



MAMA IBADO MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MAY 2021

MIC ALLY DONATES CLOTHES TO FEMALE BENEFICIARIES

One of MIC supporter donated dresses known as “Diras” to all our 337 female beneficiaries in Isiolo County. Our beneficiaries were excited to have received these gifts and vowed to wear them every time they come to receive their monthly food rations.

The beneficiaries further expressed gratitude to MIC and its allies for always considering their well-being.



SCHOOLS IN ISIOLO RECEIVE SPORTS ATTIRE FROM MIC

As a way of encouraging sports and nurturing talent among the youth, MIC donated sports attires to various soccer teams in Isiolo County. The teams include Al-Naim FC, Al-Rahma FC, Maisha Milan FC, Al Nabawi FC, Bilbao FC and Jagwani FC who hail from different locations such as LMD, Bula Pesa and Bula Bao among others.

Coaches, parents and the community leaders commended MIC for empowering these young talents.



Using predominant forces of tyranny common in olden days, young Samburu warriors raided and rustled the livestock of their Turkana neighbours. Vastly outnumbered and with no male defendants, Alowor Marenya and her mother yielded and 100 of their goats, left behind by Marenya's dead father, were driven away.

To escape pervasive starvation, Marenya and her mother began a charcoal trade with other women who fell victim to the Samburu raids. The structure of their craft consisted of the younger women observing the techniques used by their mothers and aunts. Marenya and her younger companions got the hang of it and in no time they were the ones equipped with machetes and axes, chopping down trees, burning them in calculatedly dug holes and covering the holes with grass until the chopped trees were transformed into localized versions of charcoal. "I remember our hair catching fire and we would laugh about it," she said.

Whereas they received enough to get by in most days, Marenya's mother was weighed down by a lack of stability and looming poverty. Resulting from her arbitrary fear, she subjected her 11-year-old daughter to the afflictions and terror of childhood marriage and pawned her to a 30-year-old man for a paltry 30 goats.

Marenya integrated into the horrid life of being a child bride. She was forced to multitask between pleasing her much older husband and carrying on with the charcoal trade. For years, Marenya lived like this until her husband died. As for the charcoal trade, she gave it a break four years ago due to the weakness infused by age.

However, Marenya still finds comfort and security in work. She has cultivated a schedule dividing her days between working odd jobs such as washing clothes and dishes for a certain wage and using that earning as capital to acquire tools such as wires and beads on her free days to make various ornaments including bracelets and necklaces.

Refusing to tap out to the battles of life, the 68-year-old has found an individual self-fulfillment from her new trade of ornament making earning an estimated Ksh.200 a day. "It's not much but I push on. Besides I love doing it and when I don't find customers, I wear them myself," she said with a contented chuckle.



Born in Maondo village in Kakamega in 1948, Jafetha Sofia Anyona lost her parents in infancy and was taken in by her maternal grandmother. As she grew up and developed curiosity for the world around her, Jafetha saw her grandmother revered as a traditional doctor and herbalist. Flocks of people came to her house with diverse complaints ranging from fertility issues, stomach ailments among others. The flowering of Jafetha's uniqueness began as she observed, understood and learnt her grandmother's herbal treatment. The skills she gained would be implemented in her later life.

Upon her grandmother's demise, Jafetha took the secret gifts of healing she inherited and turned it into her vocation. It took a while before she could peak but due to her persistence, she rose as a traditional healer to a point of charging her fellow villagers Ksh. 500 for both consultation and treatment. In 1980, as her trade was thriving, she fell in love with one of her patients and soon enough they got married. Jafetha's husband used to work as a gardener in various households and with his little income coupled with Jafetha's earnings, they managed to raise their young family.

As their ménage expanded, Jafetha's husband unexpectedly became susceptible to the humiliating pleasure of alcohol abuse. He stopped working and blew all his savings in liquor stores. Forced to face up to the challenge of raising her children, Jafetha took an extra vocation and became a farmer planting subsistence crops and transporting the produce to the marketplace. The little revenue she gained ended up in her children's bellies. As the years went by, Jafetha noticed herself succumbing to the tribulations of age. Walking long distances to the marketplace became a heavy burden and she no longer had the strength to farm. Ultimately, she stopped working.

Her husband, despite his physical condition deteriorating as well, continues to fumble out to cut grass in exchange of gaining Ksh. 50 a day, which ultimately goes into the pocket of the local moonshiner.

Jafetha on the other hand has developed a lifestyle antithetical to her husband. She has given the remainder of her vitality to the church where she devoutly spends every Friday and Sunday worshipping and aiding in church functions such as collecting funds to help those less fortunate than herself



BENEFICIARY MORTALITY

Unfortunately, in May 2021 we lost one of our beneficiaries from Isiolo County. This brings our total mortality since inception to 185 from both counties.

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Mama Atoiko Waso (K/157) was 77 years old and lived in Esmit village with two dependents. Mama Atoiko succumbed to age and health complications on 18th May 2021.



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