



Rafiki – SDO Shinyanga: Capacity Building To Lunguya Ward’s Junior Council On Violence Against Children.

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On Friday 28th May, Rafiki – SDO represented by the two staff Charles Ally and Rael Joseph visited Lunguya ward in Msalala District Council to meet the members of the Lunguya ward’s Junior Council for capacity building purpose on Violence against children matter and their rights along with their responsibilities.

The staff started with getting to know what the members who are basically children themselves know about Violence and Violence Against Children, the children spoke out what they know from defining what Violence is, what actions are regarded as violence and how violence impacts children in their daily lives and also their duty as a Junior Council.

Mentioning their duties, the junior council’s members marked the following as their core duties that included Determining their rights, Educating other children and parents on violence against children, Helping children who are facing violence by reporting all the actions that displays any signs of Violence to the respect authorities.

For the time they have been active as a junior council they managed to help some children who were facing violence by reporting their situations to the teachers and also to the MTAKUWA committee, and here the children mentioned different places where they can report violence that included the village office, ward office, MTAKUWA

committee, to the teachers, police station and to their supervisor the Village Executive Officer.

The project coordinator Mr. Charles Ally speaking to the children he said, “It is the society’s responsibility to observe children’s rights, we also have our responsibilities as children, we need to respect our parents and everyone else, we need to study hard and help our parents with home activities but not dangerous activities like mining and fishing activities.”

He also added “We can not take down Violence against children by just reporting, we have to help by increasing other’s awareness about violence by educating them and helping them to know their rights and their responsibilities as well as where to report if they face violence.”

Mr. Charles also reminded them that they have a power to question the government when they think the government ignores children’s rights violation and violence against children in their ward and the society in general.



Rafiki - SDO Staff Ms. Rael Joseph and Mr. Charles Ally speaking with the members of Lunguya Junior Council at Lunguya Primary School, Lunguya Msalala



Rafiki - SDO Musoma Staff and the Lyagwa LIMCA group members providing studying materials to support girls in school.

Rafiki-SDO Musoma invests in girl's education through Livelihoods Improvement for Mothers and Caregivers of Adolescent (LIMCA)

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RAFIKI-SDO has always been working in collaboration with Musoma Municipal Council to support implementation of different program but not limited to building agency, knowledge, and protective assets of in-school adolescent girls through established increase family commitment and capacity to invest in girl's education through Livelihoods Improvement for Mothers and Caregivers of Adolescent (LIMCA).

On 26th May 2021, Rafiki-SDO achieved to support Lyagwa LIMCA group from Mwigobero ward to provide scholastic materials to 24 vulnerable girls from Makoko secondary school. A total of 100,000/= shillings from education fund was used to support Scholastic materials which included Sanitary Pads, 1 box of pen, 24 pairs of socks, and 24 counter books.

Teachers and Students from Makoko secondary school Thanked Rafiki-SDO and Lyagwa group for helping vulnerable students and this will help in increasing academic performance and reduce the risk of dropping out from school due to lack of these scholastic materials.

On the other hand, Rafiki-SDO supported Chinduke LIMCA group from Iringo ward to provide scholastic materials to 47 28 vulnerable students boys and 19 girls from Iringo secondary school. A total of 650,000/= shillings was used to support sanitary pads, Counter books, Pens to these students.

Salome E. Samwel a form four student from Iringo secondary school in joyful tears thanked Rafiki - SDO for helping them and added that she got a very wise lesson from the project and promised to work hard to achieve her goals.

RAFIKI – SDO MUSOMA HELD A STUDENT’S DIALOGUE ON SCHOOL RELATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

Rafiki - SDO Musoma Staff at the student dialogue with the 160 students From Mshikamano and Kiara Secondary Schools.



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Rafiki - SDO Musoma conducted Student dialogue with students from Mshikamano Secondary school and Kiara secondary school. Whereas a total of 80 students were taken as sample from each school making a total of 160 students amongst them 120 being girls. The dialogue was based on School-Related Gender-Based Violence (SRGBV) and dropout indicators that may arise to make a student drop from school.

