

# Ilula Orphan Program



## Dear IOP friends and family

This month was filled with different activities! IOP Aden, Young Mothers program, scout camp, senior club and celebration of the Maasai boys who have now become morans! You can read all about it and more in this month's Newsletter

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## GIRLS HOLIDAY/IRINGA TRIP



On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of June, the girls at the center went home to their families for two weeks. Their guardians came to pick them up at IOP, and they came back on 25<sup>th</sup> June. They all seemed to have had a good time at home, and everyone here at the center was happy to see them again.

Five girls did not go home because the school did not close and they were to go to school the whole month. Because of this Oda and I (Emilie) arranged a trip with all of them, including Ifigenia, Sara and Belina, to go to Iringa town.

We had a wonderful time, and we enjoyed a lot! First we went to Neema Craft. There we eat chips omelet and chicken, a favorite meal for all of us! After that, we bought some sodas to drink in the park, where we enjoyed that sun and each other's company.

Thank you so much girls for wanting to have such a trip with us, and for making it a very good day! We had so much fun and hope to do it again soon! Maybe next time we get to bring all the girls 😊



## NEW VOLUNTEERS



My name is Emilie Wilhelmsen, from Norway. I am 22 years old. It is my fifth time here at IOP, and I have been looking forward coming back since I left last June. I was warmly welcomed, as always, and reunion with everyone, especially my sisters here at the center, was wonderful!

This time I am only staying for six weeks, and I am sure I will enjoy every second. I will continue to work with the Young Mothers as I did last time, help at the sponsor office, write newsletters, spend a lot of time with the girls here at the center and help were I am needed.

I feel very lucky to have this place and all the beautiful people here! I am so happy to call this place my second home and to have an extra family here!

My name is Oda Skeie, I'm 20 years old and come from Oslo, Norway. This is my second time here in Ilula, I was here last summer for three weeks, and I loved it so much and as such I just had to come back!

This time I will stay for 4 weeks. In my time here I will, among other things, contribute to the computer class, help out at the sponsor office and join the young mothers for their weekly meetings. I am so pleased to be back and see again all the wonderful people among the staff, the girls at the center and others that I met here last year.

Thank you so much to IOP for having me back here again!

# IOPADEN



This year, IOPADEN Sports Festivals started on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, and ended on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

IOPADEN is a sports event that is arranged by IOP. Different teams around the area, schools, and villages and so on, played against each other in football (and netball). It is a big event, and this year we actually celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of IOPADEN!

In the final, Ilula Secondary played against The Lords Hill High School. The winners were Ilula Secondary School.

The IOP scouts, like years before, were in charge of the kiosk, where people could come and buy popcorn, biscuit, water, soda and so on.

Also, like the years before, the tournament ended on the International Day of the African Child, 16<sup>th</sup> of June. The day was celebrated with the players, and other children in the community. The children marched from the high way, back to the field, holding different banners as seen on the photo under.

Thank you to everyone who arranged the tournament, and everyone who attended.



# YOUNG MOTHERS UPDATE



Since 2016, there are two groups of Young Mothers. We still have last year's group, and in the beginning of this year another group was registered.

In June 2015, Ingrid Eriksen and Emilie decided to contribute with something to IOP, by selling hairbands, bowties and bags. In the beginning the money went to new chairs, tables and one year support with fruits once a week for the students at Sollerud Kindergarten. In February 2016, they decided to support the Young Mothers. In her visit, Emilie spent a lot of time with last year's group (the photos on top), and got to know them well, so it was amazing to see them again.

Since 2015, the project collected around 11 000 dollars, and the money is now used for paying for sewing course for last year's group of Young Mothers. They have lessons Monday-Thursday, and on Fridays they have VICOBA (Village Community Bank). They have also learnt how to knit, as seen on the photo on top to the right.

They knew group (the photos on the bottom) meet every Tuesday-Thursday, with the same program the other group had last year. In July, when Ingrid comes, they will bring both groups on a field trip, like I did last year with the other group.

Emilie is looking forward to continue working with both groups, and to get to know them better.



