

## OUR COUNTRY OUR HERITAGE!

It was unbelievable for some of the participants as they were crossing the country side to the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. This dream was made possible by SATF team, who organized a two - day stakeholder workshop at Uhuru Hotel, Moshi. The days at Uhuru Hotel, were fully packed, with activities. From 6th through 7th June 2017, 107 participants comprising of SATF beneficiaries and recipients of education support(MVC) and their Caregivers ( SATF implementing Partners ), as well as SATF staff gathered to explore variety of issues relevant to SATF MVC support programs.



In Day One, it was elating to listen to the beneficiaries as they narrated stories of impact on their lives after being registered with education, health and other support services. Implementing partners (IPs) shared experience and exchanged ideas on how they have been implementing the various SATF programs. From SATF team, we had tonnes of take - away from the participants. We have already documented many achievements and we are working on improvements that were requested on our part. The entire gathering was some sort of a “ think tank ” towards improving SATF`s work in future. Strong resolutions were documented.

Day two of the workshop whose culminated by an interesting educational trip to Marangu area, at the very foot of the Mount Kilimanjaro - Kinukamori Waterfalls. It was an interactive and humorous moment at the site, cooling off exhaustion of two busy days in Moshi but more important, exploring the history in Chagga land!

## GRANT DISBURSED IN YEAR 2017

During the year, the Trust managed to disburse TZS. 825m to support Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in 23 Districts within Tanzania Mainland. A total of 1,579 Most vulnerable children received education, nutrition and health supports. The MVC supported pursue education studies from primary to higher learning levels.

**“Securing the future for vulnerable children”**

## A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION



*We proudly introduce you to John Sembwa, our recent University graduate with a Bachelor of Education in Linguistics from Tumaini University, Makumira, Arusha - Tanzania.*

Born 28 years ago, John grew up in a poor family in the Dodoma region of central Tanzania. Having lost his father, he remained under the care of his mother, who then had to raise John and his two siblings alone. She struggled to put enough food on the table for her kids to survive, and she could hardly manage life as a single parent. As a mother who deeply understood the value of education, she somehow managed to help pay school fees in order for John to complete his secondary education in 2009. Unfortunately, this was almost the end of the road for John's dreams of higher education. Having done all she possibly could, his mother could no longer find a way to pay for any further schooling. This is where Huruma Women Group (HWG), our local partner in the Dodoma region who implements the MVC education support program, saved the day. John recalls: "I can't forget the day Mzee Msingwa, a village chair came to my home on a bicycle bringing good news for me! Huruma Women Group (HWG) has heard your cry and wants to help you go for your advanced education studies, don't worry my grandson". In 2010, John was enrolled in the SATF education support program to receive funding for advanced secondary education. From this point on, nothing but triumph followed. With our partner providing close support and guidance, John successfully completed his advanced secondary education and proceeded for University studies. Lo! And Behold! On 28 November 2015, John graduated with a B.A. Education in Linguistics! John proudly says, "... I am now married and a teacher at Joshua School, Arusha. With all

my Heart, I thank SATF and HWG for everything you have done to take me where I am today". John is proud, his family is proud, HWG is proud and we are over the moon to have had a hand in his success.

## ADDING UP TO GREATNESS

While many young people dream of becoming doctors or lawyers, one young man, Elisha Akyoo, has a bit of a unique vision for his professional future – becoming a statistician. Elisha is a gifted student studying for a Bachelor's degree in Education, specializing in Mathematics and Statistics at Mount Meru University in Arusha. He is now in his second year of university and on track to graduate and become a young statistician, his ultimate career dream. Elisha has been receiving educational support through SATF's local partner ECOLI in Arusha since 2011, when he was still in Form three at Mbuguni secondary school, Arumeru Arusha. It is truly powerful to see the journey Elisha has been able to take with the help of our long-standing support. Elisha is appreciating for our various forms of support, particularly for a laptop he was awarded as one of ten SATF form six graduates and top performers in 2015. It was Elisha's hard work that earned him this gift, and it has played a vital role in his successful university endeavors.

"This is the best educational tool provided to me to support my class assignments. I remain cheerful and grateful to all I receive from SATF.. really have been well served".



