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ABOUT SATF

Who we are:

Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) is a National Trust established by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and capitalized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in 1998 with an objective of supporting Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) to become healthy, secure, motivated and productive members of the society.

What we do:

SATF works in collaboration with grassroots organizations to support Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) to become productive members of the society through various interventions related education support, health, community empowerment, child protection as well as psychosocial support.

How we do it:

SATF generates income through investments and through continuous fundraising initiatives. Through a robust network of implementing Partners, SATF implements the projects that are initiated from grassroots level for community leadership, engagement and sustainability.

Where we work:

SATF has established a robust network of grassroots organizations (CSOs) in 11 regions of Tanzania as its partners in implementing MVC programs.

Vision

MVC in Tanzania are transformed into healthy, secure and motivated children to become productive members of the society

Mission

Supporting MVC to attain their full potentials through provision of basic services in collaboration with the Government, CBOs and other development partners

Dear readers,

Welcome to the 14th edition of our newsletter.

I'd like to share with you the happenings of the first half of the year 2013. The year started on sound note, this follows the remarkable performance of the Fund that was recorded in the preceding period. In this we are working with 18 grassroots organizations of 2 are new to SATF family replacing organizations which have underperformed during the previous year. The Trust has committed TZS 400mil to be disbursed to grassroots organizations to support Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) projects in Tanzania.

During the period under review, we have introduced new intervention under Health category, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) among the In School Youth branded as 'Binti Simama Imara'. BSI is piloted in five secondary schools in Dodoma region whereby 2000 students will be reached. Other projects which are implemented include MVC Education support and Income Generating projects under Community Empowerment.

Our achievements amongst the many are documented as success stories in this edition.

Enjoy reading!

Beatrice Mgaya
Chief Executive Officer

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IMPROVING LIVES OF MVC WHILE BUILDING CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

The story of Matrida Lucas Namilopa, (55 years) Chairperson of Nachingwea Women Development Association (NAWODA) illustrates how SATF Education program have improved lives of many MVCs as well as transforming her association into a more organized firm.

Before she partnered with SATF in the year 2008, her organization was at its infancy stage. She was informally supporting about 30 orphans on school fees and scholastic materials. Some of these supported orphans are staying in her house for shelter support. With limited sources of fund, she was not able to provide sufficient support needed. *"..I was depending on my own source of income and the contributions from women members of our Association"* said Matrida.



Matrida Namilopa captured in her Office in Nachingwea

In the year 2001, Matrida Namilopa relocated to her home district, Nachingwea from Arusha following her husband's retirement from civil service. While at Nachingwea. She settled in Majengo 'D' area. Initially, she engaged herself in the business of transporting timber from Nachingwea to Dar es Salaam, a business that later ceased and was replaced by her current engagement in small scale Agricultural activities and Social Projects.

As a born again christian woman, she used to visit the government hospital every Sunday. *"It is then, I came to learn that HIV and AIDS have affected our community seriously"*. She stressed that there were a good number of sick people in the hospital and some of them had no relatives to take care of them. ARVs were not available

to many people as the case of today. Stigma was high in the community to the extent that some of sick people were left by their relatives in the hospital just waiting to die.

"I volunteered my time and resources to take care of admitted sick people at Nachingwea district Hospital..." Said Matrida. In 2003, she was recommended by the district hospital authority to attend the training on Home Based Care for people living with HIV and AIDS. On the same year she started taking care of orphans in streets without elder care givers. She had 5 orphans staying with them in her house.

In the year 2005, along with other 10 women she informally started the community group and in 2006 they officially registered their group after being encouraged by the District Commissioner as the recognition of their work in the community.

NAWODA joined the SATF family as an implementing partner in 2008. *"I remember when I met SATF it was a new beginning of our journey to success... apart from providing school fees and scholarly materials, they donated beds and mattresses to 30 orphans who were staying with me in my house"* She said.

The organization had no proper knowledge on organizational management. They had no office furniture. SATF trained NAWODA staff members on financial management including general knowledge on office management and donated office furniture.

Through SATF partnership, NAWODA have been able to support a total of 88 MVC to access education at different levels from Primary to Secondary and Vocational Training Centers.

"The contribution of SATF in building capacity of our organization and the support to vulnerable children in our community is remarkable and well recognized in the district" Matrida Concluded.

NAWODA is one of the 18 Implementing Partners working with SATF in supporting MVC to access education.

"Securing The Future For Vulnerable Children"

SATF reduced Barriers in accessing Secondary school Education among MVC

SATF is working with 18 NGO partners in supporting Most Vulnerable Children in 14 regions of Tanzania. Every year, SATF supports at least 2000 MVC to access primary, secondary, vocational training and higher learning education. The education support from SATF covers scholastic materials, school fees and other direct school contributions.

Based on the knowledge taped from practical experience of implementing education project since 1998, SATF has realized that there are some other barriers hindering MVC in accessing education rather than school fees, uniform and direct contributions. In most cases ,MVC supported students have been dropping from school due to teenage pregnancies and early marriages. Some of them drop from school and engage in child labor to earn some money in order to support their poor families.

