

**THE JULIAN AND ANN MARCUS SAFE HOUSE AND VTC PROGRESS REPORT AS FROM
JANUARY 2017 TO MAY 2017**

INTRODUCTION:

ACT Diocese of Mara is running the Safe house and Vocational Training centre in order to protect girls who flee from FGM, by providing safe place to stay, vocational skills and support girls access secondary education while stay to the Safe house. Safe house was officially opened on 27th February 2015 with the chairman Mr Julian Marcus from Tanzania Development Trust, the organisation supported fundraising for Safe house and VTC construction.

OBJECTIVES:

- To protect girls who flee from FGM in Serengeti District
- To provide life and vocational skills
- To support girls to access their secondary education
- Train girls on their rights
- Train girls on the effects of FGM and other violence against women and girls
- To support girls with vocational skills to start their own business after taken back home after a year.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The safe house and VTC succeeded to receive 241 girls whom flee from FGM, came from Rorya, Tarime and Serengeti District. After the seasonal cutting end, we have re- build relationship between the parents and girls in 190 families; finally we succeeded to return back 134 girls to their families. Total of 107 girls remained to the safe house with different reasons such as not accepted with their families, so we are continuing to build relationship with their families.

NO	TOTAL GIRLS RECEIVED	TOTAL FAMILIES VISITED	GIRLS RETURNED HOME	GIRLS REMAINED TO THE SAFE HOUSE
1	241	241	162	79

Girls staying to the safe house:

NO	Secondary school girls	Primary school girls	VTC girls	Need to join Nursery/primary school	Total girls
1	29	16	25	9	79



During taking girls back home to their parents.

SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS AND SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPORT:

18 girls whom the reconciliation with their parents failed, they join secondary education at Mugumu Secondary school. These 18 girls supported with education materials and school uniforms. The safe house work upon girls transfer from schools which they passed in order to join Mugumu Secondary school. Special thanks to Baba Julian and Mama Ann for supporting TZS 820,000/= to support school uniforms for 18 girls.

Secondary school girls and their forms:

NO	Total	Secondary level	Secondary school
1	10 girls	Form one	Mugumu
2	9 girls	Form two	Mugumu
3	7 girls	Form three	Mugumu
4	3 girls	Form four	Mugumu



Secondary school girls schooling at Mugumu Secondary school

Secondary school girls are getting tuition for Art and Science subjects every evening after their school programmes. TDT Mathematics project with KHANACADEMY is continuing well with class size of 10 students on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.



Secondary school girls supported with uniforms from Babu Julian and Bibi Ann 10 girls learning mathematics using Khan academy materials

PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS AND UNIFORMS SUPPORT:

16 girls whom the reconciliation with their parents failed, 15 girls join primary school education at Mapinduzi B Primary and 1 girl at Mapinduzi A primary school all these girls supported with education materials and school uniforms. Special thanks to Eddie, Barbara, Carol and Alison for supporting primary school girls with school uniforms by giving TZS 336,000/= for 16 girls uniforms

No	Total	Primary level
1	2	STD I
2	0	STD II
3	1	STD III
4	1	STD IV
5	6	STD V
6	3	STD VI
7	3	STD VII



Learning how to read and write



Primary school girls in their uniforms

VOCATIONAL CLASS – COMPUTER AND TAILORING:

25 girls join the vocational class after their family reconciliation fail. 13 girls from VTC received skirts which costs TZS 156,000/= the money came from product selling's income. 12 girls don't have uniform skirts. Still working hard to make sure that all 25 girls have white shirts, blue skirts, shoes and socks. VTC class has 2 students whom are paying the fees

From January 2017

NO	VTC STUDENTS PAYING	Joining form	Uniform + Rim and file	Fee	Fee remained
1	Merina Muombeki	10,000	31,000	100,000/=	175,000
2	Eliza Gesari Chacha	10,000	31,000	187,500/=	187,500
3	Elizabeth Mafwere	10,000	31,000	175,000/=	100,000
	TOTAL			462,500/=	

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NO	COMPUTER STUDENT PAYING	Joining form	Fee @ programme	Total paid
1	Veronica Antony	10,000/=	25,000/=	50,000/=



Girls making carpet



Girls are making uniforms.



PRODUCTS FOR SELLING AND WORKSHOP:

Girls at the safe house are making different products for selling like women hand bags, batik, pouse, Table mats, Epron etc.

The following table is showing selling as from 2015 to 2017:

2017	TOTAL	Selling Price	capital	Profit
Skirt	46	15000	14,150	391,000
Shirts	100	10,000	8500	150,000
Sweta	100	17,000	13500	350,000
Suruali	75	20,000	13,400	495,000
Boy – shamba shirt	85	10,000	10,000	0
Girls dress	51	15,000	12,800	112,200
T-shirt – form six	100	13,000	9000	400,000/=
TOTAL		7,805,000/=		1,507,200/=

2017	SELLINGS
January to May 2017	826,000



Products made with girls at Safe house

RECONCILIATION, GIRLS FOLLOW –UPS AND COUNSELLING:

Social worker in collaboration with Police Gender Desk succeed to reconcile girls with their parents in different villages. Total of 241 families were visited, and total of 162 girls accepted to their parents. *Total of 45 follow up visits* conducted to 135 families in Serengeti.

