

“DO NOT GO GENTLE” A CALL TO ADDRESS HOSTILE ACTS TO MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN (MVC)

Growing up having to suppress views for fear of physical retaliation and social detachment, neglect, humiliations, threats and all forms of abuse are some of the daunting realities facing and stressing MVC in their daily lives. Eventually there's a defining moment when the target realizes that these acts have no validity and that they constitute hostile acts, Yes it's true that going with a whimper is much easier than standing up to confront the adults for their rights but the overriding question for the target is ‘They don’t care, so why don't you stand up for yourself?’ and this is the most dangerous thinking zone. For many MVC the world has not been a perfect place. If it were, it would not subject them to having to live without parents or subject them to daily stressful events; it would not leave them with worries of today and promised fears of tomorrow and eventually they learn that they don’t matter to community and there what they do in the community don’t matter.



MVC in Shinyanga crashing nutmegs for the day’s meal beside their old grand mother

You find a street child sniffing glue in the midday sun and you will understand, you find a young boy opting life on street than having to live with abusive guardians and it clicks. You find a young girl exercising prostitutions to support her mysterious father's baby and it makes sense, you find a group of young children begging on the streets at the time they should be at school and you get the motive.

But, must these MVC walk through this darkness path on their own? Where are the community members? Where are the parents, teachers, religious leaders what are the role of CSOs?



SATF's Program Coordinator (right) interviewing some VSI beneficiaries during PSS final evaluation visit- Arusha

Following PSS training of 180 MVC Care givers and provision of psychosocial support to 900 MVC in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mtwara, Coast,

Shinyanga and Mwanza, SATF conducted final evaluation visits to the respective regions and observed MVC Care givers definitive PSS provision activities and the positive impact it made on MVC and the message was loud and clear. Community members should stop being indifferent to MVC problems, adults should take parenting responsibilities, and when it comes to protecting children's rights; Do not go gentle.

ROLLING OUT PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

SATF received grant of TSh. 104 million from the Foundation for Civil Society to implement PSS- Capacity Building Project" which aims at equipping 26 IPs with PSS skills. These funds are for year 2 of implementation targeting 9 SATF partner organizations, by empowering 2 participants from each organization to become trainers of PSS care givers at grassroots' level. The 9 partner organizations are Karagwe Development Association (KARADEA) - Kagera, Huduma ya Watoto (HUYAWA) - Kagera, Mafunzo, Utetezi na Vitengo vya Uzalishaji Mali (MUVUMA) - Shinyanga, St. Maria Goreth Organization - Kagera, Kikundi

Cha Wanawake Kilimanjaro Cha Kupambana na Ukimwi (KIWAKKUKI) - Kilimanjaro, Huruma Women Foundation (HWF) - Lindi, Neema Resource Foundation (NEREFO) - Morogoro, Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation (TAWIF) – Dar es Salaam and Upendo Development Group (UDG) – Dar es Salaam. The training was conducted from 21st to 25th March, 2011 in Dar es Salaam.

The objectives of the training were to provide a refresher course on key areas of the introduction to PSS to participants who had attended the same introduction course last year and build capacities of the participants so that they can be able to disseminate PSS knowledge to caregivers working in their areas.

Other objectives were to increase the number of staff with PSS knowledge in individual organizations, share knowledge and skills between participants and organizations and to generate a pool of trainers on PSS from within partner organizations.

SATF contracted facilitators from REPSSI, a regional non-governmental organization working with partners to promote Psychosocial Care and Support (PSS) for children affected by

HIV/AIDS poverty and conflicts in 13 countries in East and Southern Africa who have expertise in PSS interventions and long experience in training and capacity building programs.



Trainers, SATF staff and participants in a group photo to mark the end of the PSS workshop.



REPSSI Director, Peter Masessa (Standing) clarifying a point on M & E framework during participants group's discussion

AFTER TASTING THE FEAT, SATF IP's COULD NOT KEEP QUITE

Immediately after training its 9 implementing partners representatives on psychosocial support skills capacity building. SATF sent 18 staff from 9 partner NGOs from Kilimanjaro, Lindi, Morogoro, Shinyanga, Bukoba and Dar-es-salaam to Nshamba, KAGERA for a study tour aimed at learning Vijana Simama Imara model of psychosocial support adopted by HUMULIZA Organization.

