NIPE TABASAMU NA UPENDO

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PROJECT REPORT



EMPOWER TO IMPACT 17TH MARCH 2023



Organisation Background

Nipe Tabasamu Na Upendo (NTNU) in the Swahili language means to "*Give Me Smile and Love*". This message of hope has been the sole purpose, vision, and mission for NTNU since its inception in 2018.

NTNU targeted audience is primarily young women and children. Through our guidance and mentorship, young women and children grow with the understanding of why Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are important for the progression. The SDGs are our guiding principles.

Project Background

Noontoto Primary school is in Kajiado South, Namanga Division, Namanga Constituency, Kajiado District. Below are some key facts about the school:

- The school is in a drought prone area.
- It is a public school with vulnerable children from the Maasai Community.
- The school has approximately 600 students aged between 9 15 years.
- These kids are affected by *early marriages*, *F.G.M* and *most of them are orphaned*.
- Drought is also prevalent in Kajiado.
- The students are dependent on the school for food.
- The school fee is *Ksh85 per student*, which most students cannot afford.

Most girls in the school cannot afford sanitary towels, forcing them to stay at home when they are on their periods.

Our focus for this project was on students in grades 6,7 & 8 – totalling to about 200 students.

The guiding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were:

- ✓ Good health and well-being.
- ✓ Quality Education
- ✓ Gender Equality
- ✓ Reduced Inequalities
- ✓ Climate Action



Activities Summary

On the **17**th **Of March 2023**, we teamed up with both our volunteers and Kenya Youth For Christ (KYFC) volunteers to empower and impact students at Noontoto Primary School.

The activities for the day included:

1. Class mentorship sessions – Led by Mercy Mwende (NTNU) and John (KYFC).

The volunteers had one on one sessions with the students with key topics of discussion being Life skills and Sexual Education.

2. Panel Discussion – Led by Cliveson Amalemba (NTNU)

A mix of KYFC and NTNU volunteers sat in a public panel and responded to life skills and sex education questions posed to them by the students.

3. Black Board Painting – Hashu & Chris (NTNU)

We painted a total of 16 classroom blackboards.

4. Talent Corner and Creativity - Led by Hashu & Mike (NTNU)

We engaged the students in a brief entertainment which included dancing and music session.

5. Sharing of Snacks – Led by Omosh (NTNU) and Ivy (KYFC)

We shared snacks with students – including the crisps donated by Tropical Heat Kenya.

6. Menstrual Health Management Talk – Led by Juliet Waithera (NTNU)

The students (boys and girls) were enlightened on menstrual health management. We believe that boys should also be on the know so that they can rewrite the narrative on menstrual health issues.

Seed ball Throwing and Climate Action Awareness Talk – Led by Elijah Muindi (NTNU)

The students were engaged in a talk and educated on how they can be better global citizens and participate in climate action. Finally, we had a seed ball throwing session.



Donations

Together with our sponsors - *We One Action Network* (WOAN), and partners – *Kenya Youth for Christ* (KYFC) and *Tropical Heat Kenya*; we made the below donations to Noontoto Primary School.

- 1. Girl Care Package Which included:
 - ✓ Re-usable pads (usable for 1 year)
 - ✓ Tissue
 - ✓ Under wears
 - ✓ Bathing Soap
- 2. Boy Care Package Which included:
 - ✓ Petroleum jelly
 - ✓ Boxers
- 3. Snacks Juice, biscuits, and crisps.
- 4. Stationery Textbooks, Pens, Pencils, and Chalks
- 5. Sanitary Towels
- 6. Grass/Tree Seed Balls

Impact Created

The total number of students impacted included:

- Grade 8 34 boys & 33 girls
- Grade 7 46 boys & 56 girls.
- Grade 6 38 boys & 42 girls.

The total number of volunteers for this project was *twenty-one (21)* individuals.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to :

- 1. We One Action Network (WOAN) For sponsoring the event.
- 2. **Kenya Youth For Christ** (KYFC) For subsidizing the prices for the reusable sanitary towels and bringing along volunteers for the event.
- 3. Tropical Heat Kenya For providing snacks for the event.





Pictorials



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