



Mwema Children Centre - Academics

The year 2023 began well as Mwema had increased the number of children in secondary school and collages. One boy and three girls were selected to join Secondary school at Ganako while two girls and three was proceeding to form three of secondary school. At Manyara VTC Collage, two more children (James Zacharia and Johnson Zacharia) were given chances to pursue their dreams in Carpentry and Welding respectively. Now at collage there are 8 children in total who pursue their dreams and develop their talents. These children are doing different courses, some 2 years and some 3 years both in electrical Installation, Carpentry and Joinery, Welding, Plumbing, Wildlife management,

Our Happy Guests

Our happy guests this quarter are guests from Austria, a couple, Andreas and Elsa. Mwema has been receiving a number guests who come to visit and see what we are doing. They get time to learn and understand the project activities in details.

Among many, this quarter Andreas and Elsa was truly a blessing to Mwema Children Centre. Andreas and Elsa volunteered for two weeks where they shared their expertise through workshops with Staff for Basic Computer skills refreshing on WordPress, Sketch, Microsoft Office - Excel and some Creative designs for the organization that would add value to Mwema work. Conducted a training workshop with Mwema Children Staff on

Cosmetology and many more courses. This quarter, through Mana support, Mwema has taken four children to a private school in Moshi, three boys and one girl.



Earned Value Analysis, Introduction to JIRA and Agile methods. Updated Mwema social medias and Websites and provided a better way to reach more audiences using social medias platforms. Andreas and Elsa had fun with children and had time to enjoy the beauty of Tanzania through a visit to Ngorongoro and Serengeti. Had time to roam in Karatu streets and learning from natives.

EVENTS: Jan - March 2023.

1. Mwema Children - Academics 2023
2. Our Happy Guests - Elsa & Andreas
3. Mwema Day 2023
4. Godlive John - University
5. Sumawe Farm - Tomatoes, Avocadoes and other Veggie's
6. Fish Pond 2023
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“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”
- Kofi Annan

With Mwema Children, Elsa and Andy participated in Farm activities and many more hands-on activities done by Mwema Centre. Mwema is happy and open to volunteers from around the world. Anyone who wishes to work and volunteer with Mwema is welcomed through our website directories where all the information concerning volunteering are available.



Mwema Day program has been changing and transforming lives of most vulnerable children in Karatu through its life lessons program. Mwema team managed to conduct five Mwema day sessions for this quarter where children participate in the following;



- Children were invited to participate in Mwema day which is held twice a month making 6 times in a quarter. Children from Karatu Streets participated.
- In this Mwema days, children had opportunity to learn about their essential rights and many more.

Sumawe Farm - Tomatoes, Avocadoes and other Veggie's



The tomatoes planted at Mwema farm have yielded and provided a lot of support to Mwema children such as financing some of the activities its activities that are touching children lives. Empowerment and Capacity Building: All of Mwema sustainable projects focus on empowering beneficiaries by building their skills and capacities. For street and vulnerable children, this approach leads to improved self-sufficiency and better long-term prospects, breaking the cycle of poverty and marginalization.



- Children learnt about the good way of getting things they need like basic things while on the street or at home.

An average of 68 children participated in each Mwema day where 33 were children from the centre and 35 from the street. For those who came from streets, 15 were girls and 20 boys an average on each Mwema day session held.

- All children that were invited from streets got time to participate in all events done and had time to eat, shower, wash their clothes and participate in sports and games at Endoro pitch.

Fish Pond & Poultry Farm-Sumawe

The Fish Pond and Poultry Farm project aims to provide sustainable food sources and economic opportunities for Mwema Children and the local community. The project involves the construction of fish ponds and poultry farm facilities in the designated area of Sumawe.



An average of 47 locals, male and female have been temporarily employed by the project and have been able to support their families by the money they earn by working on the fish pond project, especially through pond digging and removing the soil from the pond. Once the digging is completed hopefully by mid-April and the excess soil is appropriately managed, the construction phase for the fish pond will commence, followed by the construction of the poultry farm facilities. Ultimately, the project will provide lasting benefits to the community by offering sustainable food sources and economic opportunities as planned.

Godlive John - To University

Godlive John is going to be the first Mwema child - girl supported to reach at university level. A degree level of course. On she participated in her form six graduation waiting for final examination before she goes to university in October - September 2023. On the graduation, Godlive was recognized as one of the best students in her study combination.

National examination council of Tanzania released advanced certificate of secondary education examination timetable and expected to start on Tuesday 2nd to 22nd Monday of May 2023. This is an opportunity of Godlive John to excel and elevate to another level of her studies.



Godlive is doing History, Kiswahili and English language (HKL). In HKL she emerged number one with outstand performance.

Mobile School

Aiming at improving street children self esteem and encouraging them to aspire to go back to school, this quarter Mwema conducted 18 Mobile school session reaching an approximaltely 217 children children both boys and girls at seven different locations.



Other topics included, Mathematics (Basic for Children, Playing Mobile School Games etc. Our street workers had time for children counselling and asking those who wanted to join school to come to Mwema. Five boys children have been registered to COBET as a results of Mobile school activities this quarter.



Hands-on Activities Workshops

International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. This year Mwema joined all women in the world in celebrating the day with a theme: The Accelerate Equality initiative aims to close gender gaps and promote women and girls' empowerment to drive transformative change, unlocking trillions of dollars in economic potential.