The journey that started in Dar-es-Salaam filled participants with awe inspiration longing to see how the tour will turn out and wondering what to expect. At last participants arrived at HUMULIZA and had opportunity to visit several VSI clusters and met with the MVC.

What participants witnessed caught them by surprise; It wasn't the programs that left them astounded. It was the warmth, the peace of mind, the hopes, the determination and mutual social integration where Organization, MVC and community members worked together in collaboration to achieve the psychosocial well being. Vijana Simama Imara welcomed participants as if they were the happiest children in the world. Rafiki mdogo group danced

energetically and majestically for the guests as if it was their last dance, women groups singing local patriotic songs with immerse concentration and feelings, and that was not all.



Rafiki Mdogo group dancing in turns as a gesture to welcome PSS envoys during HUMULIZA study tour-2011

Various psychosocial support activities involving various age groups were going on, Community elders playing collaborative role of guardians to MVC, HUMULIZA providing psychosocial support through scheduled sessions for stressed children. Young people called VSI members implementing self directed organizations including VSI bank, sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry, Rafiki Mdogo group (under 12) learning responsibilities and caring attitude from responsible adults by supporting the old and sick people, teachers and local leaders participating and supporting children initiatives. In fact HUMULIZA tour provided a good example of an egalitarian life which should be adopted by other communities.

And that is what moved SATF IPs, who learnt that it was not the amount of money or wealth that made Nshamba people triumph, it was the belief on their potentials, the caring attitude, collaboration, determination and joint efforts to make a difference to their lives

Moved by that experience, SATF implementing partners determined not to keep quite, rather resolved to go back and replicate VSI model of psychosocial support in their areas and convey the message to other community members that even the most vulnerable children, just like adults, when given opportunity, “They can make a difference”.



A group of SATF envoys from 9 partner NGOs grasping information on agricultural techniques during HUMULIZA study tour-2011

CAREGIVERS IN 5 REGIONS EQUIPED WITH PSS SKILLS FOR MVC WELLBEING

SATF in collaboration with its implementing partners in Shinyanga (MUVUMA), Kilimanjaro (KIWAKKUKI), Morogoro (NEREFO), Dar es Salaam (Upendo Development Group) and Lindi (Huruma Women Foundation) facilitated a one-day advocacy meeting with Districts officials. The aims were to mainstream PSS issues in their Districts programming. The meetings resulted into district officials resolving to incorporate the PSS elements in their plans, programs, and budget after observing the existing gaps in their programs regarding support to marginalized children. Advocacy meetings were followed by a five days training on PSS conducted to 100 caregivers from aforementioned localities which aimed at equipping them with PSS skills in order to provide support to stressed Children. 500 Most Vulnerable children will benefit from PSS provision as a result of that training since each trained caregiver will support at least 5 children.



Ms, Flora Kalamata from MUVUMA facilitating PSS advocacy meeting to officials from Kahama District council.



Participants in group discussion during caregivers PSS Training in Morogoro



Lindi caregivers PSS participants in a group photo after the end of five days workshop training.

ENVISAGING MVC SELF ACTUALIZATION

It was a delightful day for 38 Most Vulnerable Children who graduated from VTC training in Kilimanjaro and Mwanza. SATF representative participated in graduation ceremonies

and awarded start-up toolkits to 38 students who had acquired Vocational training skills in Tailoring and Mechanics courses in Kilimanjaro and Mwanza respectively.

SATF had provided grants to MKUKI-Kilimanjaro and AIDS outreach-Mwanza under Education program to

enable beneficiaries to access VTC courses. The ceremonies which were honored by witness of Moshi rural District Executive Director (DED) and Mwanza Diocese Bishop, hallowed by invited guests such as relatives, parents

and friends, provided a new beginning for graduates who were going to start independent living. With VTC knowledge and acquisition of toolkits the beneficiaries expressed their hope for self-reliance and improved wellbeing.



