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INTRODUCTION

As usual, let me start by thanking our friends and stakeholders who have been spending your time reading our articles here at IOP which we publish every month. September has been a good month although it has been a month with a bit of difficult weather as the wind has been very heavy, especially in our area. As for our organization, it has been a good month we have worked and especially for the sponsor office where many of our children have graduated from primary school and have high expectations for next year to start secondary education. Welcome to read the article!

SUNFLOWER PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

National exams; On the 9th and 10th of this month, 94 students from Sunflower Pre-Primary School sat their national primary school leaving examination. We wish them a good time as they continue to wait for their results to join secondary education for the coming year 2027.

Graduation: There was a very similar graduation, this graduation was for grade seven students. In this graduation, 94 students graduated from grade seven. It was a good time because various things were shown during the ceremony and parents and students were able to join to enjoy this victorious academic journey that our students and their teachers have fought for seven years. It was indeed a good time to see the achievements of our students. Finally, the students were awarded school graduation certificates along with various gifts.



In this graduation, Sunflower teachers and students were able to raise various challenges facing the school

including the challenge of Roads and transportation. Because the road to school has been a challenge of crumbling especially during the rainy season, transportation has not been adequate for all students because there are only three school buses which are forced to have many trips to meet the needs of the school. Therefore, the students requested an increase of one school bus to facilitate adequate transportation to the school.

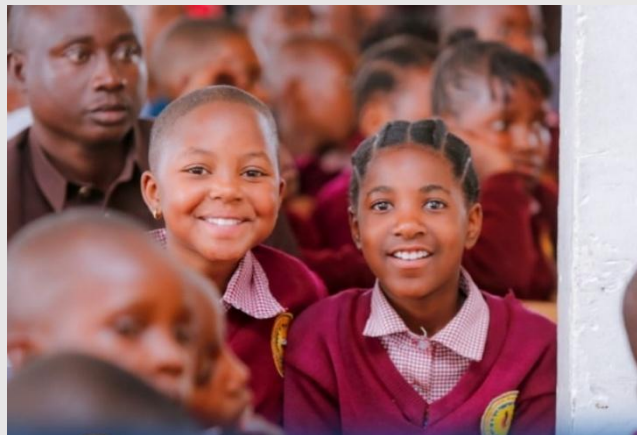
Finally, the students were able to leave with their parents and guardians to go home and remain there awaiting the results of the exams that will allow them to join various schools next year.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUBJECTS;

As we ensure that students in our schools have plenty to learn beyond their classroom studies. They engage in various activities designed to foster creativity, expertise, and a spirit of discovery, while also helping to broaden their understanding. Furthermore, these activities support their academic development, as they involve learning methods that stimulate their thinking. These exercises have been building more confidence in children.

- **Table recitation;** this exercise has been carried out in all classes from grade one to grade seven where students have been taught to know the table and use it. This exercise will help students to be faster when they do their calculations in class and thus increase their mathematical abilities.
- **Mathematics slogans;** to make students more confident in the subject of mathematics. Students are using various mathematical phrases that build them and see that mathematics is a normal subject, and they can do it well in class and in their lives.
- **Sports lesson;** Sports exercises have been ongoing in our school for our three subjects that we have introduced: football, netball and volleyball. We have also had evening sessions to continue to build more for our students in football.



ILULA PEACEMAKERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

This month we have had various production activities held here at the college including the registration of four students for different courses where two are for short courses and two are for long courses.

In addition to that, there has been a harvest of crops in our gardens where we have successfully harvested 19 boxes of 40 kg tomatoes and sold them to customers outside the college and the harvesting of 8 bags of green papers, 8 kg of carrots, 2 kg of beetroots, and 20 kg green vegetables.

Maintenance and repair

We have repaired the water well and we are continuing with the renovation.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

- **Anti-Drug Abuse Club Ilula:** We participated in a two-day Rehabilitation Summit held in Dar es Salaam to present our advocacy work on mental health and rehabilitation. Our presentation was titled “Strengthening Community and Family-Based Support for Sustainable Recovery from Substance Use Disorders in Tanzania.” We successfully delivered our presentation and contributed to discussions on strengthening community- and family-based support for sustainable recovery. Also, 3 members of Ilula ANT Drug Abuse Club participated in a radio session to share key highlights and outcomes from the Rehabilitation Summit. The session provided an opportunity to raise public awareness about



substance use disorders, rehabilitation, and the importance of community involvement in supporting recovery.

- ***The Young Single Mothers Program;*** We conducted monitoring visits to young single mothers engaged in small businesses to assess their progress, identify challenges, and provide guidance on areas for improvement. The visits aimed to encourage business growth, strengthen entrepreneurship skills, and promote financial independence among the beneficiaries. Also, we continued implementing the Young Single Mothers Programme through educational sessions focusing on childcare and parenting, as well as mental health issues affecting young mothers. These sessions aimed to strengthen parenting skills, promote mental well-being, and empower young mothers to make informed decisions for themselves and their children.
- ***Continuation of the playground construction;*** The work is still on progress as all the walls have been elevated and next month the Construction workers will begin pouring concrete to hold the walls of the buildings together.
- ***Ilula Scouts:*** Scouts from Ilula successfully attended an educational scout camp held in Dodoma. The camp's theme was "Innovative Education, Clean Energy, and Peace are the Foundations of Sustainable Development for Our Nation." The event included a youth forum where participants were taught various subjects, most notably the use of clean cooking energy—to help protect the environment and combat environmental degradation. Furthermore, the youth were encouraged to serve as ambassadors for peace, from the community level all the way up to the national level.



ILULA ORPHAN HOME

Apart from participating in various activities at the center, the children of the center also had a great time when they had a one-week academic holiday. During this holiday, the children were able to learn various tasks such as pruning trees, watering the garden and more. They also had time to study their extra lessons at the IOP library for all the children who were on holiday.

There was also a birthday party where one child was celebrated. The other children were able to sing songs to him and write various birthday messages.

SPONSOR PROGRAM

Students meeting; The sponsorship project successfully held a meeting with children who completed grade seven this year. More than 40 children attended this meeting which had various agendas such as;

- Results and various options where students were reminded that when the results come out and their options are submitted early to the office for sending to their sponsors
- Students' behaviors and responsibilities where students were reminded of their personal responsibilities while at home during this holiday period as well as their responsibilities after getting their results, especially volunteering and writing their personal statements to their sponsors.

- The responsibilities of parents are especially in ensuring that guardians create a safe environment for the development of their children as they are at a growing age and need close supervision.
- Perform one start; all students received their school needs ready by starting to perform one which will help them be prepared for secondary life next year



Graduation ceremony; The office was able to attend various primary and secondary school graduations attended by sponsored children who were graduating this year. We have been able to visit 6 primary schools that have had children graduate from primary education including Mwaya, Tumai, Isoliwaya, Visada, Masukazi and Sunflower. The aim of attending the graduations is to encourage the children and congratulate them on the great steps they have taken in their education. It is also to remind them of the greater steps ahead.

FINALLY!

We thank you very much for your time and also as usual, we welcome all visitors who would like to visit IOP and come to do volunteer work in our organization where you can work in various projects such as being a nanny, teaching French at school, ICT and sports. Also working with the Ilula community or visiting poor households. We welcome you very much as we have a good environment and friends that will enable you to work beautifully and enjoy your vacation. Welcome to create unforgettable moments with IOP!

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