



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Ms. Rael Joseph the Program Officer discussing something with children at their workplace in Nyangarata.

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20th April, 2021

Rafiki – SDO’s sponsored sewing machines and electrical equipment continues to help children run their lives and making extra incomes at Nyangarata mines Msalala, this follows the sponsorship Rafiki - SDO did on 20 February 2021 to 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy who are beneficiaries of the which is implemented by Rafiki – SDO in small mine sites includes Nyangarata, Kalole and Mwakitolyo.

Rafiki – SDO through Ending Child Labor in mines sponsored 2 sewing machines and other tailoring materials like 2 pieces of cloth the size of 22 meters each, pair of scissors, etc. to 6 girls and electrical equipment like an overcoat, safety boots etc. to 1 boy to support their beginning in their professions after graduating their trainings at Mwanhala FDC.

On a supportive supervision held by the Program Officer from Rafiki – SDO Ms. Rael Joseph with the intention to see their progresses, we came across their working place found them progressing with their daily working routine using the tools sponsored by Rafiki – SDO to facilitate their income earning journey.

On behalf of other children Rachel Philip Mloto said “We went to Mwanhala FDC last year to be trained under the sponsorship of Rafiki – SDO and graduated the same year, after coming back we had skills but we had a hard time thinking about where to begin our new life but Rafiki – SDO had our back supported us with tools to start our journey.”

She also said “With the materials Rafiki – SDO gave us we started our office using them as our initial capital and from there we started our career, now we are able to pay the rent for our office on our own and we have customers now that our presence and our work is known nearly by everyone here at Nyangarata.”

Although she spoke about their achievements, she also tipped us about having a challenge of sometimes having a shortage of customers a situation which left them idle with no deals to help them make money, but because of their well-established office which is fixed and so it is easy to find they still get customers in hard times too.

Rafiki – SDO have been implementing the Project in Mines since the year 2018 which involves identifying children who are working in mining sites instead of studying and admitting them to different courses in college whereas so far 30 children have benefited from this project.



Rachel Philip Mloto Speaking On Behalf Of Other Children At Teir Office In Nyangarata.

Stakeholders Shared Their Views On The Reportage Of Gender-Based Violence Cases.

23rd April, 2021

This week on Friday 23rd April Rafiki – SDO had a meeting with stakeholders to discuss issues about Gender-Based Violence in Shinyanga District Council, the meeting was held at Shinyanga District Council's offices Iselamagazi attended by Mr. Joram Enock Magana who represented the District Community Development Officer,

the Community HIV/AIDS Coordinator Ms. Happiness Misael Shao, Health providers, Ward Executive Officers and Community Development Officers and the chairperson of this meeting was the District Social Welfare Officer Ms. Stela Thomas Turuka. The meeting agenda was based on three questions which were one,

what reporting system are there in wards, two, how do these systems work and three, what improvements are required to make the mentioned reporting systems work more efficiently. All participants were required to sit in groups, discuss and come up with answers to these three questions.



Participants Of The Quater Meeting On Gender-Based Violence At Shinyanga District Council's Offices.

After discussing for a while, the three groups represented their answers whereas there were identified several reporting systems and platforms like, GBV registers placed in Healthcare centers, the Police Gender Desk, village and ward offices and Schools. All these platforms receive information from victims themselves, the community or witnessing violence themselves.

On the issue of what improvements are needed the three groups come up with several suggestions, one of the suggestions was to have one system or platform for reporting all the GBV cases in every ward to avoid confusions and double-counting

the data concerning Gender-Based Violence, for example one case can be reported and recorded to the Ward Office and same case can be reported and recorded in the GBV cases register which can lead to double counting during the general District GBV cases recording.

Other suggestions were re-establishing the One Stop Centers in hospitals to facilitate the dealing of violence cases in one place to reduce the lost of time and data, raising awareness to the community and involving the SunguSungu crew in monitoring GBV cases and having a feedback system between the authorities on case progresses.

After the presentations and discussions Mr. Charles Ally a staff from Rafiki – SDO raised a concern saying, “There is a problem of poor documentation in wards which lead to inaccurate data collection, this situation may lead to inaccurate measures to face the problem, for example in data the problem can be reported to be smaller than it is in reality and so the stakeholders may place little efforts without knowing that they are facing a bigger problem.”

Commenting on the issue of poor documentation the Social Welfare Officer Ms. Stela Thomas Turuka said, “We have to help them understand what is the importance of documenting these cases clearly, and may be there are some challenges they face in documenting like not having proper tools for documentation and or they lack skills on how to document so we need to find out what is the problem to solve it.”

Lastly, Ms. Stela Turuka suggested that there should be a feedback sharing in every meeting to share what was discussed in the last meeting and what was implemented from there they can pick up and move to the new meeting agenda.



Rafiki - Sdo Staffs And Other Stakeholders At A Picture Together After A Quater Meeting



Rafiki - Sdo Uses Dramas To Communicate Messages Concerning Gender-Based Violence

25th April, 2021

Rafiki – SDO held a Start Awareness Support Action (SASA) activity at Kolandoto Ward in Shinyanga Municipal which lasted for 5 days from Wednesday 21st April to Sunday 25th April this year aimed at building awareness on gender-based violence (GBV) it involved a drama performance packed with different messages about Gender Based Violence and its negative impacts on the society.

Shinyanga Arts Group a group of artists from Shinyanga under the popular artist ChapChap did the performances to demonstrate different forms of Gender-Based Violence and how they have been hurting people, destroying families and breaking crucial human rights and increasing the spread of HIV/AIDs.

After every performance the staff from Rafiki – SDO and the drama artists conducted a discussion with the audience attended talking about what did they learn from watching a drama and what are their views on the issue portrayed in that drama, also the artists clarifying the parts of the drama that were not understood by the audiences to ensure that the drama performed is well understood and has impacted something in the audience's minds



Shinyanga Arts Group Performing A Drama At Kolandoto Ward In Shinyanga Municipal.

Through these five days Kolandoto dwellers learned a lot not enough to get rid of violence in their society but enough to raise their awareness on Gender-Based Violence and its effect which may help reduce these acts and increase the reporting of violence to respective authorities as the drama and the discussion stated the importance of reporting such acts.

These kinds of activities can be one of the best ways to raise awareness to the society to help fight Gender-Based Violence in our societies as our society lacks an awareness this is why statistics shows that the

rate of Gender-Based Violence is still high.

So far there have been several awareness raising measures taken by human rights and development stakeholders like Rafiki – SDO to ensure a change in our society, the efforts are somehow paying off but still there is a need to put more efforts as the number of violence acts in our society is still intimidating.



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