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We would love to welcome you reading the events that happened in the month of October 2020.

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## SUNFLOWER HOSTEL INSPECTION

Following several occurrences of fire incidences in Tanzania boarding schools, which



have caused anxiety, injuries and deaths to pupils/students, the Officer Commanding District (OCD), Education Officers and other inspectors visited Sunflower Pre and Primary School for school hostels inspection. This is a country campaign to inspect schools with boarding facilities to establish how they observe safety standards.



During the inspection, the focus was about; room/ students ratio, bed spacing, availability of emergence window exits, door and windows opening designs (all should open from outside for easy exit in case of emergence), reasonable window size for proper ventilation (specially this corona season), presence of night guards, firefighting

and detection equipment and Patrons & Matron's awareness of daily monitoring of students after class.

According to Tanzanian safety regulations, dormitory structure should have doors and windows opening from outside and have emergence exits. IOP Sunflower Pre & Primary school has adhered to all the requirements above and installed firefighting equipment. Guards, Patrons and Matrons are trained to use the fighting equipment in case of fire eruption. Windows have no grills; instead have sliding shutters and free glass for breakage. The school has achieved 100% OSHA requirement. Each room occupies a reasonable number of students and therefore no indication of health danger. The inspectors were very much impressed with school hostels after seeing that all necessary fire & safety and precautions are taken care of. Also that all hostels are built to allow all users-able and disabled. A fire drill exercise was conducted aiming at checking the preparedness of the Guards, Matrons, Patrons and other pertinent staffs as well as the reliability of the fire extinguishers. This exercise ensures that the school is ready to fight fire and rescue students in case of fire accident.



#### INTERVIEW WITH SINGLE YOUNG MOTHERS LIVING IN MAMAS HOUSE

##### **How do you see being part of single young mothers' program?**

First of all, we are the luckiest ones being part of this program because the program offers us so many things like leaning how to take care of our children, how to live independently.

### **What is the difference between the life before joining the program and the current life?**

The life in the villages was very hard; it is very difficult to get basic needs for our children and for ourselves. While here, we are getting time to learn various things through attending classes and we get time to work to earn some money for our daily life. Also in the village, the community has been pointing fingers on us that we are useless, our relatives have seen us as useless people and we have brought shame to the family because of having babies while we are still young and not married. Through this program, we see hope and bright future ahead of us.



### **What have you learned from single young mothers' program?**

We are learning various things like budgeting for the kids, taking care of the kids, self-independence, priorities observation, reproductive health, self-control and entrepreneurship skills and ourselves.

### **Where do you see yourself after 2 or 3 years?**

Getrude Masaka (One of the single young mothers) I have faced so many challenges since the pregnancy period. I take serious each and everything I learn in the program. In two to three years, I believe that I will be able to take care of my son by myself by using knowledge and skills I get in this program.

### **What is the contribution of young mothers' program in your life?**

The program taught us how to be confident, before joining the program most of us were ashamed of ourselves because of having babies while we were supposed to be at school. Saying this it does not mean that it is just fine having babies while we are young. For sure, we do not know how our lives could be without this program. We lost our hopes. Now we are seeing positive changes while we are in the program just for few months.

### **What is your opinion about the single young mothers' program?**

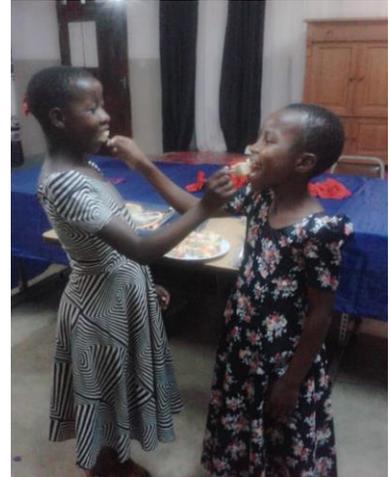
The program is amazing, and we wish the longer existence of this program because we are not the only ones who got babies while we are young with no future. We are just the lucky ones to be part of the program. We believe there are so many single young mothers out there. We are so thankful to sponsors who are funding this program. They are giving us hope.

## IOP CENTER GIRLS BIRTHDAY PARTY

On October 17, we had a birthday party for girls born on September and October. The



girls with birthdays were Lucy Mduda and Brigitta Swai. The girls felt so happy since the party was very nice and enjoyable. All center girls participated and enjoyed together the dinner in IOP hall. The food was very delicious and the girls really enjoyed the meal.



Having a birthday party enables the girls always remember their age, it makes the girls feel cheerful, funny and enjoyable moments, which they will always remember, also it is a great way for the girls to interact and socialize together where by it creates a great bond among themselves. More important birthday parties make the girls feel so special and loved.

## STANDARD SEVEN GRADUATION



On 21 October Masukanzi primary school had graduation for standard 7 students. Five of the students who graduated were Latifa Mlasu, Renatha Luvanga, Anna Kusiga, Radhia Kayuyuva and Violeth Kiwonde, who lives at IOP center. They had a very good graduation and they enjoyed a lot! They are happy to graduate primary education and looking forward to a new chapter of secondary education.

Currently they are at the Lord's Hill Secondary School as pre form one students. Because they had good grades at school, they all expect to join form one class at the Lords Hill Secondary School by early January 2021.

All of them have the goal of doing well in school and plan to attain good grades in secondary school to be able join form 5 and 6!

We are all cheering for you girls and we know you will do great and make your dreams and plans possible!



*IOP center girls on their graduation day*

## GRADUATION AT THE LORD'S HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR FORM FOUR



On Friday 30th, October 2020 the Lords Hill Secondary School had their sixth form four graduation. The hall was filled up with fellow students from form one to form three, teachers, parents and family members, representatives from other IOP schools, guests of honor and the graduates! Among the graduates were the sponsored students in which one of them was Winfrida Muulage who grew up at the center.

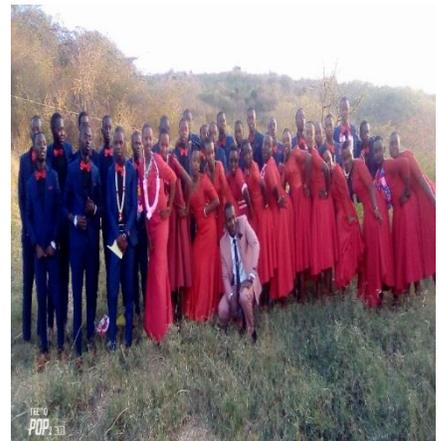
As always, the graduation was filled with dance and songs! The graduates dressed beautiful and looked excited. The girls were wearing red dresses, while the boys had dark blue suits with red bow ties.

Form one, two and three conducted a nice stage performance. Pre form one got the chance to perform too. Some students from IOP Kid's Corner



performed a dance that almost stole the whole show! Sunflower Pre and Primary School student's representatives performed a beautiful poem as well as other things about science. The graduates themselves also performed multiple songs; where they thanked their teachers, fellow students and the school administration!

Speeches were held and among the challenges mentioned was insufficiency of one room for laboratory in order to meet the government requirement, which need a school to have three laboratories. Currently the school has two rooms only. The students who truly did best different subjects got presents for that, and they all got their form four leaving certificates! A part from that, the school organized a trip to Mikumi National park the next day to motivate all students who excelled in their studies. The IOP managing Director motivated all Lord's Hill staff for their remarkable effort in improving the school performance. The entire program ended with a wonderful meal to all people.



At the end of the ceremony, you could see proud parents and families continuing the celebration with their graduates! Truly, a day filled with accomplishments and proud!



Left photo: Teachers and students at Mikumi National Park gate.

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