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THUS FAR WE HAVE COME!

From 6th June to 7th June 2017, SATF held a workshop in Moshi, bringing together 107 participants- 79 beneficiaries and students who receiving education support from the Trust and their caretakers, i.e. 18 Implementing Partners. 10 SATF staff also participated in this one-of-a-kind gathering.

The main objective of the workshop was to receive feedback from beneficiaries and to discuss the overall performance of SATF programs i.e. success, challenges and measures for future improvements. The forum therefore provided an opportunity for discussing the paths that SATF beneficiaries have come through, share success stories and experiences among the participants. Also an input towards the development of our new strategic plan for 2018-2023.

This event had was also attended by Dr. Chris Mauki a lecturer at the University of Dar Es Salaam and a motivation speaker. Dr Mauki, shared on how to build confidence and the ability to be independent. He believes that, these two pillars were key for beneficiaries given their background and circumstances they are in.

On the subject Dr. Mauki gisted on the 9 pillars to build self confidence and being independent. These were: Time management, Avoiding procrastination, Being a go-oriented person, Acknowledging the power of decision making, Choosing battles wisely, Living within means and limits, Discovering the power within you, Standing

firm on what you believe and Living a life with integrity.



Dr. Chris Mauki, during his presentation



A cross section of beneficiaries attentively taking notes during the workshop.

This workshop had other outdoor Programs that aimed at enriching the attendees' knowledge of our country's endowment. The participants had a privilege of visiting the Marangu Water Falls at Kinukamori site as part of educational study tour. This was indeed a great experience for all of the participants!



Workshop participants enjoying the beauty of nature at Marangu Falls in Moshi.

COMMEMORATING DAY OF AFRICAN CHILD



SATF Program Manager, Mr. Rogasian Massue presenting a dummy cheque of shillings 10mil to the Executive Director, Prof. Mohamed Y. Janabi at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute as to commemorate the day of African Child on 16th June 2017.



SATF Program Manager, Mr. Rogasian listening to one of the Surgeon and specialist at JKCI Ward

FROM STREET TO COLLEGE: MEET MUSSA MLELWA

"It really doesn't matter where and when you started your dream, what matters most is whether you followed it and achieved some tangible results".

Mussa Mlelwa hails from Iringa region but later on relocated to Morogoro region for reasons that will prove true to many of us; that, true life is for those

who follow their dreams.

At class three primary education

Mussa lost both parents thus remained a double orphan, taken by his uncle from Iringa to

Morogoro did



not reduce his vulnerability originated after being an orphan and assure his promising future as he still had to solely took charge of his every need. He spent days and nights in the streets around Morogoro streets. Neema Resource Foundation (NEREFO) spotted Mussa's struggle in fending for himself on the street, so immediately intervened and rescued him. *Mussa was put back to school!* He

joined St. Monica school where he started MEMKWA education program., an accelerated primary education system targeting children who missed formal education at their appropriate age. In two years' time Mussa was shifted to standard five at formal/normal education system this time at Jitegemee primary school.

Four years in secondary education under SATF support through NEREFO

Support for scholastic materials, school fees and other related contributions from SATF was quite substantial to Mussa, but not sufficient to cover all essential needs. Mussa continued to work while studying in order to supplement his needs. He was selling fruits, worked as a casual labourer at a capacity of a watchman to guard unfinished sites ("pagale"), alongside his schooling. At times he was in despair and saw no more prospect towards his education path, but he kept pressing on. Thanks to NEREFO's close support of his efforts until he graduated Ordinary secondary education in 2016.

