

# ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM



*Dear friends and family, you are welcome to read the news that happened at IOP Tanzania on November 2017 newsletter*

Events:

- ✓ Examination hall
- ✓ Paving Fixation at IOP Center
- ✓ Drip irrigation system
- ✓ Scout Camp
- ✓ Kids' Corner and Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania Sports Day
- ✓ GBV commemoration Day

## EXAMINATION HALL

The last article on the examination hall showed different activities which were going on and were about to be completed. There are a lot of activities which continued to take place since May 2017. IOP is very much indebted to thank all who channeled their resources to construct the hall to a usable stage.

October 2017, was the first time in life, to witness the hall being used for graduation and National Examination. 45 students sat for examination with great joy.

Thanks to different IOP family members who joined us when we turned for help. Helping for the wellbeing of our lovely community is our ONE goal! Creating a conducive learning atmosphere is an important aspect towards a new standard of living for the Tanzanian Community. The quality of the learning environment, creates a very quality future of the students. The importance of the school will all the required needs brings everlasting impacts!



Special thanks to all our IOP committees in the USA, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Denmark and Denmark.

Some of our lovely donors included 1. Fovea foundation, Norway 2. Engebraaten School, Norway 3. IOP Netherlands 4. Kragero High School, Norway 5. IOP USA individual sponsors 6. Bill and Carlene Bate, USA 7. Individual sponsors from IOP Norway and so many others, have made this possible. May God bless all of you. We thank you all. Your true love made all this possible. Each cent donated carried an equal weight.

The IOP family wishes to convey its greetings to all who made this possible. We continue to invite all friends and partners to continue doing the great works for the sustainable development to our Tanzanian Children and Families, with the special focus to the vulnerable communities/children and orphans.

We have few but potential works to be finished to make the hall and surroundings fully completed including construction of toilets, tiles, kitchen landscaping and drainage. We thank Kragero High School and Engebraaten Secondary School of Norway, for starting the donation to construct the kitchen at the hall. This will make the hall equipped with all necessary requirements to be used for different events and meals for students.

IOP will continue to provide regular updates on the final stages of the construction to all friends around the World. Their investment will continue to be an important memory over generations.

Thank you all



## PAVING FIXATION AT IOP CENTER

The yard in the middle of the IOP Center buildings is now fully furnished with paving blocks. Before paving, the yard was compacted by soil to fill the deep hole which was made when the center was being constructed.

The compacted yard was not in level and had no drainage pipes. During rainy season a big “lake” was formed making it difficult for the girls and staff to access the rooms and offices. In 2008, Berit asked the Mission group from America to level, compact



the area and make a drainage system. The group comprised of John Windell, Jake Richer, Ed Biddle, Carolyn and Doyle Ellis, to mention but a few. This work minimized the challenges of having too much water around the yard.

In 2009 Berit and Edson called one Engineer, Mr. Ndelwa, to make estimates for paving the yard in order to overcome the challenge. The cost estimates then was 15 million Tanzania Shillings. It was too much for the economic-struggling Center to even think of paving at that cost. The following year, Jake Richer, put several loads of aggregates on the main walkways to the offices and rooms so as to reduce sand and mud especially during the rainy season.

The idea to pave the area did not die, IOP continued to share with different friends and volunteers. In 2016, the Team Ueland from Norway accepted IOP’s request to pave the yard, make drainage system, and improve the existing rain water harvesting gutters and other important facilities. This time, the Engineer’s estimates were nearly doubled. It reached Tanzania Shillings 28,776,000/= (US\$ 12,511.30). This included paving, put drainage pipes and trenches, renovate the rain water gutters and pipes, making two round concrete tables supplied with electricity, making four movable tables as well as installing drip irrigation system in the flower beds.

The completion of the project benefits different users of the yard including children, volunteers, guests and staff. IOP will no more weed the of the yard as it took too much time for the staff to do the work, no “lake” any more, no sand and mud in the girls’ and volunteers’ rooms thus reducing the sweeping and mopping of the corridors, rooms and washrooms as it used to be.

Girls will play in a safe, well illuminated and dust free area. Both round concrete and four wooden-steel tables will not only be used by volunteers, staff and girls for work and rest but also will be used by seminar and workshops participants for plenary discussions

The IOP Center hall is a regular place for trainings and different activities including volunteer's welcome and farewell parties. The availability of the paved yard with tables makes one choose whether to conduct parties indoors or outdoors. IOP, once again, thanks the Team Ueland, Norway, for sponsoring this project! We have all the reasons to keep the positive relationship, as it has been to all supporters, in the coming planned activities. May God continue to bless the team and all who were involved in making this important dream realized!



## DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Ilula has only 4 month with rain that is also below 600ml leading to shortage of water. With this water shortage, it so challenging to do agricultural activities including gardening using the available underground water piped out to the surface water tank. Thanks to *Tollereds Scoutkår*, Sweden for collecting funds to drill the 150meters' deep borehole that has improved the availability of water at the Center.



To use the available economically, without interruption during dry season and more profitably, IOP been trying different ways to overcome the water challenges around the garden project. One of the ways is to use drip irrigation.

IOP through three volunteers Sietske Hoekstra, Catherina Van Der Linden and Ana Ferwerda from the Netherlands, together with their friends and family friends, donated fund for installation of drip irrigation system in one of the IOP Center garden. With this drip irrigation, part of the IOP garden is using only small amount of water as the drops of water fall only at the place where the plant is. Through having drip irrigation, we are ensured of the availability of green vegetables throughout the year. The IOP Center will thus continue to serve as the main supplier of green vegetables to The Lords Hill High School, Sollerud Kindergarten Tanzania, Kids Corner, IOP Center, The restaurant and staff.

IOP strives to make the whole area drip-irrigated as much as the financial capacity to construct another drip irrigation system allows. The drip irrigation system saves water up to 50% and helps the crops to grow consistently. IOP expresses its gratitude to the friends who made this project possible.

## YOUTH CAMP FOR SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES



During the weekends of week 45 and 46, IOP YWCA and the participants of Communication for Change hosted two youth camps for local scouts and girl guides. Each weekend, 70 youths from Kiheka Secondary School, Nyalumbu Secondary School and Mazombe Secondary School camped out on the football field, cooked food and sat through different sessions. Different events, games and topics were shared. Active participation was observed in the training on sexual harassment, personal space, hygiene and health.

In addition to the sessions, games, meals and workouts, each camp also had 2 to 5 hours of community service. During the first camp, this meant picking trash at the Masukanzi Bus Station, and on the other camp, they picked trash at Ilula Village. The aim of this was to teach the scouts, girl guides and the community the importance of making an effort to protect their own community. This received plenty of positive feedback!

## SPORTS DAY FOR KIDS' CORNER AND SOLLERUD

The morning of Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, the football field outside IOP was filled with children from Kids' Corner and Sollerud Kindergarten, as well as teachers, parents, volunteers and Rover Scouts. For three hours, the kids went through nine different activities as a part of their annual sports day.

On one post, two and two ran with their feet tied together, while at another they played bowling. They were sprinting, running with onions on a spoon, skipping, playing football and musical chairs, as well as going through an obstacle course where they had to climb, crawl, balance on a plank and jump over beams.

The day was finished off by juice for everyone and a game of Tug of War – two teams pulling on a rope, trying to get the other team to cross a line. The game was played between the staff of Sollerud Kindergarten and the staff of Kids' Corner, and it was Kids' Corner who took the victory! The day was a big success, both for children and adults. It left the children with smile and laughter as they entered the school bus to go home.



# 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

## 25 November - 10 December 2017

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. It was originated by the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and is coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. Gender Based Violence is a big issue and different forms of violence have been reported. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, IOP together with the government officials from Kilolo District, worked together to start the 16 days to campaign for no-violence against any human being especially women and children. Ilula Scouts and Girl Guides had different shows including music, theater and speeches with a major focus on the intensity of violence against women and children.

IOP was represented by staff and some of the girls living at the center. The Communication for Change-participants held an appeal about also including children with disabilities, or different-abled children, when one discusses the subject of violence against children.

Several hundred people showed up to the opening, making it an impressive and serious event. The speeches were good, the plays were funny – but still full of impact – and the songs were touching. If the rest of the campaign mirrors the opening, it will be a very successful campaign. Thanks to different actors for seeing it as an endless campaign to end violence.



## KEY CONTACT INFORMATION/EVENTS

IOP has over **90 children** in the waiting list for **sponsorship**.  
School year starts in **January 2018!**

IOP is also making an **important environmental support appeal** by working to get funds for planting trees in Ilula. The area is intensively made without trees by the growing population which demand for firewoods. You are very much welcome to donate via **GlobalGiving** by clicking <https://goto.gg/30345>  
Thank you for your continued support. God bless you

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