



RAFIKI SDO PARTICIPATED IN AFRICAN CHILD DAY REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS AND SHOWCASE PRODUCTS MADE BY AGYWs.

16 June, 2021

On 16th June 2021 in celebrating the African Child Day as it is celebrated every year on 16th June, the Shinyanga regional government in collaboration with several stakeholders organized exhibitions which was accompanied with celebrations conducted on Chibe ward's grounds in Shinyanga Municipal.

Rafiki SDO as among the stakeholders participated fully in all activities commenced during the celebrations which was preceded by marches where by the stakeholders participated along with the Chibe dwellers and the children marched a distance of about 3 kilometers through Chibe center to the grounds singing songs and carrying placards that read different

messages including the placard with the day's Motto that read "TUTEKELEZE AJENDA 2040: KWA AFRIKA INAYOLINDA HAKI ZA MTOTO" carried by Rafiki – SDO team.

The marches ended at the ground in front of the official guest Dr. Philemon Sengati the Shinyanga Regional commissioner by demonstrating different messages written on the placards concerning children, children's rights and the day of the African Child.

After the marches ended there followed by the official guest passing through stakeholder's pavilions to see different activities each stakeholder prepared to showcase, among the

pavilions Dr. Sengati passed through was the Rafiki – SDO’s pavilion where there were different things prepared by the Adolescent Girls and Young Women through their groups.

After listening to the presentation and going through different products the official guest Dr. Philemon Sengati congratulated Rafiki – SDO for landing their hand supporting the Adolescent girls and young women by providing them with behavioral change education and entrepreneurial skills building trainings, he said this helps in the fight for HIV and poverty as well as Gender-Based Violence in Shinyanga region.

After the visit on stakeholders pavilions other activities resumed this includes the speech by the official guest Dr. Philemon Sengati, in his speech he encouraged the fight to end Violence against Children in Shinyanga region.



The Marches during the African Child’s Day.

At Rafiki – SDO’s pavilion the official guest was provided with the short explanation on what Rafiki – SDO as an NGO does especially on Health and Education activities. The pavilion’s presenter Rose resenting to the Official guest said, through entrepreneurial training and education provided by Rafiki – SDO to the girls, the girls have been able to engage themselves in different activities and production of different products as they showcase at their pavilion.



The Regional commissioner Guest Dr. Philemon Sengati giving a speech.

He also thanked all stakeholders who participated the celebrations saying that it is a great step towards changes in the society, he also emphasized on the Society changing by dropping all bad cultural practices like early marriage, denial of the girls attending schools and superstition as it leads to violence against children.

Dr. Sengati said fighting violence against children in Shinyanga region will be in his A list priorities and he will not let slide any case concerning violation of children’s rights in his region at any cost, he also asked security organs such as Police and Court to ensure security on children’s rights in Shinyanga region.



The Regional Commisioner Dr. Philemon Sengati at Rafiki - SDO’s Pavilion



The Children at Mwanhala FDC ready for a Journey back home for a Mid-Year Break.

RAFIKI – SDO ACCOMPANIES CHILDREN FROM MWANHALA FDC TO THEIR HOME FOR A BREAK.

12 June, 2021

Following the mid-year break, on Saturday 12th June Rafiki – SDO went to Mwanhala FDC Nzega to pick up 10 children who are supported by the Organization to ensure they arrive to their homes safely. The Project Coordinator Ms. Rael Joseph was responsible to organize and supervise the process and the entire journey.

To make the journey safe and comfortable, Rafiki – SDO rented a car enough to accommodate all children and their properties, Ms. Rael with the help of the College’s Principal rented a Hice fit for all the children which travels between Nzega and Kahama as most of the children goes towards that direction.

The journey begun at the Mwanhala FDC Nzega where all 10 children in college uniforms entered the car with their properties joined by the Project Coordinator Ms. Rael who traveled with them to ensure their safety from Nzega to Kahama.

At Kahama town the children were joined by their Chaperon Ms. Anisia Ngasa who took over the responsibility to supervise the children’s journey to their homes in the Project Coordinators place by following the same steps of riding together in the same car where by they changed cars into a bus prepared by the Chaperon.

Before departing the Project Coordinator asked the children to keep practicing during their stay at home to keep their minds active so they can not loose their skills, for the tailoring students she asked them to join those who graduated before them at Nyangalata center so they can keep practicing their skills with them.

The children will be on a mid-year break staying at home for a Month until their official return to the college on July 23rd, 2021 and Rafiki – SDO will be following up their practices during their break using the Chaperon and direct contacting the children.

RAFIKI – SDO TRAIN GUIDING AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREVENTING STUDENTS’ DROPOUT.



Guiding and Discipline Committee members at the training venue.

June, 2021

As a measure to prevent student dropout in Musoma Rafiki – SDO have been using the Guiding and Discipline to identify negative patterns of school attendance, behavior and class performance among students. The efforts involve identifying signs at the early stage and responding with appropriate support to prevent students drop out from school.

