



# ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM

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## ILULA PEACEMAKERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE (IPVTC)

- Examinations: Internal and National; Ilula Peacemakers Vocational Training Centre (IPVTC) continued to deliver both long-term and short-term vocational courses. Recently, short-course students successfully completed their internal examinations, marking the closure of classes and the beginning of a short, well deserved holiday. A total of 9 students (1 male, 8 female) sat for these examinations.

Meanwhile, 5 long course students (1 male, 4 female) continued with their studies. For the first time, IPVTC successfully conducted Level II National Examinations under the supervision of the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET). Due to the small number of candidates, NACTVET regulations required students to sit for examinations at a nearby designated examination centre.

Student feedback has been very encouraging, with many expressing confidence and satisfaction, attributing their success to the high quality of instruction provided by IPVTC's dedicated trainers. Students are currently on vacation and eagerly awaiting their results. IPVTC staff wishes them the very best as they await the

outcome of this important milestone—their first national examination.

- Full Registration of IPVTC; In December 2025, IPVTC officially received a Permanent Registration Certificate from NACTVET. This long awaited achievement marks a significant milestone for the institution. With full registration now granted, IPVTC is permitted to introduce new training programmes in line with its available infrastructure. This development will enable the Centre to enrol more students and strengthen its income generation capacity.

- Agriculture Activities; The college has continued to invest in agricultural activities as a strategy to reduce operational costs amid limited funding. During the reporting period:

- Tomatoes were cultivated on  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre.
- Onions were cultivated on 1 acre.
- Onion seedlings were sown and are sufficient to cover an additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre once transplanted.

These activities contribute to food security and cost reduction for the Centre.

- **Challenges and Urgent Safety Concern**

The college is facing a serious safety threat that requires immediate attention. Ant infestation has severely damaged several electricity poles within the compound. With the ongoing heavy rains, these weakened poles are at high risk of collapsing, potentially leading to electric shocks, injuries, or disruption of learning activities.

An assessment has been conducted, and the total cost for replacing the affected poles and related electrical equipment, including technical expenses, is estimated at TZS 6,000,000.

Urgent support is kindly requested to address this critical issue. Your assistance will help safeguard students' lives and ensure uninterrupted learning in a safe environment.

## **IOP LIBRARY**

During December, the following activities were carried out at the IOP Library:

- Assisted 50 customers with reading materials and provided photocopying services.
- Conducted stock taking, sorting, and proper arrangement of 4,186 books.
- Organized a story telling session for 16 students from Masukanzi Primary School, promoting reading culture and creativity.

## **IOP FARMS AND ANIMALS**

Various farming and livestock activities were implemented during the month, including:

- Treatment and vaccination of poultry: 395 layers, 427 broilers, and 500 chicks.
- Routine cleaning of chicken houses.
- Collection of 10 trays of eggs.

- Daily milking of cows, with milk sold to customers as an income generating activity.
- Cultivation of 70 acres, including maize planting, fertilizer application, and weeding.

## **IOP BLOCK MACHINE PROJECT**

During December, the project:

- Produced 196 blocks.
- Sold 3,304 blocks and 2,120 paving blocks to various customers.

These sales contributed to income generation for the project.

## **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**

Several community focused activities were conducted under this project:

### **Young Mothers Programme**

- Application forms were distributed within the community in preparation for registration of new beneficiaries.

### **Scout Programme**

- In addition to routine scout activities, two major initiatives were carried out:
  - o Data collection on scout groups and existing projects.
  - o Supportive supervision visits.
- A total of 18 schools in Kilolo District were visited.

## **ILULA ORPHANS CENTER**

### **General Overview**

In December 2025, Ilula Orphans Home (IOC) continued to provide quality care and protection to orphans and vulnerable children in accordance with its mission. The Centre ensured access to

adequate food, shelter, healthcare, and education.

Currently, IOH supports 46 children (33 girls and 13 boys):

- 2 in kindergarten
- 20 in primary school
- 20 in secondary school
- 4 new children scheduled to begin school in January 2026

#### Education Progress

During December 2025:

- Children from various schools completed their annual examinations.
- Boarding school students began returning home from 3rd December 2025 for Christmas and New Year holidays.
- Upon return, children engaged in home study packages and extra lessons.
- Special teachers were invited to provide intensive revision for two weeks before the holiday break.

#### Social and Daily Life Activities

Children actively participated in supervised daily activities aimed at building responsibility and life skills, including:

- Kitchen duties and food preparation
- Gardening, fertilizing, and watering fruit trees (avocado, papaya, etc.)
- Laundry according to the Centre's timetable
- Fetching water
- Environmental cleanliness and compound maintenance

#### Events and Celebrations

- On 22nd December 2025, IOH children celebrated Christmas together with the United Methodist Church (UMC) at the Centre.

#### Guardians' Meeting

A guardians' meeting was held on 23rd December 2025 to review children's progress and facilitate their departure for the Christmas and New Year holidays (23rd December 2025 – 3rd January 2026).

- 24 guardians participated (19 female, 5 male).
- Discussions focused on child monitoring, parental support, and the importance of good care at home to secure a better future for the children.

#### Gifts from Guests and Volunteers

On 18th November 2025, IOH children received gifts—including cookies, chocolates, and sweets—from Dominic Schultz, a volunteer from Germany.

#### Sports and Games

Every Wednesday and Saturday evening, children participated in physical and recreational activities such as:

- Netball
- Ball throwing
- Running
- Rope skipping
- Football

These activities promote physical fitness, teamwork, and overall well being.

#### Annual Educational Trip

On 20th December 2025, IOH organized an educational tour to Mikumi National Park for environmental and wildlife learning. The trip involved 54 participants, including:

- 46 children
- 1 Matron
- 1 Patron
- 1 Nanny
- 2 Helpers
- 2 Drivers
- 1 Photographer

The trip was successful and provided valuable educational and social exposure.

#### Achievements

- Successful renewal of NHIF health insurance cards for all children, ensuring continued access to healthcare services.

#### **Challenges**

- Three students who completed secondary school require enrolment in short courses to prevent idleness. Tuition fees are TZS 560,000 per student for eight months, totalling TZS 1,680,000.
- The orphanage requires 100 chairs for the Centre Hall. At TZS 40,000 per chair, the total cost is TZS 4,000,000.

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