

# **Tanzania Update June 2022**



# **Improving Communication**

Dear all,

Misoji Moses has been assigned to the role of communication link in the Diocese of Mara which has proved of great benefit recently. Not only have we received an updated position for our partner school, we have also been able to send back information and photos etc to share with our Tanzanian friends. I am also now in direct contact with the Headteacher of Mshikamano, Mr Datus January, via Whatsapp (although this is limited).

The next few pages are designed to share with you the information we have recently received and I hope they are of interest to you.

As a member of the Tanzania link committee, I will be attending the next meeting chaired by Bishop Tony Robinson shortly and will look forward to sharing how important the schools link is.

You can find out more about our Tanzania link on our website - <u>https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/tanzania-partnership</u>

Thank you,

Mr Walker

#### MSHIKAMANO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mshikamano Primary School is a public primary school, this institution is government owned, has a number of 1157 students. Among them girls are 587 and boys are 570, the school is located in Musoma district in Mara region, the school is registered and has all classes that is from pre- primary, standard one class to Standard seven class.

#### The school environment.

The school has seven classrooms accommodating 140-150 students in each classroom, the government in collaboration with parents and Ackworth Howard School were able to build four classrooms and provide desks, to some extent has helped but the need for desks and classrooms is still huge for so far a large number of children are sitting on the floor especially those of kindergarten. They have absolutely no chairs and learning materials.

Some classrooms have desks but few, children are many and come to school every day.







The school now has running water so children have access to clean and safe water and even if it breaks down the school has a water storage tank. When you visited the children had to walk a long way to collect water.





Here is our water tank which stores rain water.

The school has electricity but lacks computer, photocopy machine and printer writing and publishing exams is costly. Also sports equipment for children, as sports are healthy and mentally nourishing.

The school has children from very poor backgrounds whom to get even two meals a day and clothing is a challenge. There are 12 boys and 15 girls between them aged 7-17yrs old class 3 to class 7.



Among them from left side are EDINA 10yrs class 4, AMINA 17yrs class 6 and CHRISTINA 16yrs class 7. These girls are victims of HIV / AIDS inherited from their parents the people who take care of them are their grandmothers and they are very old, the only work some of them do is sell sweet potatoes on the street serving them with the nutrition they need is difficult because it is expensive.



Dear friends, may we work together to pray for:-

- New classrooms, desks, teaching aids, computer, photocopy machine and printer.
- Sports equipment, as with sports it is difficult to get sick from time to time and it makes children happy all the time.
- Kindergarten to get learning materials and desks since a good school environment makes them very interested in learning and love school as well because they are still so young.
- Vulnerable students get sponsors to take care of their school uniforms and equipment so that they can have peace and happiness while at school.
- Also HIV/AIDS victims to get proper food to improve their health as they use very strong medications and need to get a complete diet.

AMEN!

### **Ackworth Howard to Mshikamano**

Following the contact, a document was sent in response which included information and photos of our school, how we treasure the link and incorporate it into our school life (curriculum, worship etc.), images including our signs and displays which highlight the priority in our school to the link and pupils learning that demonstrates that not only are we working with we are also learning from...

Children also wanted to know how Matumani (Hope) the bear gifted to the children was doing and whether they still had it. They also wanted to know about the classroom we helped to fund.



Bega Kwa Bega – Should to Shoulder

We received a lovely response from Misoji Moses following this after she had shared it with the children and staff of Mshikamano...

Dear Ackworth Howard,

How are you today?

The children and teachers from Mshikamano are very happy to see all the pictures and memories you have of them

they are also very happy to know that you still remember them and pray for them... they pray for you too.

The class you helped to build now they use for national examinations for fourth grade exam classes and seventh grade. They are very very happy and the doll you gave them as a gift they have kept until today believing that one day you will see each other again

God bless you

Regards;

Misoji M.M





