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Best Performer Award

SATF organized best performer award ceremony for her beneficiaries who sat for the form six national examination in year 2015. The ceremony was held on 15th December 2015 bringing together implementing partners from NEREFO-Morogoro, HUMULIZA-Kagera, KARADEA-Kagera, TIKVAH Homes-Dodoma, LISAWA- Lindi, FAWOPA- Mtwara and MUVUMA-Shinyanga.

During the event 10 students were awarded with laptops each as part of motivation for the good academic performance. These students are among 21 SATF beneficiaries who completed form six in 2015. 3 beneficiaries got distinctions and 7 got merits, which according to the NECTA implies good performance for form six national examination. The laptops are expected to assist them while doing their University assignments.

SATF is very much delighted to have half of her form six beneficiaries, (47.6%) achieving incredible performance in 2015. 10 out of 21 which is 47.6% of all 2015 form six graduate had passed their examinations with flying colors. In total 19 out of 21 have been enrolled in public and private Universities in Tanzania.

The award ceremony was officiated by the SATF Board Chairperson, Mrs Mariam Mwaffisi.

While delivering her speech, she commended SATF team and the IPs for the achievements which is a product of joint efforts invested by both parties On



Frank Francis from KARADEA who is at Institute of Finance Management, receiving his award from the SATF board Chairperson Mrs. Miriam Mwaffisi.



Beneficiaries with smiling faces in a group picture after receiving laptops

the other hand, addressing the students the CEO congratulated the students and assured that SATF will continue to provide the relevant support and that it is their responsibility to study hard in order to achieve their dreams.

Touch the lives of the Needy

It was on the 24th July 2015 when Star TV through their “*Jicho letu Mikoani*” news session reported on Muhidin Saidi Chande’s family, which is situated in Kiziwa village at Kiroka, Matombo-Morogoro.

The catch on the family is that, 98% of the members have lineage blindness problem inherited from Chande’s grandparents. Like many other households Muhidin’s family face different levels of vulnerability depending on their economic resources and mechanisms to cope with the impact of poverty and disease. Muhidini and his wife Salma Hasani are blessed with 4 children; Abasi Muhidini Saidi, Saidi Muhidini Saidi, Zena Muhidini Saidi and Hassani Muhidini Saidi.

Despite being visually impaired Muhidini’s wife is actively engaging in income generating activities, she owns vegetable gardens from which she sells vegetable to villagers. However, Salma is challenged by shortage of water supply, as the nearby water well is half kilometre from her home. Salma, also keeps local poultry to raise income to support her family, which of course is insufficient to meet the household needs, including supporting education for her 4 children.

religious leaders. While handing over the items SATF advised Local Government Authority to mobilize community to contribute to the education fund which could be utilized to support vulnerable households like that of Muhidini. On the other hand, the Village Chairperson commended SATF for acting on the matter by donating essential items. He called for joined efforts from the Community to mobilize their resources to support vulnerable members.



Muhidini sitting with his family during the assessment visit at their home in Kiziwa village at Kiroka



Timotheo Tenga (SATF) exchanging hands with Village Chairperson as he handover the donated items at Muhidini's house

As an initial response to the challenges facing Muhidin’s family, SATF through her partner NERFEO has extended its support basing on the needs assessment. The family was provided with bedding facilities which included bedsheets, blankets, mattresses, beds and mosquito nets.

The handover event was conducted on 15th August 2015, it was attended by Village Chairperson and

SATF has also committed to provide education and medical support apart from the bedding facilities. SATF will broaden its sponsorship to education and facilitate Zena’s treatment, who needs operation to rescue from losing her eyesight completely. Zena was born with partial visual impairment. Despite previous operation Zena underwent, there was no significant improvements, thus requiring further medical steps. Her mother reported that, if Zena is exposed direct to sunlight or any bright light might cause further damages. Currently, Zena is in form two at Lugoba secondary school however, she was supposed to be in form three but she had to repeat a year following prolonged sickness since May 2014.

