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LVC NEWS LETTER (April 2015)



With Solar lights help Editer and Paulina can now do homework before bed time they have improved a lot in their school performance since receiving Solar lights help donated to LVC by Smiles To Tanzania . We need more of Solar lights support to help more and more children perform well in schools

(Please ignore dates on the photos in this News letter))

HEALTH

1. MALARIA PREVENTION AND MOSQUITO NET USE

Beginning of this year , KAT donated some **1,500** mosquito nets to support LCV Health campaign, Through a specifically designed project ‘ **Malaria Prevention and Mosquito net use project**’ which was essentially a continuation of KAT support of the project last year , some **935** families have benefited from the project during first round of the project implementation , the remaining **565** mosquito nets will be distribute in May this year when some of KAT trustees visit LVC to see projected supported by KAT

The project **is** now proving to be most effective in the community and its impact is beyond our expectation , situation in families we have reached has significantly changed , there is a huge family understanding of Malaria and its effects and more families are being encouraged to purchase mosquito nets , we have received reports from our Village ambassadors of many families who didn’t benefit from donated Mosquito nets used their very limited resources to buy mosquito nets themselves after being inspired through education on Malaria given to them by our village Ambassadors, this is a milestone in LVC effort to make the project sustainable, however more donated nets are needed as many families are just too poor to afford

Malaria prevention and mosquito net use project has significantly reduced deaths in children in all the villages we support, our ambassadors now report very rare cases of deaths in children resulting from Malaria compared to three years ago , Our Organization needs more of this support to continue saving more lives in Ukerewe community (LVC appeal)



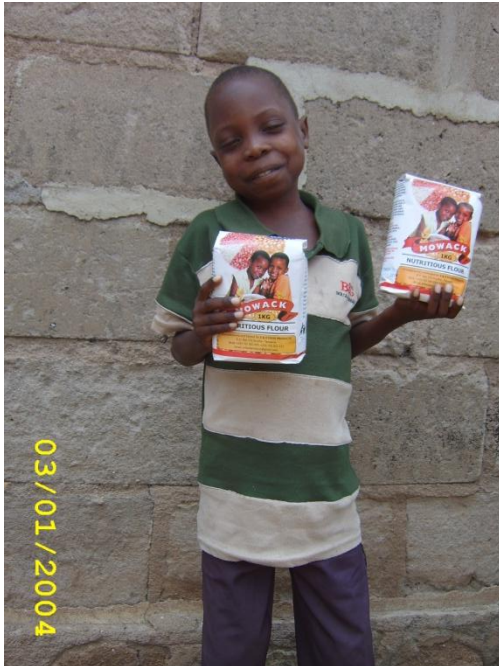
*Distribution of
Mosquito nets in
Namagubo village*

2. MALNUTRITION PREVENTION

As part of our Health Program we continue to fight malnutrition in the community through regular distribution of Nutritious flour to disadvantaged children suffering from Malnutrition , the project has seen many children recover from their initially malnourished state to become healthy and happy children ,from reports we have received from our Village ambassadors **80 percent** of all the children who benefited from this project in the year 2014 have either fully recovered or have significantly improved in their Healthy .

With KAT support this year ,we have since January reached and supported 42 children in 10 villages with malnutrition or living in such vulnerable environment that they are in danger of malnutrition .

Fredrick Robert (9) lives with grand mom, when visited last year and supplied with Nutritious flour his condition was very bad he was suffering from acute malnutrition. Through our LVC ambassador in the



Fredrick at home

area we have been supporting Fred with more Nutritious flour his condition has now improved a lot he is a healthy boy actively going to school again after dropping out of school for a quite a while due to poor healthy, "He is a very Happy and healthy boy now" mum



Children at LVC Centre holding Nutritious flour to be distributed to other disadvantaged children in the villages

Dorothea (5 and left) and Magdalena (4 and right) come from one of the very poor families on the Island, about a year ago they were

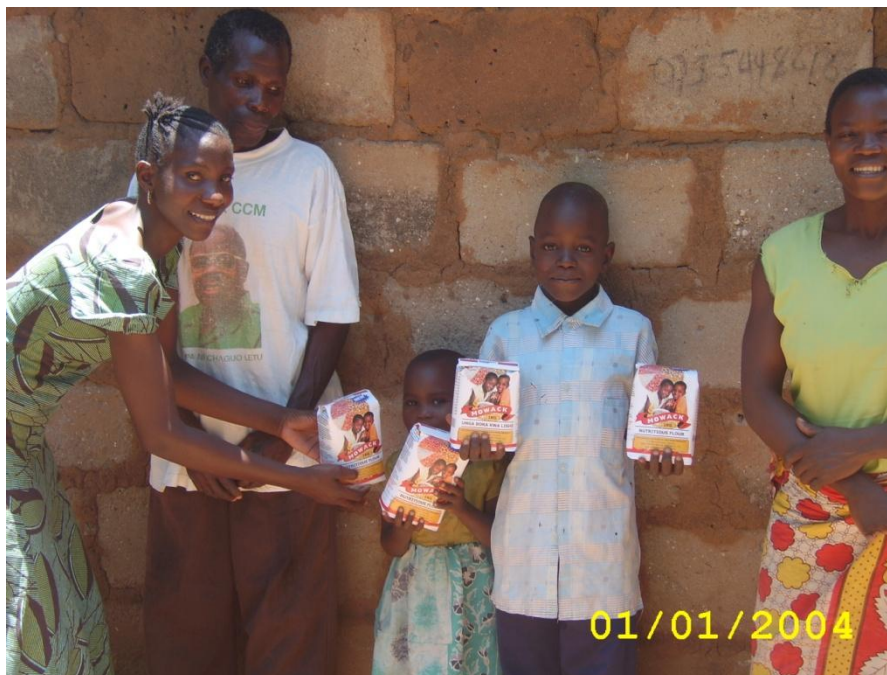
both suffering from malnutrition , LVC has since been supporting them with Nutritious food and their Health has now improved a lot, they now come to LVC where they get free education and are very happy children