In responding to these challenges, SATF introduced the Community Empowerment project to enable MVC caregivers through income generating activities to generate income so that they can support their households..

In responding to the problem of school dropout due to early marriages and teenage pregnancies, SATF has introduced "Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health project. The project is branded as "Binti Simama Imara (BSI). The project intends to increase knowledge on sexual and reproductive health as well as building life skills among secondary school students particularly girls.

Regardless of all these efforts, there are still some other unmet needs like books for private studies,, quality teachers in rural schools and lack of electricity. All these challenges affect negatively the quality of education as well as the performance of students in disadvantaged schools in rural areas.

In responding to this SATF intends to collaborate with other key stakeholders to implement the project with the goal of increasing access to quality education among disadvantaged children in rural secondary schools. SATF believes that, the sustained solution to MVC is to support them to access quality education with the aim of making them become productive members of the society.



A student Peer Educator Ashura Ali Hamis from Makutupora Secondary school posing for the photo with her BSI project T-shirt

SATF AMBASSADOR

Faith Patrick Christopher is a 21 years old student at the University of Dar es salaam (BA Political Science), who benefited from SATF MVC Education support through Huruma Women Group in Dodoma. Faith aspires to become an ambassador and support Most Vulnerable Children in the community.

She was born in 1992 at Chamwino, Dodoma Municipal. After the death of her father in 1994 and her mother in 1997, she stayed with her Aunt as her care giver.

She enrolled in primary education at Chamwino Primary school in 1999. *"Life was difficult at that time. My aunt could not afford to meet all the needed support"* said Faith and added. *"Thank God in 2000, Huruma Women Group started to support me and in the year 2008 when I was in form three, I was enrolled under SATF Education Support project... SATF provided me school uniforms, exercise books, school fees and other direct school contributions"*

Faith's story goes onShe passed standard seven exams and joined Chinangali secondary school in the year 2006 and in 2010 joined Ifunda Secondary school in Iringa region for advanced secondary school education. She completed advanced secondary school with the pass mark of division one and was selected to join the University of Dar es salaam for higher learning studies pursuing Bachelor of Arts in Political science.

Faith pointed out that, the secret behind her success in academic life is commitment and discipline in all aspects of life. Her dream after studies is to become an ambassador representing Tanzania in foreign countries. She believes that, as an ambassador she will be able to link MVC in Tanzania with different donors to support them.

"I aspire to become an ambassador representing my country and helping MVC in our community". She said with her face expressing the smiling hope.



Faith Patrick with a smiling face

"Securing The Future For Vulnerable Children"

EMPOWERING MVC CARE TAKERS, A SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN



Jane Josephat with her daughter standing in front of her goat shed

SATF through KARADEA has been supporting the MVC care takers since 2009 whereby 30 care takers were provided with livestock. Each care taker was provided with 2 goats and 5 chickens. The care takers were also provided with iron sheets and nails for shed construction and labor charges for construction of sheds. The care takers were required to refund the 2 chickens and 1 goat which in turn have supported 15 beneficiaries more; this makes a total of 45 beneficiaries to date.

"...with increase of needs at schools where my two daughters are studying, I did not know how to cater for the requirements, and this made me feel distressed..." said Mrs. Jane Josephat a beneficiary in the IGA project in Kihanga village, Kagera. She is the first round beneficiary who received 2 goats and 5 chicken and managed to return 1 goat and 2 chickens as per project requirements. Her two daughters in secondary school depend entirely on their mother following the death of their father. She uses earning obtained from selling eggs and goats to support her two daughters for scholastic materials and other needs.

KARADEA is one of the five Implementing partners (others are PADI in Ruvuma, MUVUMA in Kahama, Humuliza in Kagera and TIKVAH HOME in Dodoma) which implements Income Generation Activities under Community Empowerment project category. The support for small income-generating activities (IGA's) has demonstrated to be one of the most tangible tools to provide low-income households with revenue.

SATF PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

- A total of 400 million was committed to support MVC projects for year 2013
- A total of 1630 MVC out of 1713 MVC have been supported under SATF education program as at June, 2013
- A total of 154 households have benefited from IGA project under community empowerment project
- A total of 99 beneficiaries have received loan under micro soft loan scheme.
- 20 T.O.Ts from 5 selected schools in Dodoma have been trained in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
- 80 peer educators from 5 selected schools in Dodoma have been trained in Sexual and Reproductive Health.

OUR IMPLIMENTING PARTNERS IN 2013

AOPN:	Nyakato,mwanza
FPCT:	Dodoma
FAWOPA:	Mtwara
HUMULIZA:	Muleba, Kagera
HWG:	Dodoma
HWF:	Lindi
KARADEA:	Karagwe, Kagera
LISAWA:	Lindi
MKUKI:	Kilimanjaro
MUVUMA:	Shinyanga
NAWODA:	Nanchingwea, Lindi
NEREFO:	Morogoro
PADI:	Songea
ST MARY GORETH	Bukoba, Kagera
SHICODA	Njombe
TIKIVAH HOMES:	Dodoma
UHAI	Arusha/Kilimanjaro
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