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ILULA ORPHAN HOME

IOP Center is a home for orphans and vulnerable children. Children who stay at the Center get variety of essential services such as love, health, education, shelter, food, clothing, physical safety, and spiritual services. Also, IOH provides children's developmental needs such as social skills, talents, career assessment, and internal capacity building. Therefore, the orphanage has currently had a total number of 46 children where 33 are Girls and 13 are boys.

□ Domestic activities; gardening, applying fertilizers to the crops, watering different trees, fetching water outside, kitchen activities (Food preparation and dishwashing), environmental cleanliness to the IOH surroundings, slashing the long grasses and laundry. Apart from that the children manage to cultivate some beans from the farm which is close to the center.

□ Spiritual services; Everyday evening at 6.00 pm, the children praise and worship and bible reading under their nannies' supervision.

□ Gifts from guests and volunteers; On 17th February 2026, the children at the Center received different gifts (clothes, bags and shoes) from one Volunteer from Norway which carried the total value of TZS 741,000 /=. Thanks to different volunteers and guests who regularly support the center.

□ Sports and games; All IOH boys and girls participate in sports and games every Wednesday and Saturday evening. The children play different games such as, rope skipping, football, running and hand tennis. The purpose of

playing games is to ensure the physical fitness and refreshing the children's bodies.

SUNFLOWER PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

□ Monthly exams; there were monthly examinations from 20th to 28th February, where the purpose of the exams were to measure the students understanding and application of the knowledge gained from different subjects.

□ Horticultural activities: The students were involved in planting beans outside the school farm. This was done as part of their extra curriculum activities.

□ Debate; the students had debate on the motion "the importance of eating traditional foods". The purpose of the debate was to challenge students to improve English speaking and arguments-building skills.

□ Visiting day; there was a visiting day done on 28th February 2026 for the students residing at the boarding school. The parents got an opportunity to discuss with their children different academic and social matters. Also, they had an opportunity to share their feelings and impression with the school management. This is an important area for acquiring feedback from the parents.

THE LORD'S HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

□ Monthly exams; the school conducted monthly exams for the students at the school to test their understanding of the classroom subjects.

□ Farming; the students practiced planting beans at the farms outside the school, 2 acres of farm were planted.

□ Maintenance of the school; painting inside and outside the classrooms and other buildings was done this month as many buildings the paint had worn off.

□ Ground breaking and construction of Chemistry laboratory; the ground breaking was done at the beginning of the month. The building is in foundation stage. We are thankful to IOP Norway through NORDOX for facilitating the activity that will enable the students have their practical works in spacious building that will be able to accommodate 48 students per practical session.



KID'S CORNER PRESCHOOL

This month apart from learning, the students had two major events;

□ Birthday celebration; 6 students celebrated their birthdays where other students sang for them and enjoyed eating some pieces of cakes together.

□ Valentine day celebration; the students drew and painted flowers and wrote messages for the parents to

appreciate them for the hard and good work they have been doing to them.

BLOCK MACHINE PROJECT

- There was a production of 2281 blocks and sold 1860 blocks, also 15 paving were sold.

VEHICLE AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Activities done in February included;

- Cultivating 10 acres
- Spraying pesticides in 8 acres
- Shunting 20 trips of different materials

VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS AND CABINS

This month, there was 9 volunteers (4 from Italy and 5 from Norway).

The volunteers from Italy continued working in the different projects supported by IOP Italy like the students' sponsorship, families and farms. They visited farms in schools, students to see their physical and academic status and supervised farming and other families' projects.

The volunteers from Norway worked with the young single mothers where they assisted in babysitting, training the young single mothers on different topics and visited families for the newly recruited young single mothers.

The volunteers from Norway fundraised a total of Tanzania Shillings 17.2 million for support completing the playground at the Kid's Corner preschool with 13 million

and supporting Young Single Mothers Program (TZ\$4.2 million)



IOP Tanzania truly appreciates the great work done by volunteers from these two Countries in uplifting children and communities health, nutritional status, social and psychological wellbeing. They paved the way for new hopes to the Community members, school children supported with food, young mothers supported with training and funds and enabled IOP fulfill important goals of improving the living conditions for the Communities in Ilula.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

□ Young single mothers' program; the IOP/ ILULA YWCA recently had the pleasure of hosting five visitors from Norway — Hannah, Rakel, Ingrid, Frida, and Erle — who stayed and worked with the community for a period of five weeks. During their visit, they actively engaged in meaningful activities aimed at supporting young single mothers.

- Supporting Young Single Mothers Through Home Visits; One of their key activities involved visiting newly enrolled young single mothers. Through these visits, they gained first-hand insight into

the daily lives and challenges faced by these mothers, especially in raising their children under difficult circumstances. These interactions helped build strong connections and understanding between the visitors and the community.



- Participation in the Young Single Mothers Program; The visitors also took part in the Young Single Mothers Program, where they engaged directly with participants. They contributed by facilitating learning sessions, sharing knowledge, and most importantly, listening to the personal stories of the young mothers. This created a safe and supportive environment where participants felt heard, valued, and encouraged.

- Fundraising and Direct Support Initiatives; During their home visits, the visitors were deeply touched by the living conditions of some of the young mothers. As a result, they initiated fundraising efforts to provide direct support. One notable example is their assistance to Beatrice, whom they supported in relocating to a better living environment. They covered her rent for a full year and provided essential items, including a bed and a mattress

□ Scout Program; the program conducted a scout camp that was held from 20th to 22nd February at IPVTC. The purpose of the camp was to commemorate the birthday of the scout founder (Thinking Day). There were trainings provided to scouts on mental health, environmental conservation and community service. More than 100 scouts attended the camp.

□ Pannel discussion with the students of Lugalo secondary and Nyalumbu secondary; more than 400 students attended the discussion and dialogue where the students had a chance to explore on girls and women rights and how to fight against violence in the schools. The students were vibrant and enjoyed the panel.

If you would like more information about projects and/or sponsoring opportunities,

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