Other children are in different education levels; Saidi Muhidini is in form IV; Hassan Muhidini in Standard V and Abasi Muhidini has completed his form four in 2012. Abasi’s ambition is to become a teacher but he has not yet fulfilled his dreams. Therefore, SATF has enrolled him at St. Joseph College-in Morogoro to pursue Advanced Certificate in Community Development effective from November 2015. All 4 children have been included into SATF Education program.

SATF has made me who I am today

Helpless at a young age has never been an adequate reason to stop dreams of self-confident and dedicated youth like Happy Sanga, who regardless of whatever hardship she went through stayed focused to reach her bright prospect ahead of her life. Happy is a primary school teacher who graduated from Bustani Teachers College in Kondoa district.

Prior to that Happy completed her ordinary secondary education in 2012, where she got division IV point 26, which made it possible to join teacher's college.

Being heartened by her difficult life, Happy had been studying hard to fulfill her dreams of having a bright future. Currently, Happy is teaching tuition to 8 pupils at her home place while waiting for (permanent) government employment in January 2016. The little income from her tuition work supports her family's basic needs.

"I am struggling to work hard so as I can support myself and my family as a whole. I thank SATF and her IP HWG for their valuable support which led me to where I am today, with the teaching skills I have acquired I am assured of having permanent employment in January 2016."

Happy was identified in 2009 by Huruma Women Group (HWG) when she was a form one student at Mihuji secondary school. The need to support her came after the death of his father in 2000. Since then, the family

has gone through difficult time something which resulted her being identified as one the among most vulnerable children who qualifies for SATF education support.

".... Among the challenges I met when I was at Mihuji secondary school before joining Bustani teacher's college, includes lack of teachers and food shortage. I'm very proud of where I am now with much appreciation to SATF for the support given to me for six years leading to better life" said Happy Sanga



Happy Sanga standing with her mother Stumai Samwel, Mihuji in Dodoma.

Grant Disbursed in Year 2015

During the financial year 2015, the Trust has disbursed a total of TShs. 567mil as indicated in the below table;

No	Type of project	Amount utilized in TZS	No. of beneficiaries supported
1	Education – Primary to College Level	453mil	1,253
2	Health Service through CHF	4mil	324
3	Special Project's (Desks, Beds & Beddings)	110mil	2,010
Total		567mil	3,587

Funds which were disbursed to IPs were used for payment of school fees & school contributions,

purchase of scholastic materials and to support them in accessing health services. Special projects included donation of desks, beds and beddings to Special Schools at Buhangija – Shinyanga, Mitindo – Mwanza and Luhira – Ruvuma. The three schools cater for disabled, including with albinism and vision challenged students.

The distribution of the donated items was as follows;

- Buhangija (100 desks, 50 triple deckers & 400 pairs of bedsheets)
- Mitindo (100 desks & 200 pairs of bedsheets)
- Luhira (100 desks and 60 pairs of bedsheets)

The Trust also provided capacity building grant to Chilala Folk Development Centre (FDC) in Lindi region so that it can provide short courses which are market driven to SATF beneficiaries and other children. The training project will kick-off in March 2016.

Obituary



Our hearts still ache in sadness as we mourn John Masembo who has gone too soon. No farewell words were spoken.

John Masembo passed away on September 02, 2015 after being involved in a car accident while he was cycling to school.

Two students died in the accident. John was buried on the same day at his home village in Itumbili; Ushetu District, Shinyanga. John

was recruited and enrolled into SATF education program in 2014 through MUVUMA, Kahama.

At the time of recruitment John was in form one at Nyandekwa Secondary School before the accident claimed his life. Once student is enrolled into the SATF education program, he/she is assured of support until college level, depending on the beneficiary's ability to excel to next level. It is very sad that our commitment to John just ended prematurely.

Although his life was too short, he touched the hearts of many, who knew him. May the Almighty God rest his soul in everlasting peace.

Professor Ammon Mbelle joins SATF Board



Professor Ammon Mbelle

The Settlor has appointed Professor Ammon Mbelle to join SATF Board of Trustees with effect from 29th October, 2015. Professor Mbelle is an Associate Professor (School of Economics) at the University of Dar es Salaam and an International Consultant. He replaces Professor Peninah Mlama whose term has expired. The Settlor and SATF team extends their appreciation to Professor Mlama for her guidance during the period she served as a member of SATF Board.

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