

GRUCSO NEWSLETTER REPORT (July- August 2024)

Geita Rural Children Support Organization (GRUCSO) had a wonderful time recently, visiting the schools and homes of our beneficiaries, where we were able to present an academic seminar and delivered much needed scholastic material for their education.

Fund raising

Towards the beginning of July, GRUCSO was able to raise Tsh 780,000 through the two school plays conducted and organized by Mr Clement, the executive director of *Mwanza International School*, Capri Point, Mwanza. Further donations included: 300,000 from *Dolphin Tour and Safari Co. Ltd*; 200,000 from *3S Motors Co Ltd*; 400,000 from multiple generous Tanzanian donors, who were inspired by GRUCSO's work; and 350,000 was donated by a friend from Belgium.



Purchasing and delivering scholastic materials

It is GRUCSO's mission to ensure every child in Tanzania has access to better quality education. We spend some of the funds raised on purchasing materials and items needed for our beneficiaries' education. Recently, these materials included school bags, socks, reading books, and text books for learning core subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, English, Mathematics, and History, as well as dictionaries. We believe that these materials will improve their academic performance as they will be used for learning purposes.



Providing parenting education and academic seminars for mentorship

GRUCSO spent time meeting parents and guardians of our beneficiaries, to explore issues and challenges facing their children at home and school. Most of these parents and guardians are single mothers who live in extremely low-income households. Hence, they are unable to support their children education and wellbeing fully. As a result, they fail to provide enough healthy food, healthy services facilities, safe and secure accommodation and education services support. This is affecting the health and welfare, educational progress, and psychology of disadvantaged children in our care.

To assist this situation, we gave counselling and advice sessions on how to support their children while at home. This involved child protection measures such as ensuring that the children are getting enough resting and sleeping time, availability healthy and nutritious food, giving them study time, and paying attention and listening to their thoughts. Finally they were advised to avoiding mental and physical chastisement, such as severe beating and caning.

GRUCSO also spend time advising the beneficiaries on how they should manage their time to study, planning their routine, and making effort to improve their academic progress, as well as how to cope with their home and school environment. Furthermore, they we advised on how to look and take care of the materials provided and donated by GRUCSO.



School and Home Visits

GRUCSO spent time to visit the schools and homes of the beneficiaries under our care. We visited *Kivukoni Secondary* in Nyankumbu ward of Geita Town Council and *Nyantorotoro Primary School and Secondary School*, both in Geita District. We also visited *Nyabulanda Secondary School* in Nyabulanda Ward of Nyang'wale District. This was an interesting opportunity to meet the students, teachers and head teachers of the schools, as well as inspecting the learning environment of our beneficiary. The most important thing was to find out about their academic progress, general behaviour, and to review their examination reports. Finally we had time to find out about the challenges that our beneficiaries face at school.

Visiting the home of the children in our care was an interesting and amazing experience. We talked about how we can collaborate to make the life these children better and assess the environment where these children live.



Academic Performance and Results

We are very proud of the children in our care, some of whom have shown outstanding achievement in their studies. This was shown after June 2024 examination results and reports. A selection of the results:

1. **Tumaini Antony** - Form 2 from *Kivukoni Secondary* who scored A* in 8 subjects out of 9, with the exception of Maths, where he scored B grade.
2. **Sospeter Pascal** - Form 1 at *Nyantorotoro Secondary School* has scored Division 1 with A and B grades for 9 subjects.
3. **Renard Kulwa** - Form 3 at *Nyabulanda Secondary School* has scored Division 1 of point 9 with A and B grades in 9 Subjects.
4. **Pacrida Bupilipili** - *Nyantorotoro Secondary School*, scored Division 1 of 7 point with all A grades in 9 subjects.
5. **Nasma Juma** - Scored Division 3 with B and C grades in her mid-year Form 3 exams. She is now aiming at improving her grades and score here grades next year.

6. **Prisca Marwa** - Form 3 student at *Kivukoni Secondary School* has scored Division 4 of 28 point with D and F grades in 9 subjects. She is going through different challenges and she is now working hard to improve her grades towards entering Form 4 next year.



TUMAINI ANTONY



SOSPETER EDWARD



RENARD KULWA



NASMA JUMA



PACRIDA BUPILIPILI



ARNOLD GODFREY



PRISCA MARWA

Moving to Next Academic Year

Manzagata has recently graduate his primary education Standard 7 where he scored grade B overall. He is now looking forward to take his pre Form 1 course before he joins Form 1 course in secondary school next year.

Monica is currently getting ready to conquer her last class of primary education next year. She is grateful of the support she receives from GRUCSO.



Moving to Boarding School Plans

GRUCSO is planning to move some beneficiaries, who are showing a great achievements in school, to boarding schools. This will allow them to benefit more from the superior facilities. To begin with, we have identified eight worthy students (five boys and three girls), whom we are planning on providing places for at one of the government boarding school: *Bugando Secondary School* in Geita District. This opportunity will be of more benefits, as they will be able to have enough studying time, food, and electricity, hostel and a better science lab. This will mean that the children will be away from home distractions and disturbances such as excessive chores and an unfavourable working environment. This facility costs 880,000/= per child each year. It covers hostel fees, trips, food, tuition fees, books and stationery, and uniform. GRUCSO welcomes you to consider sponsoring a child's place at this facility, to ensure they are able to maximise their excellent academic potential. We are currently lacking sufficient funds for this and we are kindly seeking support from you.

Identification of New Beneficiaries

Since our mission is to enrich the lives of every child in Tanzania by providing them with access to education, and realising that there are many children in need of GRUCSO support, we decided to identify seven new beneficiaries from Geita District. Three children were identified from *Nzera Secondary School* (two girls and one boy, all in Form 1). Four more children were identified from *Bugando Secondary School*. This is meet our target to sponsor and assist 20 children for the first phase. However, we would like to extend our sponsorship to as many disadvantage children in Tanzania during the second phase.



Special Thanks

GRUCSO would like to express its special gratitude to Mr & Mrs Clement, the executive directors of *Mwanza International School* for their fundraising efforts and Mr Charlie Abegao-Clark, the Head of Secondary School of *Mwanza International School* for his dedicated support to develop and improve our website to make it look even better. Without forgetting the contribution and donations from *Dolphin Tour & Safari Co Ltd*, *3S Motors Co Ltd* and *Meko Oil Co Ltd*. Last, but not least, we really appreciate the support from friends, members, inspired individuals and supporters from all around the world for their tireless support and contribution to GRUCSO. Thank you very much for being the part of the team of making changes to the lives of disadvantaged children in our care.

GRUCSO is kindly asking you to keep on supporting these children to reach their dreams.