For June 2021 Rafiki-SDO facilitated trainings to guiding and discipline committee from 8 schools in Musoma MC. The training was also attended by ward education officers as one of the important stakeholders. A total of 56 teachers who are members of the guiding and discipline committee attended the training as well as 10 ward education officers.

The training to discipline committee intend to discuss with the guiding and discipline committees on roles and responsibilities in preventing student’s dropout, reminding guiding committees on case management pathway and tools for documentation as well as share the achievement, best practices and share experiences in addressing challenges agreeing way forward and plan to reach the target for each school before September 2021.

The session was handled through discussions and experience sharing through one by one and sometime into group following presentation from facilitators. This helped members of the committees to get deeper understanding of the discussions and be able to relate with the practical experience in school.



Finding out about the problem the Swahila PTP members under the Swahila primary schools headteacher were determined to solve the problem to ensure friendly examination environment to both teachers and children at Swahila Primary school and so through parents meeting they mobilized other parents to contribute for funds to buy the school a new Desktop and a Photocopy machine.

On the discussion among the action mentioned to prevent student’s drop out from schools was to collaborate with local leaders at ward level to make follow up at their homes and for those living in vulnerable/poor situation to link them with social welfare officers for further linkage and professional counselling and also trying to use other stakeholders to support if there are any needs, also to identify students with specific challenges like those who lives far from school and adjust some rules to favor them.

It also was added that, the approach to involve other stakeholders like the one they did by of writing a letter with copies to local leaders, education officer and police gender desk has helped to improve attendance in schools.

Team working among teachers was also highlighted as an important action and cooperating with parents through regular meeting particularly those of students with serious problems and with special attention use guiding office to carry on regular counseling to help the students. Also, teachers using classes and parades to clarify on rules and regulations while encouraging students to adhere.

The participants later shared on achievements and mentioned some of them including decreasing of pregnancy cases, Stakeholders has been taking initiatives to support students in need, also indicated that truancy has decreased and managed to retain students for example Mukendo secondary school shared that previously 30% of student would miss classes per day but currently only between 5% to 10% can be absent in a day.

Despite the achievements there also exists challenges for example teachers experiencing poor cooperation from some parents and guardian, poor economic situation for some of the parents as well as low awareness on education matters. It was claimed some parents are reluctant and they don’t want to engage themselves into their children matters made some students to sometime use fake parents when asked to call them to school.

RAFIKI – SDO TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL FATHER’S DAY IN SHINYANGA WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.

20 June, 2021

On Sunday 20th June 2021, the world celebrated International Father’s Day region wise held on Fire grounds Shinyanga Municipal Council organized by the regional government and attended by different stakeholders with Rafiki – SDO as one of the stake holders attended.

The celebration was packed with various activities including, marches, different entertainments such as drama, music and traditional dances, and blood donation for accident victims and other patients in hospitals.



Fathers carrying children on their backs Challenge during Father's Day celebrations in Shinyanga

Soon after the official guest the Deputy Minister of State Prime Minister's Office, Labor, Youth and Employment and the Shinyanga town MP, Hon. Patrobas Katambi arrived he went through stakeholder's pavilions, he reached at Rafiki – SDO's Pavilion where he was provided with the presentation on Who are Rafiki – SDO and what they do, a presentation was given by one of the Rafiki – SDO's beneficiaries Regina.

On the presentation Regina presented and showcased different products made by Rafiki – SDO's beneficiaries, Hon. Katambi was so impressed by the presentation and the products that he bought two of the products, a basket for his family and a handbag for Minister Jenista Mhagama. He also congratulated Rafiki – SDO for been a very important stakeholder in Shinyanga Region.

With all other activities Rafiki – SDO participated in donating blood whereas the two Rafiki – SDO's Program Officers, Ms. Winifrida Mushi and Ms. Irene Mafunda draw out their blood for donating to save people's lives in hospitals.



Rafiki - SDO's Program Officer Irene Mafunda Donating Blood.



Regina presenting to the official guest when he visited Rafiki - SDO's Pavilion.

Giving his speech Hon. Katambi said Fathers must play their roles as heads of the family while supporting their wives by not treating them as inferiors, "We men are the heads of the family, but we can accomplish everything alone we have our wives to support us. For whatever we do our wives are right behind us supporting us with what they can."



Hon. Patrobas Katambi giving a Speech during Father's Day celebrations.

At the end of the event one of Rafiki – SDO's beneficiaries was lucky to obtain a Health insurance offer for her daughter from Hon. Katambi as an appreciation for her participation on the Men carrying children on their backs challenge.



A photo taken during the Budget planning meeting at Shy Park Hotel whereas Rafiki - SDO and other stakeholders participated.

RAFIKI – SDO PARTICIPATED IN PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION TO AFRICAN CHILD DAY IN MUSOMA.

16 June, 2021



Some Photos of the activities carried out during the Day of the African Child celebrations.

Rafiki -SDO Musoma played a vital role in preparing for the celebration of the day of the African child in Musoma Municipal, whereas they covered the costs for drinking water for the people participated.

During celebrating the emphasize was on calling the society for protecting and ensuring the access to the children's rights with in the society



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