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INTRODUCTION

This month has been a very good month as we have succeeded in doing many things here in the organization and it has been able to give us a brighter future and thus look forward to many more good things in the future. I invite you to read the various things that have happened in this organization for the month of August. Welcome.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

Under the economic empowerment programs there have been many activities and events that were held at IOP including men's night, renovation of mama house, construction of the playground, women forum, and young single mothers' programs.

MEN'S NIGHT (*KILO CHA VAGOSI*)

IOP successfully hosted a special "Men's Night" event at the Highway Café, bringing together local men to address critical life issues. The night was special named "Kilo cha Vagosi" aiming at calling all men around Ilula to participate in the event. The idea behind it came as the young single mothers in our program complained that many issues related to child upbringing have been given to women forgetting men who are also big party of child's growth, also as young single mothers have been facing challenges that men should address them.



With this the Ilula YWCA saw the need to call men so they could discuss different issues related to children growth, family care and men's responsibilities in raising the children.

The exclusive gathering focused on building capacity, strengthening family structures, and addressing men's mental health challenges. Attendees engaged in deep, open discussions aimed at finding practical solutions to personal and societal hurdles.

Beyond the discussions, the night featured vibrant entertainment, including a live band and music. Participants expressed immense gratitude, urging the organizers to make the event a regular occurrence.

IOP leadership extended sincerely thanks to all sponsors and visionaries who recognized this vital community need and made the event possible.



WOMEN FORUM

This month the women forum session was held in Uhambingeto village organized by IOP together with government officials from community development office where training on different agenda was provided also women had an opportunity to address key social issues through targeted presentations.

The educational segment focused on three primary areas:

- **Combating Gender-Based Violence (GBV):** Facilitators emphasized the critical role of community forums in identifying, reporting, and preventing gender-based violence, urging residents to break the silence and protect vulnerable groups.
- **Responsible Parenting and Child Upbringing:** The discussion highlighted the mutual responsibilities of parents and children, stressing that strong family foundations and active parental guidance are essential for building a disciplined and safe society.
- **Financial and Loan Management:** Participants received vital education on accessing public and private credit facilities, managing loans responsibly, and utilizing funds effectively to boost small entrepreneurs and household income.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment from Ibumu residents to actively utilize the ward forum as a tool for community development, behavioral change, and economic empowerment.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUND AT IPVTC

The construction of the playground is still in process and now it is on the windows stage. Soon the engineer will start laying the beam foundation to finish the last upper layers of the building.



MAMA HOUSE RENOVATION

The renovation of Mama House is still ongoing, and the building is currently in the process of erecting timber for the roof trusses. This is one of the most important milestones in construction as it will soon complete to allow our young mothers with their children to get a good house.

ILULA PEACEMAKERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (IPVTC)

This month at our college has been a very successful month as we have managed to achieve various things in our performance which have given us a good guide for success. We have managed to do the following things at our college;

- **Treatment of tomatoes and green paper gardens.** Here applications for pesticides, fertilizers and watering have been done regularly this month to facilitate the growth of plants and more production of fruits.

- Harvesting tomatoes; the first harvest of tomatoes from the garden was done this month where we managed to harvest 7 buckets of tomatoes.
- The college managed to host 15 field work students who are staying at the hostels. The students are working and learning in the different IOP offices. The purpose of receiving these students at our college is to increase college visibility to our community and get more students through fieldwork students.
- Students' registration; we have registered 2 new students at the college where 1 is short course student and the other a long course student.
- Extension of the garden to plant more vegetables. The ridges are already being prepared to start installing drips next month.



- One goat has already given birth, increasing the number of goats from 10 to 11

VISIT FROM KILOSA DISTRICT

The IOP had the opportunity to be visited by guests from the Kilosa district, which are various officials within the Kilosa district, the Kilosa district councilor, together with the director of the Kiseru orphanage, led by the director of the Kilosa district.



This district is in the **Morogoro region**. This official visit to **IOP** (Ilula Orphan Program) was prompted by the organization, being frequently commended in government meetings for its outstanding contributions to community development. Furthermore, IOP has achieved the prestigious distinction of being awarded two consecutive sustainability certificates for its non-governmental organization projects.

The purpose of this visit was to come and learn the various things that IOP is doing, especially in terms of IOP's developmental projects.

Visitors were able to find the history of IOP, various projects of IOP and its projects.

On the first day of introduction, guests were also told how IOP projects depend on each other to ensure the sustainability of these projects. The guests were also told various methods to ensure that project sponsors do not stop serving projects such as transparency and truth, ensuring that organizations are audited every year and cooperating with the government well.



after the presentations of the projects, there was a time for questions and answers, also the visitors were able to give various opinions that will be able to build the IOP in the future, especially by developing developmental projects and the way in which the IOP can start new projects such as a project to process pebbles for construction using existing resources.

On the second day of the visit, the guests visited various IOP projects such as IOP schools, Isoliwaya and Ilula schools that were renovated by IOP, the Visada primary school built by IOP and also visited the FFF farm to see the large investment made in the farm, especially in the field of agriculture and the breeding project.

ILULA ORPHAN HOME

During the month of August, the children at IOP Center continued with their normal daily activities while receiving proper care, guidance, and supervision. The children participated in different activities that helped them develop a sense of responsibility, discipline, cleanliness, cooperation, and independence.

