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PRE-AWARD MEETINGS AND GRANT AWARD FOR 2009



Guest of Honor, Arusha District Commissioner Mr. Raymond Mushi (second from left) and SATF CEO (third from left) together with SATF staff and planning meeting participants from 4 Organisations (Northern Zone) posing for a picture after grant award ceremony in Arusha, July 2009.

During the period familiarizing and polishing commencement of the under review, SATF Implementing Partners on implementations of the conducted pre-award Grants Management and projects for the year. meetings that aimed at operational procedures before

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Message from CEO's Desk



I am pleased to report on the activities we have carried out during the past six months of 2009.

We have focused on pre-award meetings and grant disbursements for the 2009 Grant allocations that involved 30 grantees from Tanzania mainland.

SATF works in partnership with grassroots organizations throughout Tanzania mainland; this time around our pre-award meetings which served parallelly as capacity building sessions were conducted zonal-wise instead of the traditional single meeting in Dar es salaam. We therefore, had four zones (i.e Coast zone, Lake zone, Northern zone and Southern zone). This became quite handy and useful as we had manageable groups that also availed the opportunity of

having highly interactive training sessions whilst achieving cost savings.

A semi-arm to our Program activities, is the Psychosocial Support project (PSS). With regards to this, in our previous edition, we had reported on the implementation of the Training of Trainers(TOT) PSS training of 25 grantees from 13 regions, who in turn were required to spearhead and disseminate the mainstreaming of PSS to the Districts.

I am pleased to report that, training sessions on Mainstreaming PSS in the Districts, have been conducted in 6 regions (i.e. Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Coast, Mwanza, Shinyanga and Mtwara). Along with PSS training, we designed Vijana Simama Imara (VSI) projects embedded within the PSS project. Basically in VSI projects, youths are given a chance to plan and manage their own Income generating projects as part of Youths/MVC Empowerment.

We will certainly provide updates on the types of projects, the number of beneficiaries reached and thereafter the overall impact under the PSS and VSI projects in our subsequent editions.

I wish you all happy holiday season

Beatrice Mgaya
Chief Executive Officer

PRE-AWARD MEETINGS AND GRANT AWARD FOR 2009



Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Hon. William Lukuvi (MP) hands a certificate of grant award to PADI Songea. The pre-award training was conducted in Dar es Salaam.



Guest of Honor, Mtwara District Commissioner Mr. Elaston Mbwilo (third from left), SATF team and representatives from 4 organisations posing for a picture after the preaward meeting in Southern Zone.

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This was also an opportunity for grantees to develop work plans and budgets. The respective meetings were conducted in four zones, namely; Coast, Northern, Lake and Southern zone.

SATF considers capacity building during the pre-award meetings as a key element in execution and accountability of the projects.

A total of 30 implementing partners were oriented on SATF grant implementing procedures before being awarded grants. This year the Fund has set aside a total TShs. 400 million which will support projects relating to education, community empowerment and Child protection.

TRAINING ON STRENGTHENING CHILD RIGHTS IN HANDENI DISTRICT



Participants in a group discussion during training on Child Rights conducted in Handeni for two days from 30th September to 1st October, 2009 by Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation [TAWIF]. TAWIF under the support of SATF trained 50 stakeholders from MVC committees, NGOs, CBOs and FBOs.

Ms Fransisca Matay, Chief Executive Officer - TAWIF providing clarifications to participants during the training on Child rights which was conducted in Handeni District. Standing on the right is Handeni State Attorney Mr Mtinanga who was key facilitator.



District Official from Department of Social Welfare in Handeni, presenting to participants the role and functions of MVC committee during the training in Child Rights.

SATF EMPOWERS MVC CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS!

(Reported from Karagwe District)

SATF's Community Empowerment projects aim at empowering Caregivers and Child Head of Households to start their own income generating projects which will in turn help them to support Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in a sustainable manner. In implementing this type of project, SATF in collaboration with Karagwe Development Association (KARADEA) have provided goats and hens in form of loan to 30 MVC Caregivers who will support 160 MVC in Karagwe District. Each beneficiary was given a loan of 2 goats and 5 hens; furthermore SATF provided funds to assist the beneficiaries to construct livestock sheds and provided entrepreneurship skills training.

In order to ensure that, this project is sustainable, beneficiaries were facilitated to form groups of 3 to 6 people. Seven groups were formed by beneficiaries, these are Tupendane Kituntu, Tuinuane Ihanda, Juhudi Nsheshe, Umoja, Tuinuane Katanda, Tweyambe Kishojo and Azimio Keishenyanga. Each group has its leadership which will oversee progress of their respective groups. In addition to that, each beneficiary is required to return 1 goat and 2 hens after a year. This will enable other Caregivers to benefit from the project. The beneficiaries were also trained on record keeping and encouraged to nurture the saving culture for proceeds from their sales. The project is expected to scale up and to reach 15 more beneficiaries after one year.



Some of beneficiaries who were supported with livestock under SATF Community Empowerment Project in Kihanga ward, Karagwe.

(Reported from Songea Rural District)

Caregivers from Songea Rural District were among the beneficiaries that enjoyed benefits the empowerment project under the supervision of

PADI. 150 MVC caregivers were provided with small loans to start their income generating activities which in turn will support 641 MVC in Songea Rural district



Mr Alfred Ngatunga and Miss Tuma Willomo of PADI handing over a loan sum to one of beneficiaries

SATF RETREAT HELD AT KUNDUCHI BEACH HOTEL

In July 2009, SATF conducted a Retreat workshop at Kunduchi Beach Hotel. The objective of the workshop was to review the progress of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008/2010 and to discuss on the way forward. The workshop was attended by Trustees and all Staff members. The facilitator of the workshop was Mr. Paschal Lutege from Chater Consult firm.