On the day Mwema invited some influential women from Karatu to come and speak with Mwema children and staff. Among many topics discussed and presented, girls - children were encouraged to pursue their dreams and that, they can be whatever they want to be in life be it a lawyer, pilot or a president.



The aim of the IWD 2023 #EmbraceEquity campaign theme is to get the world talking about *Why equal opportunities aren't enough*. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action.



Unemployment has become a very serious issue everywhere around the world. Mwema children Centre believes in nurturing talents that might be used as a substitute when one is not employed in formal sectors. Mwema has different skills developing activities such as;

- Tailoring (Sewing Machines)
- Arts and African Dance
- Drama, Comedy, Music
- Computer skills
- English language
- Agriculture
- Cooking and baking classes

All these activities are implemented to help a child to have options after completing their studies and when stuck without employment.

1. Agriculture sessions.

With the support of Martin Sikukuu who is supervising the farming activities at Sumawe and one expert, children had opportunity to learn growing vegetables such as chinese, Sukumawiki, Amaranthus, spinac etc. Most of these classes were happening in the evening after school activities at Mwema, Ganako and Endoro primary school. In Saturdays, children were participating in the morning interchangeably with Secondary school children as their timetable differs. However, they all learned same thing that they can apply in their lives. The Sumawe farming activities involved COBET children who study at Mwema facilities, and this was an opportunity for them to learn and gain new agricultural insights.



At Mwema garden, children had opportunity to learn how to prepare a vegetable farm in a small area aiming at getting high yield. The agricultural class at Mwema was supported by local NGO that Mwema collaborate with. They provided drip irrigation for a small plot and technical knowleget to the children and staff.



2. Cooking Class

Children from any age can help in the kitchen and learn culinary skills. Mwema had some views. However, this quarter, children participated in their kitchen routines this quarter. They work with cooks in supporting some of the activities in the kitchen as per their planned schedule. Next quarter that began in April, baking classes will begin as the Coking Oven is scheduled to be finished by mid-April 2023



3. Computer Class

Technology is a huge part of our lives, but it's changing quickly, so figuring out how to teach kids computer basics can be a challenge, but, at Mwema, we believe everything us possible with determination. Not much was done this quarter in children computer class as most of the computer needed some maintenances. However, Mwema is planning to introduce teaching classes using tech aid such as teaching tablets equipped with teaching resources for all children at Mwema.



4. Tailoring class

I think it's completely amazing when a parent spots the talent their kids have and takes the step to nurture that creativity right from a young age. Mwema is always helping children reach their goals even when others frowned at it. Mwema believes it is important to work on supporting children dreams right from a young age, as it could be the start of a great career. This quarter not much was done in sewing class due to most time being dedicated to agricultural session that needed a lot of time.



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OUR VISION

Protecting and Transforming Most Vulnerable Children's Lives for Better Future

OUR MISSION

Mwema advocate for children protection and Transforming lives of most vulnerable children through Education, Rehabilitation, Fit Person, Foster care, Family Reintegration, Social-economic and Cultural support for Self independent.

OUR FAVORITE SLOGAN

"One dollar, one child, for a better future of millions"

About Mwema Children Centre

Mwema Children Centre is an organization, working to promote rights for the street connected children, established in 2006 by four founders. Two Tanzanian natives; Pastor Elisante Mwenegoha and Mr. Kalist Masika and two Spanish natives; Manuel Galan and Ines Zamanillo.

Mwema is a registered national NGO under the regulations of the Ministry of Health Community development, Gender, Elders and Children since October 2007 with the registration number 00NGO/1216 and a license number 0005715

Mwema Operations

Mwema Children Centre has been providing support to the most vulnerable Children of Karatu Town and surroundings through the residential centers for most vulnerable Children both boys and girls, Complimentary basic education trainings for School dropouts and those who did not get a chance to school at all.

We also provide Basic Health Education for those children still living in the streets, Sponsorship for those children that access to Complimentary Basic Education Tanzania (COBET), Primary School, and Secondary school, VTC, College and University to date.

CORE VALUES

In achieving its vision and fulfilling its mission, Mwema adhere to the following core values:

- **INTEGRITY** - To maintain the highest standard of behaviors encompassing honesty, ethics, and doing the right thing at the right time and for the right reason.
- **EXCELLENCE** - Belief in providing outstanding quality programmes and services to support and transform lives of most vulnerable children.
- **COMPASSION** - Dedicating ourselves to the success of others by embracing hope, love and reconciliation
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** - We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of ethical behavior and responsibility for our actions, while maintaining integrity in our performance and advocating it in public for those we serve.
- **DIVERSITY** - We respect and appreciate differences in ethnicity, gender, age, physical abilities, education and religion amongst individuals of the organization.
- **TEAMWORK** - We work together, across boundaries, to meet the needs of the children and community we serve.

Our Perspective this quarter:

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

- Malcolm X.



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Dear, Reader,

Thank you for your time reading this newsletter. At Mwema, we cannot without your support. We have more than 54 children that need your support. We welcome, Donations, Supports and Gifts of all kinds;

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2. Children Food, Clothes, Shelters
3. Tuition Fee (MEMKWA, Primary, Secondary, Collages, University), School Stationaries,
4. Health Insurance & Children Transport for Holiday's
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