Among the following are the works and events that the children at the orphanage accomplished this month;

- **Children's daily Activities;** Throughout the month, the children continued participating in their normal daily activities, including Watering and taking care of the garden, Sweeping and keeping the center's surroundings clean, Cleaning and taking care of their bedrooms, Keeping their rooms clean, organized, and in good condition for sheltering themselves.

These activities continued to help the children develop good habits, responsibility, teamwork, and basic life skills. The children also learned the importance of keeping their living environment clean, safe, and well maintained.

- **Sponsors visits;** It was such a great honor as during the month of August where two volunteers from the Netherlands through IOP Germany came to visit IOP (Ramon and Liesbeth). They were Esther Mposewa's sponsors. They were very excited to meet her and bond with her. They had precious days when they talked to Esther and told them her future dreams. Thank you for the gifts that she received from the sponsors also for the gifts they brought for the children at the orphanage.
- **Birthday celebration;** During the month of August, IOP Center held a special birthday celebration for the children whose birthdays fall in August. The celebration was very successful and brought a lot of happiness to both the children and caregivers. The children had an opportunity to celebrate together, play, enjoy themselves, and share a joyful moment as one family.
- **Gifts and donation;** this month the orphanage received one sack of sunflower seeds to produce cooking oil from a farmer in Image village. We appreciate the donation as it will help the children get good food cooked from healthier cooking oil.

KIDS' CORNER PRESCHOOL

This month we had a very productive month at the school where the kids participated in different activities like receiving visiting guests who had to come to our school like the volunteers and the government officials who came and learnt a lot from us! It was such a wonderful moment as successfully demonstrated to our guests how we learn in the classroom, particularly how we use Montessori materials in our lessons. Apart from learning in the classroom also there were the following activities;

- Midterm exams that were done on 24th and 26th August. This marks the end of academic quarter and soon the schools will close for a very short holiday then open on the 14th so that the students continue with their studies.
- Birthday celebrations were held on the 27th of August with 11 children (7girls and 4 boys) being celebrated at the school. It was a wonderful event to cut the cake together and sing for celebrants.

- Utensils cleanness; the purpose was to teach the children how to take care of their own utensils after using them. The children were taught all the steps on how to clean utensils at homesteads.

VOLUNTEERS AND CABIN

During the August month we had two volunteers who came from Netherlands through IOP Germany. They were Ramon and Liesbeth who came to IOP for the purpose of visiting and seeing the work that IOP has been doing for years.

They visited various IOP projects like the schools, college, and sponsor program office.

Then they visited the young single mothers where during the visit they attended their program and heard stories from the mothers and encouraged them to work hard and do better in future.

Also, they visited four vulnerable families in Igingilanyi village where they provided all the families with food parcels worth 50,000 TZS in each family.

SUCCESS

Two of the families visited have been sponsored with food coupon for one year at the IOP shop where each family will be taking food worth 50000 TZS each month. Thank you so much to the family for the great support to our community.

FARMING AND ANIMALS

In this projects there was treating the harvested maize with pesticides, measuring in the maize sacks and arranging them in the storage.

Treatment of livestock and milking of cow.

IOP WORKSHOP

Under the IOP workshop there were various works that were done this month including;

- Roofing the mama House building, all the woods have been laid down waiting for iron sheets.
- Making one bed for a customer
- Making 8 doors
- Making 7 shelves for the office
- Making 14 tables

SPONSOR PROGRAM OFFICE

This month the office wonderfully served the students who came to the office for different requirements, some reporting and writing their self-reports to the sponsor. Among the many activities the following works were also done at the office including;

- Facilitating students' payments where 199 students were served (99 Male and 100 Female) students who received different requirements including school fees that was paid directly to the schools, fare, school materials and field works allowances. Also, the payments included meals and accommodation for college and university students.
- Payments for students' health insurances where 196 (90 Male and 106 female) students received their NHIF cards. This will enable them to access health services in different hospitals for a whole year.
- Students visit; where 139 (74 F, 65M) students were visited in the different schools. The purpose of the visit was to assess the students' health, academics and disciplines. During the visits there were different issues raised including;
 - Many students are fit and soon will be having their mid-term exams at their schools.
 - Many students coming from poor families who are not in the sponsor program request sponsorship, and the office will arrange a date to visit and assess their homes.



THE LORD'S HILL SECONDARY

- Mid-term exams; the students at the school sat for the exams 24th to 31st August. These exams marked the end of study quarter which will allow the students to go for a short holiday and will be opening the school on 14th September 2026.
- School advertisement; students together with teachers visited various schools within and outside Ilula for the purpose of marketing all the services available at the school. The school intends to enroll more students who will be completing standard seven this year for pre-form one classes also for form one and form three classes next year.
- Our students from the Lord's hill secondary were able to visit primary school students here in Ilula and talk to them. The purpose was to encourage them in their preparations for the standard seven national examination where all standard seven children in the country will take their exams between the ninth and tenth of September. The students gave them exam materials as a way of encouraging them, but they were also able to remind them of the importance of the standard seven exams and emphasized that they should study hard and prepare well. It was a very good moment for the students at the schools as were very touched by this, many admitting that it was their first time receiving gifts from fellow students. This touched the hearts of the teachers and students at the schools with these gifts, especially for children whose parents have had the challenge of providing their children with school supplies. The schools visited included Masukazi, Ilula, Isoliwaya and Visada primary schools. 263 students attended this event.

FINALLY!

Thank you very much for reading. We also welcome you to IOP where you can do various volunteer work in different areas such as schools, neighboring hospitals, working with our children at the center and you can also do it in our Ilula community. Welcome

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