At home receiving help from LVC ambassador



Dorothea and Magdalena At LVC



***Working with vulnerable and underprivileged children in my community has affected me so much that I simply can't stop doing this for another job, if I did I would feel terribly selfish !
SUPPORT us to continue Helping these Children***

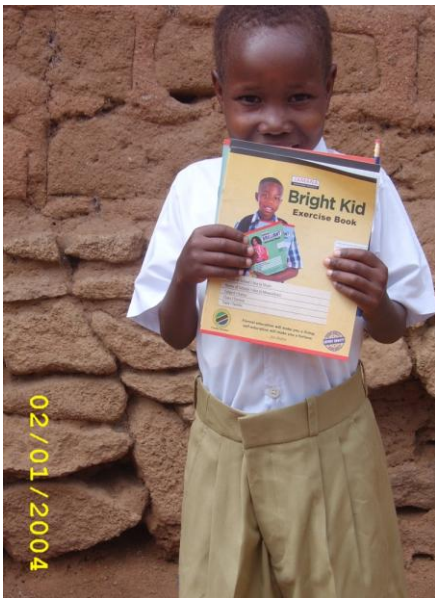
(Veronica of LVC)

EDUCATION

We continue to reach and support many children by integrating them back in schools those dropped out due to their vulnerability. Between November/December 2014 LVC received lots of Uniform donations from Smiles to Tanzania who visited and worked alongside LVC team to distribute uniforms and other school essentials to vulnerable children families in the villages. Around the same time LVC also received a very generous help from Kids Aid Tanzania to support our efforts to improve education in most vulnerable children through provision of uniforms and other educational materials such as exercise books, pens etc which most families can not afford for their children, Estimated **356 children** have benefited with uniforms donations since December 2014 to date, the majority of these children also received other school needs such as exercise books, pens etc.



Nyante (Orphan) lives with her Aunt in Chabilungu village , she has been sitting home for two months without going to school , LVC team has now helped her with new uniforms and enough exercise books, she has now started to go to school again, our next visit there end of this month we will provide her with shoes



Magesa Mahendeka (7) just started school after LVC support with uniforms and shoes

(I am so happy now am going to school, I was tired sitting home doing nothing).

More and more uniforms are now being made at LVC Tailoring shop, this helps reduce the price of each piece of uniform , Materials are bought and uniforms made out in LVC shop, the shop is now working and making one uniform in the shop reduces the price by a few hundred approximately **Tshs 200** as the person making the uniforms in the shop gets paid per every single piece he makes, the major advantage to have the uniforms made in the shops is that they are done with really good quality much attention paid to details , they are by far better than those massively produced in local shops, that means the uniforms made in LVC shop will last longer than those in local shops

480 disadvantaged Children and families have received Solar lights to light their houses and especially to enable children do their home work at night, this has improved performance of some of the

children in school those who never before did home work after dinner as they must go to bed immediately after night meals for not having light they needed to study, with help of Solar light many helped children can now study and do their homework

LVC receives local funding for child protection program

January this year 2015 LVC won a funding opportunity by a Local funding Charity in Dar es salaam called *Foundation for Civil Society* the funding worth Tshs **9,900,000** was specifically to fund training of LVC ambassadors and other key child care takers on *Child care, Child protection and Child rights*, this is a three months project and has just ended April 2014. The project was very successful and our Ambassadors have benefited by learning so much about child care and protection which is key to improving the efficiency of their wonderful work in the villages, training was provided by professionals in Child care, Child protection, laws etc



LVC team just completed training on child care, protection and rights, LVC printed many copies of booklets on child care and protection for our Ambassadors and community a project funded by Foundation for Civil Society

**LVC Tailoring Shop back to business , sourcing many uniforms,
for distribution in villages**



Fabian (Left) is now working in the shop sourcing high quality uniforms



With LVC tailoring shop now working again we are very keen to get the Sanitary towel project for girls working , we have made over 100 pieces with a lot more to be made to distribute to most underprivileged girls who are often compelled to miss school for some time when they are in period for not having protection, This project was originally funded by Smiles To Tanzania it helps keeping girls in school, help us afford more materials to continue making as many pieces as possible to go to as many girls as possible

(Veronica LVC)

Thank you

A big Thank you to all our partners who tirelessly continue to support our efforts in ensuring disadvantaged children get Education, live a Healthy life and enjoy all social rights they deserve to grow and be productive members of the society like other privileged people, we can do very little this end without your incredible support, the lives of hundreds of children and families continue to improve every day because of your very generous support, We now pay Tshs 3,600,000 per year in rents to keep our centre, this is extremely huge burden to our Organization and our biggest worry is losing the centre if and when we can no longer afford paying the rent, this will our hearts! We also appeal for more support to help us carry on with our very successful education and Health projects as we continue to reach and change more lives !

Thank you and Best Wishes

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