The social worker in collaboration with Kath, Tessa, Carol, Barbara and Alison did one by one and group counselling to all girls stayed to the safe house. Counselling supported girls to reduce stress, to talk freely issues which cannot share with others. Our social worker through continuing counselling helps her to identify some girls whom experienced other violence's like raping.

The safe house seceded to return back 19 graduated girls in Serengeti, Butiama and Ngorongoro Districts in Mara region and Arusha.



Neema and WP Sijali during returning graduated girls back home

LEGAL AID AND COUNSELLING:

The safe house is providing legal services and counselling to women and girls whom experienced violence in their families and community. Total of 136 survivors received to the safe house and supported to demand for their rights. The safe house referred 127 women to Police gender desk, where only 63 survivors reported to the police gender desk. 64 survivors afraid to report to police gender desk, they said there is no confidentiality, at police station gender desk officers don't have permanent office are just mixed with other survivors and also the survivors are complaining on other police officers whom are giving bad words to them, this make them fill not comfortable to report their cases. There is a need for Mugumu Police station to build the separate gender desk office to allow survivors fill free to report their cases. Most of survivors fail/ feel shy to explain / share their inner issues to our legal officer because of his sex, so the social worker and Safe house director supported the survivors to explain their cases.

ROADSHOW AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The community intervention activities continue with our Roadshow assistant in the villages and schools in Serengeti District. Total of 23 schools visited and awareness creation on the effects of FGM and gender based violence conducted, total of 13,800 students reached [girls 6150 and boys 7650]. The safe house in collaboration with Serengeti district council participated in the international Women's world day where girls had chance to deliver ant FGM messages through songs and drama, this day was celebrated at Machochwe village on 8th of March 2017. Total of 4500 people attended in the event. The Guest of honor in the same day was the Serengeti District commissioner.



During ant FGM roadshows and cinema show at primary schools in Serengeti District

SUPPORT RECEIVED AS FROM JANUARY 2017 TO MAY 2017:

NO	TYPE	FROM	Month	Amount	STUTAS
<u>1</u>	<u>Clothes</u>	<u>Gisselle 's team</u>	<u>2/1/2017</u>	<u>200 pcs</u>	<u>Distributed</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Clothes</u>	<u>Christina Bolton</u>	<u>12/3/2017</u>	<u>70 pcs</u>	<u>Distributed</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Clothes, shoes 10 pairs for games</u>	<u>Samwelly and family</u>	<u>2/4/2017</u>	<u>Pc 15, pair 10</u>	<u>Distributed</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Exercise books – 1 CTN, Wheat flour, charcoal, Pencils and bic , Salama 's dress and fish kg 20</u>	<u>Lameck Baraka Emanuel Joshua Marwa, WP Sijali</u>	<u>25/4/2017</u>	<u>100, kg 25, I suck, 50, and 50 bic,</u>	<u>Distributed, pencil remained</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Foma kg 25, Soap pc</u>	<u>Nyota Njema group</u>	<u>6/5/2017</u>	<u>Kg 25, PC 50</u>	<u>Distributed</u>

	50				
<u>6</u>	<u>Dresses , pants, pencil, games</u>	Babu Julian and Bibi Ann	<u>30/1/2017</u>	<u>12, 50, 24, 2</u>	<u>Distributed</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Paints, brassiere, girls gifts and staff</u>	Tessa and Kath	<u>3/2/2017</u>	<u>46, 20, 104, 10</u>	<u>Blassier available, paints available, Gifts Distributed.</u>



Clothes distribution to girls

GROWING PROJECT AND GARDENING

Our Bibi shamba [Mama Bibi] together with girls are working very hard in our garden, different vegetables grown in our garden such as spinach, eggplant, onions, sweet potatoes, bitter tomato , Sukuma wiki. Girls are enjoying vegetables in their meals. Thank you Mama Bibi and girls:



Seeds from Baba Julian and Bibi Ann

SAFE HOUSE BOREHOLE:

The safe house succeeds to have borehole which is still under construction, in order to solve water problem when the council water cut off or during dry season. Special thanks to Anglican Aid Australia.



Machine for borehole at site



Machine starting drilling



construction of tank base

DINING AND KITCHEN PROGRESS:

The dining hall and kitchen is still at stage of finalizing flooring and plaster.

SPECIAL THANKS: To all visitors who visited us since January 2017



Carol and Alison



Babu Julian and Bibi Ann

CHALLENGES:

- Diocese is blaming safe house staff that 79 girls still the big number for them to feed.
- Educational materials for secondary, primary and VTC girls are needed.
- Medication support is needed.
- Cooks, IT teacher, Legal officer and Matron needs to be employed
- Fuel for follow ups and reconciliation is a challenge
- Land cruiser service and Maintenance is a challenge
- Water and electricity costs
- Body oil and sandals for girls is a challenge

WAY FORWARD:

- The reconciliation work is continuing to girls parents
- Sharing the challenges with partners and friends if possible to support, special thanks to TDT for paying for sewage, Electricity, water bill, medication and shop materials and products TZS 2,436,000/=
- Safe house is proposing to start income generating activities in order to generate income. Projects such as ***Chicken rearing, vegetable and gardening, selling product in and outside the country, through VTC for outside students, card making and venue hire.***

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