The dialogue was attended by Local Government Authorities, Rafiki – SDO’s staff Mr. Patrice Charles Nyakiga and Dr. Andrea Tambi Kitemi police gender and children desk officer and the sampled students of the respective schools. The main aim was to discuss the things which accelerates most students to drop out from school likewise gender violence activities that face them especially when at school and social environment in general. Students gave out the challenges they are mostly facing

and proposed some solutions to be taken in order to reduce dropout of students from school.

At the session a police gender and child desk officer Dr. Andrea Tambi Kitemi provided emergency Number which is 116 to communicate and report any gender violence that may rise in their society.

Mr. Patrice Nyakiga our Staff insisted the student to work hard and maintain their discipline while at school so as they can improve academically.

He also thanked Rafiki-SDO for organising such a dialogue that helped him to understand well the challenges that mostly hinder students while going or coming from school and when in school.

THROUGH THE PARENTS - TEACHERS' PARTNERSHIP (PTP) RAFIKI – SDO RUKWA LANDS A SOLUTION TO HIGH RATE OF SCHOOL DROP OUTS



Right: A Picture of some ready to use desks made by parents due to PTP influence at Ikombe primary school, Left: Pupils from Ikombe primary school in class sitting on desks made by their parents due to PTP influence.

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Rafiki – SDO Rukwa works closely with the local government authorities in Nkasi District Council to end child marriage and early pregnancies by making sure they keep children in schools, to attain this goal Rafiki – SDO working with the Local Government Authorities had to come up with the best way that can help them deliver best outcomes.

And therefore, together they came up with an idea to form a non-legal organ, a Parents teachers' Partnership (PTP) which goes by the name UWAWA “Ushirikiano wa Wazazi na Walimu” in all 116 targeted primary schools with the aim of stabilizing communication and cooperation between parents and teachers for the betterment of the children’s studying environment.

UWAWA comprises parents (two per each class, a female and a male parent), class teachers under the leadership of the respective school’s head teacher under Rafiki – SDO supervision. The UWAWA members have responsibility to evaluate the children’s situations and figure out what challenges are they facing and come up with a solution.

Ikombe primary school in Nkasi District Council is one of the targeted schools in Nkasi District Council, soon after the formation of the Parents Teachers’ Partnerships on 30th January 2021 the Ikombe Primary school’s PTP held their second meeting after the members appointing meeting of 29th January 2021, on the 30th January Meeting the PTP members



discussed about what accelerates the high truancy among the Ikombe primary school’s pupils and what could be a solution to the problem.

During their meeting the Ikombe primary school’s headteacher raised the issue of a shortage of desks for pupils as one of the major contributing reasons to the high rate of truancy at the school, emphasizing it the headteacher took around all PTP members though the classes to see how these pupils, their children study under such inconvenient environment siting on a floor.

This hit hard the PTP members’ minds and it bothered them seen how the children were suffering studying under such situation and therefore the meeting flow changed completely to the discussion of how to solve the desk scarcity problem at their school every member pitching their views to come up with a solution.

The PTP team worked inventively to identify available local resources necessary for making desks whereas the identified resources included trees for timbers, timbering experts, and carpenters to make the desks. After identification and mapping of resources, the team decided to involve all parents and school management committee (SMC) in the making of desks for the pupils through a meeting.

On the meeting, Parents agreed to contribute a 5,000 Tsh per each, they also agreed to use six identified trees found in school compound for timbers. The PTP team besides consulted the Ward Council and secured TShs 100,000 financial support for the activity. The activity costs were TShs 1,052,800 in total of which TShs 452,800 was for timbering and TShs 600,000 for carpentry. The PTP team supervised the whole process in with collaboration of SMC from the beginning to the end.

From the contributions by parents, School management committee and the UWAWA members succeeded to produce 50 desks for Ikombe primary school a number which exceeded their prior target which was to produce 32 desks from the identified resources.

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