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## *NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED HUNGRY CHILDREN*

For school-going children, meal can exert a positive influence on ability to learn, let alone proper physical and mental growth.



For Buhangija center in Shinyanga nutritional meals become inevitability important, not only because 100% of the children residing at the center are disabled, but also three-quarters of the population is under-10-year-old children requiring nutritional food for physical and mental developments.

With a view to enhancing nutritional value of the children at Buhangija center and to fill in the gap of not having specific nutritious food for children below 10 years old, SATF introduced Nutritional Porridge support in June 2016, initially targeting 100 children at Buhangija center.

The porridge is enriched with ingredients in fully to offer proteins, carbohydrates, and

vitamins. This was so important to provide meal with nutritional value, because some of the targeted children were those already with obvious signs of malnutrition and skin disease.

Six months later, the program documented success stories-from caregivers, nurses and children themselves -admitting that exceptionally the nutritional porridge is a perfect match of their breakfast choice.

Also, evidence from the health room at the center shared proof of children`s nutritional statuses improved; frequent illnesses controlled, and gained weight and height noted. On the other hand, the nutritional porridge support program has created social value and harmony, as children sit together and share a common meal.

It was further reported that from 100 children targeted the number augmented. *“...we now feed 150 children with the porridge and can assure SATF that the children are now calm than before due to this meal”.*

With such a huge health impact on the children at Buhangija over shorter period, SATF sees the need to extend the program beyond 2016.

## ***BUILDING CAPACITY OF OUR LOCAL PARTNERS FOR PROGRAMS SUSTAINABILITY***

Sustained successes in SATF`s work are much being credited to the investment done to build capacity of its partners from time to time. Through various methods, such as on-site training, outdoor workshops and seminars and so often remote coaching sessions, the partners have been enriched with technical skills for programming, implementing and sustaining SATF work in the community.

One such capacity building activities was a stakeholder workshop conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at Morogoro Hotel. The workshop brought together 53 participants and local partners representatives from 12 SATF program regions in Tanzania. The Board of Trustees Chairperson Mrs Mariam J. Mwaffisi was also part of the team and guest of honour.



Echoed by the theme *“Investing in Child`s education, the national necessity”* the workshop discussed in length themes around tackling challenges and strengthening the ongoing SATF MVC support programs in Tanzania. The workshop objectives were fully realized through active presentations, plenary discussions and live stories of success from the MVC.

## ***SATF TOUCHES THE HEARTS OF PUPILS IN A SPECIAL WAY***



It was so pessimistic to imagine that the long-lasting desks scarcity in public schools in Tanzania would just cease one day. But through various individual and institutional efforts, we saw nothing was impossible to lift up as many pupils as possible from sitting on the ground and classroom floors, to now sitting upright, gain space for lectures and note-taking sessions.

SATF was one of those put efforts for desks. In 2016, the Trust donated 850 school desks, scattering this initiative to five districts across the country: Three Municipalities of Dar es Salaam, Kaliua, Kakonko and Chato district councils.

We trust that the donation will go long way in enabling thousands of children, a conducive learning environment so much needed for their success in education.



## ***CAREEN BRUNO ASSURED OF ACHIEVING HER DREAMS.***

Born in Mara region to a family of poor



peasants, Careen Bruno was not sure of making any steps to access education until in 2014, when she came into contact with Neema Resource Foundation (NEREFO), grassroots organization and partner to SATF

based in Morogoro. Careen moved from her original home, Mara region to Morogoro to live under uncle's guidance after she lost her two parents. Life was not even better as her uncle had the same struggle to bring food to the table, let alone support for Careen's education.

NEREFO having closely followed up Careen's home situation, realized that there was no way she could access education, without someone's help. Tragedies to Careen's life continued. In form one, her uncle died, the only breadwinner and education supporter.

None of the Careens relatives were ready to shoulder education and other responsibilities. The decision to take up Careen's case and enroll her into SATF Education support program was the only possible solution left, which NEREFO did in 2015. Because of neglect by all of her

relatives, this time it was also decided that Careen should be relocated to Lugoba Secondary School as boarding scholar to help manage better her studies. With this support, Careen saw a turning point in her life ever- her academic performance raised and psychologically was more assured of achieving her education dream. Careen cannot wait entering form four in 2017 and soon or later sit for national exams!

## ***SATF INCREASED ATTENTION TO ACQUIRING SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCE BASE***

To fulfil organizational goals, it may require a mix of human resource management strategy, such as analyzing personnel needs and hiring creative people, putting in place adequate performance appraisal systems, and more crucial, defining adequate match between employee's long-term career objectives and the organizations future goals.

It is this context that SATF, in its FY 2016, went extra mile to support capacity building activities for its staff. To start with 3-program staff attended development and short courses in Resource mobilization in Mombasa Kenya and Management for new managers in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**GRANT SUPPORTED  
PHILANTHROPY ACTIVITIES  
IN FY 2016.**



The Board of Trustees approved TZS. 800 million to be disbursed as grant for FY year 2016. With the approved grant the Trust directed, in total TZS. 788 million into various approved programs support and managed to reach 5,949 as direct beneficiaries & 3,120 as indirect beneficiaries. The programs implemented during the year are as shown in the table below:

No	Details	Amount in TZS Millions
1	Education Program (Primary, Secondary & VTC)	524.00
2	Education Program (College & Universities)	100.00
3	Education Program (Chilala Special project)	19.00
4	CHF Health Program – Primary, Secondary & VTC	14.00
5	Nutritional Support	17.00
6	Desk Support	114.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>788.00</b>

This is a long-term human resource management plan within the Trust, which is considered critical to the development of SATF programming of MVC work and future resource mobilization, not the least scaling up its positive impact to needier and vulnerable children in Tanzania.

It is envisaged that skills attained will increase performance level of the Trust in terms of program design and impact on the target beneficiaries, i.e. Most Vulnerable Children.

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