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YOU COULD MAKE A LONG LASTING
DIFFERENCE BY GIVING A DESK



Chato DC Mr. Shaaban Ntarambe (right) hands over desks to Busaka P/school head (Left) at Magufuh P/school- Chato

According to the former Prime Minister, Mr Mizengo Pinda until 2016, 1.5 mil. desks were needed for primary and secondary schools in Tanzania. If the Government would decide to shoulder this burden alone, it would possibly take a decade and billions of shillings to end the problem. SATF, as one of the stakeholders in education sector stood up to support Government efforts.

On 20th June 2016, SATF handed over 150 desks worth TShs. 21m/- to Chato District Council Authority. The 150 desks were distributed to 5 primary schools within the

District, receiving 30 desks each. The desks were distributed to Magufuli, Busaka, Kasenga, Iparamasa and Busanda primary schools.

During the handover ceremony held at Magufuli primary school, the District Commissioner, Mr. Shaaban Ntarambe commended SATF for its timely support, as the District falls short of about 19,703 desks



this year. With this support it expected that, about 600 children will comfortably sit on the desks. The

Trust's donation of school desks is in consonant with its national effort to promoting education sector and facilitate more access to education for most vulnerable children. The gesture is also part of TShs. 120m/- pledged for desks support project national wide in 2016.

SATF GOES EXTRA MILE TO BOOST UP YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY

It is of great news that this year on 9th March 2016, SATF launched short-term tailor made courses with a focus on the needs of the market. These courses include, Motor cycle maintenance, Solar installation and Batik making at Chilala Folk Development College(FDC) in Lindi Region. The program was made possible after SATF signed Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children in 2015, in favour of Chilala FDC. Targeting most vulnerable children youths, this collaborative effort aims to equip the beneficiaries with skills that can help them to be self-employable or secure employment in the labor market.

The launch event was officiated by representative from Lindi District Council, Eng. Baraka Kilangai, who also handed over to Chilala FDC essential training materials to run the program. SATF donated, 2 brand motorcycles, Batiki and solar training equipments. Also, earlier on, SATF handed over 25 double decker beds to support accommodation facilities, as well as funding

for three instructors to attend one-week crash program courses in the three mentioned trades at VETA Songea.

The tailor made courses program for MVC will be running between three and six months, graduates will also receive toolkits once they complete their courses. SATF is excited and looking forward to seeing 17 trainees (first batch) graduating in July 2016.



Solar panel handed over for practical training



Solar trainees in practical sessions



After a month in training, trainees
in Batik presented their output

"I AM WHO I WANTED TO BE" *"... my daughter fell sick for weeks and was required to pay some big amount of money to settle hospital bills, which I afforded from selling the livestock"*



Regina Deus, a mother of four children and a widow struggled to lift herself up from the limbo of poverty, she was left in after the

death of her husband. In her village, Ihanda in Karagwe district she would work hard as casual labour to bring food to the table for her children, but due to little earning life became measurable. The plot of land she owned could be of useful to establish a small farm or keep livestock as many other villagers would do, but she had no means to put such ideas into practice.



Before giving up life, in 2009, SATF came

to her rescue with plan B”, to provide her provide her with seed money to start an Income Generating Project of livestock keeping. Regina was among 30 beneficiaries, who formed an income generating group which SATF supported with a revolving capital amounting to TShs 7m/- to buy 60 goats and 150 local chickens. She was provided with 4 chicken and two goats, and in no time the project multiplied to 20 chicken and 4 goats. With some skills in savings Regina gained, she ventured into another small project of fruits and vegetables farming. SATF gives this kind of support to MVC care givers, enabling them to support their household members with nutritious foods.

SATF COMMITS TO SUPPORT MORE MVC WITH CHF

With the introduction of user-fee charges in health sector in Tanzania, it becomes unaffordable, and in some cases inaccessible

for poor people to get medical services. Of recent though, Tanzania introduced Community Health Fund(CHF) scheme in a bid to lessen the gaps in health services between the ‘*haves and have nots*’.



Commenting on the effectiveness of partnerships in CHF operations CHF coordinator at Nachingwea district hospital (above left), Mr. Bahati Meshaki said,

“the development of partnerships with the private sector have proved

In 2015, SATF made a leap forward by taking decision to introduce CHF scheme to 50 percent of its MVC currently under education support. SATF’s work in education sector for 18 years informs that over 99% of its target beneficiaries-MVC hardly can afford minimal medical services due to extreme poverty situation they in. With challenge, SATF collaborated with its

implementing partners to execute the CHF project in Mtwara, Lindi, Morogoro, Dodoma, Iringa and Njombe regions in 2015.

Todate, 358 out of targeted 853 MVC have been reached plus 1,432 caregivers as indirect beneficiaries. CHF beneficiaries are now sharing success stories about how the support has impacted on their lives. To broaden the support, this year SATF has allocated about TShs 14m/- to continue its CHF support project in the earmarked regions, expecting to benefit more 495 MVC and 1,980 caregivers by end of 2016.

FLOODS ALMOST RUINED THEIR PROGRAM OFFICE IN MTWARA

On 8th February, 2016, SATF supported its Implementing Partner (IP), FAWOPA with a desktop computer and a printer in response to the loss of office equipment due to heavy rainfall, which flooded their office premise located around Mtwara town. FAWOPA is one of the 4 SATF IP in Southern region of Lindi and Mtwara since 2013.



Mr Baltazar Komba (R), FAWOPA Executive Director receiving computer set from SATF Program Manager. Komba thanked SATF for this positive gesture.”

“You should be proud to know that with your continued support to FAWOPA you make it possible to execute the MVC education program more effectively”

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