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SCHOOLS VISITATION

After the schools were re-opened on January for 3rd term, we managed to make a visit to various schools around Mombasa where SAAS sponsored students are pursuing their education. This is to assess their progress. We had ample time with both the students and their class teachers. With the rising arson cases in our secondary its essential to monitor student's behavior to make sure they don't take part or participate in any form of criminal activities. We intend by the end of this year, to have probably visited all the schools where SAAS students are pursuing their education. This is to create a harmonious environment and close working relationship between the education Sector and the Organisation.

NATIONAL ELECTION PROCESS

Currently, Kenya is planning for its election that will be on 9th of August 2022. The campaign will officially start in May. Kenyan citizens will be allowed to vote for their President, Governor, Senator, Member of Parliament, Women Rep and Member of the County Assembly. We are all keeping Kenya in prayers as they prepare for this process. May Peace and Unity prevail.

SCHOOL OPENING

In early January, schools opened for the final term of the year 2021. Our students reported to school on time and were so energetic. Students will be moving classes this May immediately after this term ends. Because of Covid-19 that made the schools calendar to be altered, we shall be having 4 national exams being done compared to previous years when we had only 2 national exams in a year. These exams will be done in March and in December both for primary and high school.



Left; Fadhili Gilbert a form 1 student at Ikutha boys sec school. Right; Austine Jumba a form 1 student at Shikunga sec school.

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GIRLS DAY

We were able to hold a girl's forum in December. It was a free talk where everyone was able to share their struggles as a girl. The challenges that girls face and how they survive them. The talk was so successful and energetic since all the girls opened up freely and were able to have fun. They all danced, sang and had snacks provided. Many thanks to the former SAAS manager, Mrs Ebbby Becker Soinani (who currently resides in Germany) and her friends, we were able to supply the girls with sufficient sanitary towels for the 3 months in which they shall be in school. The girls appreciated this help since they were undergoing a lot of difficulties in obtaining toiletries while in school. Most of them end up using old blankets and mattresses.



Photos of the girls during their forum.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PACKAGE

Due to the harsh economic challenges brought by the outbreak of Covid-19 the SAAS Organisation came up with an initiative to provide food to needy SAAS families. Through the support and assistance of our Donors we were able to help and reach over 150 Families, who benefited and received the Wheat flour, Maize flour, Beans, Rice, Cooking oil and Washing detergents. It was a joy to behold to these families who were so thankful and grateful to SAAS organisation for remembering them during the festive season.



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Some of the photos during the 10th food program.

SCHOOL FOR CLOSED TERM 2

The second term of the new school calendar ended on December 22nd and the schools were closed for festive seasons. The students reported to the office and gave their Term Two educational progress with most of them traveling up country to celebrate the festive season with their families. The office was officially closed on 24th for Christmas and opened on 31st December to enable students to come and collect schools for Term 3 as they prepare to reopen. Although it was a short break of 1 week, students were happy to be back home and to celebrate with their families.

DONORS VISITATION

In October, we were lucky to host guests from Ireland, especially from Kilquade parish. The guests were Mr. Richard and Vanessa Hayes, Mr. Donald and Barbie Ogilvy Watson, and Kilquade Parish priest, Fr John Daly. While here, they were able to meet students whom they sponsor in addition to visiting their families. They also got a chance to visit the Kongowea slums where most of the SAAS students reside. They brought along with them laptops which were donated by their friends to the SAAS Organisation. All in all, it was a good session between the donors and the students/families as they shared their life experiences.



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Some of the photos during donors visit in Mombasa

COMPUTER GRADUATION (SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 21 INTAKE)

We were delighted to have enrolled over 48 students for the computer certificate course in the month of September. The turnout was high this time around as most applicants had completed their secondary education and were really in need of the computer skills and knowledge. The students were very happy as they graduated with their certificate in computer operations on 11th December 2021. Our much appreciation and gratitude goes to all our tutors Daniel, Charles and Wellington who volunteered and sacrificed their time to make sure the three months were smooth and successful.



Photos during Computer graduation

Coming soon

- April long holiday
- National exams for both class eight & Form 4
- Official launch of political campaigns in Kenya in May

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