## THE DAR ES SALAAM SATF COLLEGE STUDENT CHAPTER KICKS OFF

SATF believes both in academic and social skills training for our beneficiaries. It is the combination of both, that can enable the productive members emerging from the current beneficiaries to be a desirable human being in the Community. It is under this auspice that SATF planned and initiated for a MOTIVATIONAL session for the SATF-Dar-Chapter (SATF DC) in November 2017. This session brought together the Fund's education beneficiaries, with the motive of equipping them with basic skills in career development and management, as well as life skills. It is expected that the soft skills gained through such these motivational training is fundamental to build strong base for pursuing their education and work careers. The gathering took place from November 24th to 25th 2017, at Ledger Plaza hotel, Bahari beach, attended by 27 beneficiaries from public colleges and universities within Dar es salaam region. Additionally, 4 SATF staff participated



**SATF supported College & University Beneficiaries: Dar Es Salaam Chapter and SATF staff in group photo during the workshop**

A renowned Motivational Speaker, Joel Nanauka, was invited to be the main facilitator of this gathering. Key themes covered included:

- Life skills and self-goal accomplishment,
- Leadership,
- Entrepreneurship,
- Networking among SATF students' beneficiaries.

At the end of the workshop each participant received copies of a book authored by Mr. Nanauka, titled 'Timiza Malengo yako' and 'Ishinde tabia ya kughairisha' after the workshop so as to continue to shape their mindset towards their goal settings.



**Mr. Joel Nanauka, workshop facilitator with beneficiaries during sessions**

The Students also capped their gathering with some Outdoor activities include off-shore soccer and casual-walks..



**Participants in session at an organized off-shore venue at Ledger Plaza Hotel.**

## OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS 20 YEARS COMMEMORATION

2018 marks SATF 20 years Anniversary of dedicated work in education support for Most Vulnerable Children in Tanzania. We celebrate this milestone with a myriad of local and International partners and stakeholders across who bought in our mission and worked hand in hand without path towards transforming the lives of hundreds of thousands of Most vulnerable children. Tremendous achievements and impact have been seen since 1998. Lives of families have changed as the financial burdens were being relieved off the shoulders of vulnerable families, graduations have been witnessed on young men and women who would otherwise see no College doors, careers built and really, emerging productive members from MVC.!! SATF has really witnessed creation of human assets for the Nation over this period of time.

Programs / projects support accomplished under the just - concluded Strategic plan and in SATF programmatic areas include: Education, Health, Nutrition, Economic strengthening - community empowerment, as well as several other one - time support to needy children and communities placed under special programs. The 20 years of existence cumulatively register over 180,000 most vulnerable children supported with education and several of these transformed as productive members of society!

There is however, a lot to be done going forward. First to sustain the tremendous work done, but secondly, to continue providing access to education and other basic services for vulnerable children in Tanzania. As part of the celebrations, SATF envisions to develop and adopt its new five - year - Strategic Plan, which will take its mission to 2022 taking stock of all the lessons learnt, as well as embracing contemporary program delivery methods. More collaborations are envisioned, inclusion, equity, efficiency and effectiveness. Scaling - up its work to reach more vulnerable children is what SATF dares now more than ever. This is critical because of the reality of hundreds of thousands of needy children who are still circumvented within the poverty cycle across Tanzania. Towards the end of 2017, the Fund reached 23 districts of Mainland Tanzania.

Notwithstanding such mileage, plans were set to expand its support work in new, yet remote catchment areas. Districts to reach included in the plan are Mlele, Kaliua, Itilima, Ngara, Kakonko and Geita.

Preliminary work to find partners to work with have been underway including undertaking first phase of pre - award assessment to selected NGOs and CBOs in the catchment areas.

## OBITUARY



***While we closed the year 2017 with many things to reckon, we also went remorse with sad news of the death of one of the SATF supported beneficiary***

Seif Issa Seif, that occurred on 14th December, 2017. The later Seif was being supported under our partner, USHIVIMWA in Mkuranga district, and was a second year student at Muslim University of Morogoro, pursuing Bachelor of Arts with Education. Issa succumbed to death caused by kidney failure and his burial was held in his village Mkuranga district. What a loss!; May His Soul Rest in Peace.