# SCOUT CAMP



On June 2017 Girl Guides and scouts had Patrol leaders camp, for three days. Patrol Leaders learnt about knots, girl guides and scouts laws and promise, scouts History. They had a quiz and for those who passed, will make a promise on July.

They also had a challenge games, sports, camp fire and they also make some gargets. After the patrol leaders camp the Girl guides and scouts from Ilula, Isoliwaya, Mwaya and masukanzi primary school with Mazombe, Nyalumbu and Kiheka secondary joined the camp on third day. They learnt about Laws and promise, Scouts history and they did the examination which will show who is able to make promise in July.



## SENIOR CLUB



On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, it was time for senior club in the Holland House of Books.

The program started with an introduction and song. The presentation of the day, was about the importance of iodine, which can be found in manufactured salt. Especially when it comes to pregnancies and children. We also talked about the importance of a balanced diet.

After that, we went outside to have some activities with a ball. The senior stood in two lines and where to throw the ball back and forth between the two lines.

When we were finished with the activities, we went back in to the library for a quiz. The group was split into two teams, and the questions were about what they had learnt from the presentation.

Before going home, they all had dinner at IOP.

Now they are 60 members of the senior club, and very few of them have a good madras to sleep on, or even a blanket to cover themselves with. That is why we are so thankful for the donations we have received to buy and give out blankets with covers to all the elders who needed it. A lot of smiling faces showed up on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of June to receive their blanket and cover.



# SUNFLOWER MEETING



From 26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> of June we were lucky to welcome Véronique Weis, Patrick De Rond and Tom O’Dea from Luxembourg. They were here for the meeting about the new primary school, Sunflower Tanzania. Tom represented IOP Luxembourg/Sunflower Schools, while Véronique and Patrick came from Christian Solidarity International (CSI), Luxembourg.

The meeting covered different issues like finishing of the construction, how many classrooms, a water tank for the school, budget and so on. The construction is expected to be finished in 2019 but first students’ enrolment is planned to be in 2018.

They also got to meet with the people in charge of the building (the two in the orange vest, on the right photo).

The meeting went very well, and we are happy to continue our work with Sunflower – and IOP Luxemburg, and there will of course be updates in the newsletters along the way.

Thank you so much for your contributions and help, and a special thank you to Véronique, Patrick and Tom for using your time to come visit us!



# CELEBRATION OF MORANS



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June, Edson, Véronique, Patrick, Oda, Fransisca, Uria, Richard, Tamari and Emilie got the chance to visit the Maasai village, to attend day two of a three's day celebration. The celebration was for the boys, who have to go through a ritual to become a Moran. The boys (photo to the left on top), have to sit in a room for all three days and all they do is sleep and eat. For the others, this is how their days looked like;

Day 1: They slaughtered seven cows. Also known as the day of eating. One of the most interesting parts of the celebration is that the men are the one who do the cooking.

Day 2: This is the day we attended. It contained of more eating, and a lot of dancing. We also got to witness when they tapped the blood from the cows, and drank it after (the middle photo at the bottom)

Day 3: The boys can finally come out, and the ritual is finished. They dance more and eat the rest of the food.

Thank you for letting us attend, we enjoyed it a lot, and congratulations to all new morans



## NEW CFC PARTICIPANTS AND ANTON NAFTARI



We are happy to announce that the new CFC (Communication for change) participants from Ilula will be Silla Kivamba and Adam Mtilizi. They will be a part of your sixth team here in Ilula. Silla lived at the center before, and has worked at Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania since she finished her education in Dar es Salaam. Adam is an IOP student, who has just finished form 6, and he will be the first boy from Ilula to attend CFC. We wish you all the best on your preparations, the travel to Kenya, your work here in Ilula during the fall and your stay in Norway at Sunnmøre Folk High School after Christmas.

We are also happy to tell you that there is another IOP student going to Norway, Anton Naftari. He is 19 years old, and is from the Masai village. He has been chosen by Y-global to come to Norway in August, and attend Soltun Folk High School. The school is in the northern part of Norway, and he will attend the whole school year, from August until May. We also wish you all the best during your preparations, on your journey, and remember to pack warm clothes for the winter

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