Beneficiaries supported by SATF through MKUKI in a pose after distribution of start-up toolkits held at MKUKI VTC



Tailoring teacher (in a Suit) Ms.Consolata Kabendera displaying to guest of Honor and AIDS Outreach staff the outfit made by MVC before distribution exercise.

MVC EDUCATION SUPPORT IN LINDI REGION

Huruma Women Foundation (HWF) is among SATF's implementing partner in Lindi region. For the year 2010 HWF was awarded TZS. 17,770,300/= to support MVC in Lindi region. A total of 157 MVC were supported with scholastic materials and school contributions. Among them 61 MVC are from primary schools and 96 MVC are Secondary schools. With this support MVC have been able to attend classes regularly which raise their performance and become productive members of society in future.



Guest of honor Mr. Makwinya handling scholastic materials to one of SATF beneficiaries through HWF in Lindi.



I would like to thank you my brethren for your educational support that has enabled me to acquire skills in embroidery, tie and die, wax making and cookery. Now that I am educationally empowered I will be able to engage in economic ventures to support myself and family. I am looking forward to expand my knowledge in tailoring and embroidery so I can be multi skilled and become professional. God bless you.



Some MVC and Guardians listening attentively to Guest of honor the Chamwino Ward Executive Officer Miss. Tausi Boma during scholastic materials distributions from SATF through FPCT Chamwino in Dodoma.



I got pregnant when I was in form two and was compelled to drop out of school and stay at home. My future looked blank not knowing my fate. I would like to thank SATF for reviving my life through their education support that gave me opportunity to learn various entrepreneurship courses. Now I know how to make wax, prepare jam from various fruits and am optimistic about my future. My plan is to build professionalisms in the acquired skills. I hope I will get support to continue with my studies when my child reaches age of 3 years.



◀ *MVC with scholastic materials after being supported by SATF through FPCT Chamwino.*



◀ *SATF beneficiaries at Mkonge sec in a pose with their teachers and HWF secretary (standing-3rd left) following provision of scholastic materials- Lindi.*

SATF AWARDS GRANTS TO 17 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FOR FY 2011

The SATF Board of Trustees has approved TSh. 453million to be granted for year 2011 to support education, community empowerment and advocacy programmes. The first phase of screening process has been completed, whereby 17 partners from 10 regions

have been allocated TShs.. 318million. SATF shall solicit additional partners for the remaining balance in the second half of the year. The funds will be disbursed in two installments. The second installment shall be disbursed subject to submission of a satisfactory accountability report of the first installment.

List of Partners and grants awarded in the first phase for 2011 ;

S/N	NAME OF IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	REGION	Granted amount in TSh.
1	AIDS Outreach Programme	MWANZA	22,757,300
2	The Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania (FPCT)	DODOMA	21,329,400
3	Grassroot Women and Youth Development Trust (GROWOYODA)	NJOMBE	17,171,700
4	HUMULIZA Organisation	KAGERA	18,790,700
5	Huruma Women Foundation (HWF)	LINDI	20,632,000
6	Huruma Women Group (HWG)	DODOMA	22,562,000
7	ELCT - HUYAWA	KAGERA	12,996,000.
8	Karagwe Development Association (KARADEA)	KAGERA	24,823,400
9	Lindi Support Agency for Welfare (LISAWA)	LINDI	20,325,700
10	MAPAMBAZUKO - NGO	NJOMBE	5,027,000
11	Mtwara Economic Development Initiative (MEDI)	MTWARA	19,177,500
12	Mradi wa Kudhibiti Ukimwi Kilimanjaro (MKUKI)	KILIMANJARO	12,513,950
13	Mafunzo, Utetezi na Vitengo vya Uzalishaji Mali (MUVUMA)	SHINYANGA	19,496,500
14	Neema Resource Foundation (NEREFO)	MOROGORO	14,106,300
15	ST. Maria Goreth Organization	KAGERA	20,019,600
16	TIKVAH HOMES	DODOMA	24,108,500
17	Ushirikiano wa Vijana wa Mwandege (USHIVIMWA)	COAST	22,022,000
	TOTAL GRANTS		317,859,550

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