafts.

This activity offered hands-on learning experiences for children outside the classroom, teaching them practical skills such as digging and planting. Students also learnt their responsibilities by caring for the trees hence integrating environmental stewardship into their education.



The students at Sunflower pre and Primary School outside the school fence after working outside

TEACHERS TRAINING AT SUNFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

On January 18th, teachers of Sunflower primary school received training of the new curriculum of 2024, the training was conducted by the academic quality assurance team from Kilolo District. The training covered the curriculum changes and advised teachers on fostering positive relationships with students and working towards the betterment of students, society, and the nation.



Teachers at Sunflower during the training on the New Academic curriculum

In Tanzania, a revised Education and Training Policy was published in 2023, leading to a new Primary Education Curriculum for Standard I to VI, which took effect at the start of 2024. The teachers participated in an intensive week-long training that covered the new syllabus, teaching methodologies and teaching aid preparation. This training aimed to prepare the teachers and empower them to be able to assist the students with the new syllabus.

The curriculum emphasizes a teacher's creativity and flexibility in using real-world materials and creating a



Teachers at Sunflower during the training on the New Academic curriculum

conducive learning environment. Effective professional development ensures teachers understand the objectives and have time to implement the new curriculum in class to support their learning.

NEW ACADEMIC SEMESTER BEGINS

January was a successful month for IOP school institutions, with 244 new students registered in our schools: Lords Hill (122 students), Sunflower (107 students), and Kids Corner (15 students).



The pupils at Kid's Corner Preschool practicing farming outside the school

More students are expected to be enrolled to fill the capacity of the schools where at Sunflower the needed capacity of the school is 650 students and the registered students both new and continuing are 582, Kids Corner 80 students while registered students are 50 and the Lord's Hill High School the capacity of the school is 320 and registered students are 341, this number will support the organization's independence

through school fees and contributions.

The Sponsor program office has also sent students to different schools who are starting new classes, including Udzungwa, Kiwele, Lipuli, Mafinga VTC, Pomerini Primary, Demitrious and Hill side secondary in Kilolo. Payments were made for 170 students attending various schools: 33 in form one, 22 in form two, 40 in form three, 16 in form four, 12 in form five, 33 in form six, 10 in vocational college, 3 in primary school, and 1 in preschool. The sponsorship office plays a crucial role in providing educational opportunities to students by sending them to boarding schools. This approach allows students to



Picture of Students who had received school materials from the IOP sponsor program office

receive more personalized attention and guidance from their teachers, which is essential for their academic development. Additionally, many of the children under the sponsorship office come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. By sending them to boarding schools, the sponsorship office helps these young students overcome the challenges of poverty, particularly during their formative years. This support not only enhances their educational experience but also offers them a stable and nurturing environment that is conducive to their overall growth and well-being.

All the expenses for the students in the sponsor program were covered by the office that included costs for boarding materials, stationaries, uniforms, school fees and other needed contributions from the school.

The organization extends its gratitude to the sponsors and donors who are working to ensure that vulnerable children in Ilula attain their education, creating a better world for them.

FINAL WORDS;

We thank you once again for continuing to read the newsletters from Ilula Orphan Program, we appreciate the efforts and time you have been dedicating to us!

We would like to invite you to donate money for children living at the orphanage so that they can get basic needs such as clothing, food and health insurance. The cost of health insurance for one child living at the center is 50,400 Tanzanian shillings which is equivalent to 20 USD. The health insurance to the children living at the orphanage is very important as it is very expensive to pay for the treatment at the hospital. Also donating money to cover for food costs is very important because the donations that the orphanage receive from different donors sometimes do not cutter throughout the year so it is important that the children have sufficient food in order for them to enjoy their life at the orphanage.

Thank you for supporting us!

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