A cross section of SATF staff during the retreat workshop at Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Dar es Salaam

The review covered all the activities that fall under SATF portfolio, that is, Investment, Grant making and Resource Mobilization.

The Participants appraised the incumbent Strategic Plan

drawing success and soft spots that needed to be addressed. A very healthy contribution was observed from all the members which largely added to the success of the workshop.

In the end, the workshop successfully came up with some reviews on the plan and 'The way forward' for the remaining period in order to accomplish the goals which are stipulated in the Strategic Plan.

TWO STAFF ATTEND TRAINING IN DUBAI,

In December 2009, two staff attended a short course on Planning and Organizing skills in Dubai. The training was conducted by Spearhead Training UAE.



Sumbuko Zakaria (in white shirt) and Paul Masandeko (in black shirt) together with other delegates while attending a training on Planning and Organizing skills in Dubai, UAE, in December 2009.



Paul Masandeko, Finance Officer (in black shirt) and Sumbuko Zakaria, Information Technology Officer (in white shirt) receiving certificates from a tutor Ms. Nisrine El Hajji after attending Planning and Organizing skills in Dubai

“WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET GOING”

Psychosocial support (PSS) is a program geared to improve the well being of orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tanzania. PSS is backed up with Vijana Simama Imara model (VSI) which empowers MVC to become social actors in the community by facilitating children and youth to run their own projects.

In the midst of all misery, isolations, conflicts, stress, different form of abuses and all sort of psychosocial problems, PSS-supported-MVC kept on the move expressing resiliency, determination and social integration including educational pursuits.

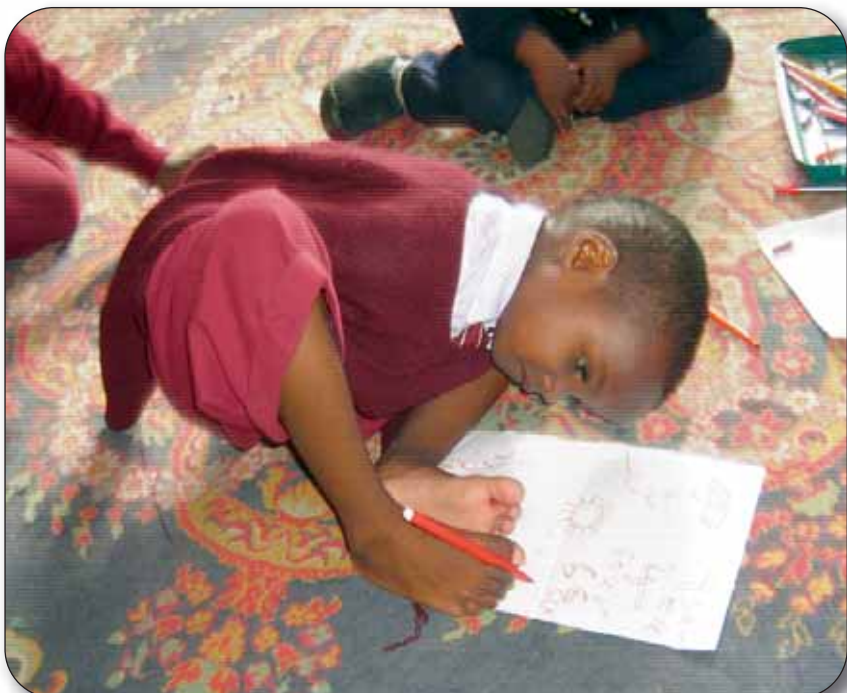
This is what the SATF team observed during the field visit conducted in November 2009 at Himo – Moshi during supervision of the progress of PSS project under the implementation of MKUKI. (a grantee in Moshi District).

MVC caregivers who received PSS training have continued to provide PSS support to MVC. Youths have shown initiatives to take lead in their enterprise by coming up with income generating projects in replication of HUMULIZA Vijana Simama Imara model of Psychosocial support.

SATF is rolling a three year psychosocial support capacity building project in 13 regions of Tanzania by the support of Foundation for Civil Society.



Guest of Honor Rosalia Namkina, The Catholic youth Counselor of Shinyanga Diocese presenting roosters to one of VSI beneficiaries after VSI training in October 2009. Rosalia was also one of PSS care givers who were involved with PSS provision to MVC in Shinyanga. On her right and left hand sides are TAHEA staff Mr. Frederick Mulima and Mary Mwombeki witnessing.



I can do it! An impressive determination by one of PSS beneficiaries Ramadhan Iddi (4 years), expressing resilience through nurturing his artistic talents despite his physical hand cap by drawing and doing some arithmetics using his feet during SATF PSS Monitoring visits, in Arusha.

Events of 2009 Staff party

PHEW!

Lets have Fun! It's year end.



➔ *SATF staff together with Children and representatives from YOPAC and Upendo Development Group having lunch at Kunduchi beach hotel during the office year-end event.*

➔ *Shukuru Musabila, (blue t-shirt) and Sumbuko Zakaria, (white t-shirt) jumping high during the sack race at Kunduchi Beach Hotel*



➔ *"Simba team" rejoicing around the trophy as they celebrate their overall victory over "Twiga team".*



➔ *Representatives of SATF sponsored children, YOPAC and Upendo Development Group staff in group picture during year-end event at Kunduchi beach Hotel*



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