Nothing held him back as currently, Mussa is in preparation to join Local Government Training Institute, Hombolo, Dodoma where he will pursue one-year certificate course in Community development. Indeed, an important milestone Mussa is about to make that will definitely open more doors to many possible futures. Here he says:

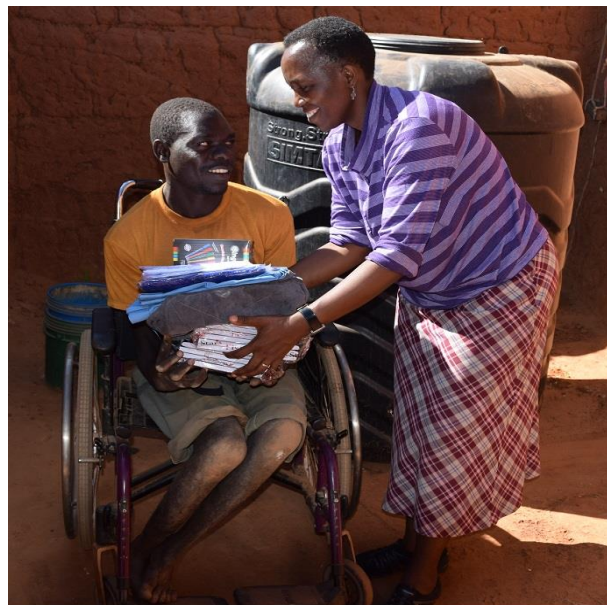
"I grew up in difficult circumstances and never thought I would graduate from school. I want to say thank you to NEREFO and my Donor SATF who have given me the opportunity to get an education and have a better future."

Mussa is making SATF proud, not only because he is a determined and hard-working person, but because he is such a great role model, inspiring so many other children to believe that success is possible at any stage of one's life

DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY HELD ON APRIL 2017 IN DODOMA

SATF in collaboration with its Implementing partners (IPs) have been providing education and health support to the Most Vulnerable Children. In April 2017, SATF visited TIKVAH Homes, Huruma Women Group (HWAG) and FPCT, our implementing partners in Dodoma Municipal and Chamwino to monitor the implementation of support programs after grants provision first installment in 2017. The IPs received grants as follows: TZS 30mil (FPCT), TZS 28mil (HWG) and TZS 32mil (TIKVAH Homes) to support Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in Dodoma region. A total number of 131 MVC students in VTC, Secondary and primary education programs have been supported with these grants covering college fees, food contributions, as well as scholastic materials and Stationaries for this first half year.

The implication of the support is to contribute towards improvement of school attendances, performances and psychosocial well-being of the supported beneficiaries, and the broader objective being enabling their career paths towards self-reliance.



Silvesta Madalala, a beneficiary at Mpunguzi secondary school receiving his support from Necksan William of TIKVAH homes.



MVC from Chamwino Secondary School in a group photo with their scholastic material after distribution exercise as seen holding them.



MVC representative from Msalato Secondary school appreciating the support received after distribution of scholastic materials.

HEALTHY BODY LEADS TO A HEALTHY MIND.

Community Health Fund (CHF) program is among programs implemented by SATF during the first half year period. The Fund provides health services to its beneficiaries through provision of CHF cards. A total of 566 MVC have benefited from the program through 15 current IP's working with SATF in different regions. The beneficiaries have been issued with CHF cards that they will use to access health services at CHF designated health centers.

Venance Mbwilo is one of the beneficiaries who is supported through SAFINA in Njombe District. Some years ago he lost his parents and currently he stays with his grandmother. Since 2013, Venance was enrolled under SATF educational support

By then a STD VII student. In 2016, SATF started providing CHF support in Njombe and Venance started enjoying that line of service as well.

Currently he is a happy camper as he can get medical services any time, something un-thought of in the past where at times he missed classes as he was sick at home. Also there are 4 Venance's relatives benefiting from his CHF card. Little income earned by these family members will now be used for other essential needs because their health needs are being covered through CHF.

Venance, now in form IV at Mabatini Secondary school will be sitting for his form IV national exams in November, 2017. He has no more worries on health services and he expects to perform better in his upcoming examinations.



Venance proudly showcasing his CHF card.



Some of SATF beneficiaries in secondary education, under St.Maria Goreth-Bukoba Rural, displaying their CHF cards.