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**Ilula Orphan Program**

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## 1. Examination Hall

### Monthly Update

IOP TZ is pleased with the progress of contributions for the completion of the examination hall from different donors. We had received 80,000,000 TSH by the end of November 2017. We extend a heartfelt thanks to IOP Netherlands for their donation of USD 6000 which is about 20 million Tanzanian Shillings, IOP USA for donations from various individuals totaling 6 million Tanzanian Shillings (USD 2630). We also thank Bell & Carlene Bate for contributing USD 14,500. In addition, we are grateful to the IOP sister school in Norway, Kragerø Secondary School, for donating 24 million Tanzanian Shillings (NOK 93,000). During the IOP international meeting in Luxembourg, several pledges were made to see that IOP completes the construction tasks. We thank different friends and supporters who donated other funds in December 2016. Thanks to Fovea Foundation for supporting IOP with NOK 280,000(USD33,091.37) in December 2016. The amount gives IOP the great and firm hope that construction of the examination hall will be done to an end.

In April 2017, IOP was able to accomplish the following activities; roofing, plastering inside and outside, installation of door frames, wiring and purchase of ceiling materials and paints for finishing purposes. Painting works and windows fixing was done by the end of May 2017.

The work is in good progress as **pictured** below. Congratulations to friends and supporters who made it possible for the hall to reach this far. We look forward to using the hall for examinations for the first time and for the third graduation ceremony in our hall.

We have few but potential works to be finished to make the hall and surroundings fully completed including electricity installation, construction of toilets, ceiling, tiles, landscaping and drainage. This indicates that the work will be completed with all the end-of-the year donations we received. We thank all friends who have done the great works to make this

construction activity a success. We shall keep you updated until the end of the construction. Together we can make the world a better place.



## 2. May 17 (Norwegian Constitution Day)

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, the girls together with the volunteers at IOP celebrated the Norwegian Independence Day. The volunteers and girls held the flags while singing the songs. It was a very impressive experience to the girls as they learnt they belong to their countries. It created a sense of nationalism as it made them reflect on where they belong and that they should cherish the very important day. They played different games like fishing candies from the bucket, running with a spoon that had potatoes, running and pushing each.

The day was good as they learnt how Norwegians celebrate their independence day and that they need to love and respect the National Day. See **photos** below;



### 3. YWCA DAY

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the YWCA members from Ilula YWCA travelled to Tukuyu District, Mbeya Region, where they had a celebration of the YWCA day. The trip had 15 travellers including 6 adults, 8 youths and 1 child belonging to a Young Mother. Other participants came from Mbeya YWCA and Tukuyu YWCA.

The main theme of the year was “empowering women to facilitate industrial growth”. Women were challenged to do different things that will enable them become independent and economically strong. Participants danced, sang and sold different handmade items.



### 4. SUFH and IOP Germany trip

This month-May 26, 2017-we had 27 guests from Sunmmore Folke Hoghskole (SUFH) in Norway. The group had Teachers, Board Members and others affiliated SUFH friends. The day was good with the girls and staff singing and dancing. It was real great as it almost looked like another Norwegian Constitution Day.

After the welcoming at the gate the guests, IOP staff from all the departments,

Volunteers and the IOP girls had the welcoming party. On the 29<sup>th</sup> May in the evening we had the goodbye party which had songs from the girls, dance from the IOP staff and songs from SUFH staff.



In the same evening, IOP had a farewell word for Irma Jansen, Lysetter Aldenhoven and Paulus Van Berkel from IOP Germany and Lorraine MacDonald from the Netherlands.

Thank you for taking your time to visit IOP Tanzania.



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