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United Nation International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

SAAS organisation was honoured to be involved in the World Drugs Day that takes place every year on the 26th June, this day was organised by Muslim Education and Welfare Association (MEWA) and National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA). This year's theme was "Global action for healthy communities without drugs". The current theme reinforces the role that communities play in addressing the drugs challenge in society and highlights the fact that successful approaches in drug use prevention and treatment involves schools and communities to build on protective factors.

The programme included:

- ◆ Assembly at Treasury Square, Flags off at 08.30am.
- ◆ A Procession by Students, Community leaders, Youth and Women's groups organization via

Digo Road into Kenyatta Road ending at the Tononoka Grounds at 10.30am.

- ◆ Speeches and entertainments at Tononoka Grounds by Community leaders and other invited guests.
- ◆ The function ended at 1pm.



Left, SAAS Youth getting ready for the walk. Right, the walk continues with other Community Groups taking part.

SAAS Youth Group

The group, was involved in several activities during the months of April and May. In April they visited the MEWA Rehab Centre. On this particular day they had talks with the drug addicts, they learned how the drug addicts started using and how it was not easy for them to stop. This was an eye opener for the youths and at the end of it all they volunteered to clean the rehab as a gesture of appreciation for the drug addicts to have opened up to them.

On the 16th June the SAAS youth group together with another youth group called Manyunyu joined together to take part in

the Drugs day and this took place in the community of Kongowea where they invited upcoming Parliament Ministers, Councilors, Community Elders and youths Groups. They also had dramas, speeches and poems and they were educating the community about the harmful use of Drugs through this activities. In the month of May they also visited a home for old people. This time around they also volunteered in cleaning the home, feeding them and play with them as well. It was a fun day for them and they really enjoyed the visit.



Drama and Speech from different participants at the SAAS Youth Group Drugs Day.

SCHOOL OPEN FOR TERM TWO

Student were happy to report back to school after having completed their April holiday, all students came to collect their school fees and they were able to report to their respective schools on time. We wish them all the best as they proceed to their second term of the year, they are only left with two terms to complete this year.



Mwanajuma Twalib (form 4 Student at Taru Secondary School) receiving her School fees from Ebbay Soinani.

Commencement of Computer Class

Another bunch of new students commenced the Class in the month of May. A total of 28 Students enrolled in this class, the classes will take 3 months in which they will be learning a number of different computer packages. We have four classes each day and each class consists of 7 students. Since we are limited with computers, we can only accommodate 7 students per class.

All the students who take part in this course are financially

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challenged and their parents cannot afford to pay for them computer courses so this is a place where they get Free Computer skills. Not forgetting the SAAS students who have completed their Secondary School and are awaiting to join college also get involved in learning the skills. This batch of students will be graduating in August 2012. Up to date seventy seven students have successfully completed this course and have been awarded Certificates.



Wellington Mshote, Michael Tyson and Robert Malusher attending to the students.

VISITORS ARRIVE FOR EASTER HOLIDAY

During Easter celebration SAAS was able to host 2 of its benevolent visitors from Ireland who came to view all the SAAS projects and proceedings, among the guest were Gina Woods who is the SAAS director and Kevin Stiles who is one of our SAAS sponsors.

During their stay Kevin and Gina were able to visit some families of our students and also had time to spend with the students. In addition to that they held their 2nd Annual Touch Rugby Camp and trained and played a number games with the SAAS youths. Kevin Stiles is also an international Touch Rugby player for Ireland and a current a European Champion. He was able to impart most of his professional skills to the students, the youths who were very eager to learn and were extremely happy with what they were taught. This was proved by the way they played on a number of occasions over the Easter as it marked a big improvement from the previous games they had last year with Kevin and Gina.

Due to the fact that the majority of the players were boys, SAAS youths vow to bring all the SAAS girls along and to help train them up so there can be a girls Touch Rugby team, captained by Tabitha!



Left, Kevin Stiles with the Rugby team and right, Gina Woods (SAAS Director) and Kevin Stiles posing for a photo with the touch rugby students.

Graduation of Computer Students

On the last day of the Touch Rugby Camp the sponsors were happy to present certificates to the SAAS youths who had undergone a 3 months computer course in the office. This training is normally administered by the SAAS youths to other youths who do not have any computer knowledge, as the saying goes 'Knowledge is Power'



Welland Mugani receiving his Computer Certificate from his sponsor Kevin Stiles.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR APRIL HOLIDAY

In the middle of April schools were closed for a holiday so as to allow students to have a break on school work and to relax their minds. During this time our students reported back to the office to inform us on their school updates, in addition to that they also brought their academic transcripts plus any necessary documents. We also found time to guide and counsel our students on school and family matters, here students trust us and they are ready to open to us so that we can be able to support them accordingly. Our students also come to use the library facilities for their revision and also computers for their research.

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PROUD SAAS!!!!

SAAS is also proud to have four students who are now studying Degree Courses in different local Universities.

Benedictor Lujanje who is in his 3rd year, Steven Kioko in his 2nd Year, Welland Mugani and Kennedy Owino who are in their 1st year, studying Bachelors in Art , Bachelor of Arts (Gender and Development) Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor in Electrical Engineering respectively.

Wilfred's Corner



Wilfred Otieno(22 years) shines the SAAS Newsletter this time with his poem. Wilfred is a 2nd Year student at Times Training Centre studying Kenya Accounting Technician Certificate(K.A.T.C)

THANK YOU SAAS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Come rescue me Lord,come SAAS,come friends,come rescue me. Don't let me see a dark black sky,I dread being afraid of tomorrow morning,should I go to the open space.

Will you be there to help me conquer,my low self esteem? Cuddle me and whisper "you can make it".Tomorrow will be another brighter day.

When you find me crying on the streets,hold my hand like my friends and mummy's colleagues,they comfort me and give me hope.

Surprisingly, within moments of rescue,the black sky is blue again, "it's the angel again!"ah! I was just on bipolar mode.

If you are going through explosions,keep on keeping on,friend, do not cover yourself in your duvet,for you will fall on Wilfred's trap.

The good news....your guardian angels are everywhere,if you choose to sleep, sleep facing up,try it for you will wake up,and keep going.

I have removed my bipolar crown,because you cared for me, thank you for your support.

SAAS Staff Wedding

Sponsor an African Scholar, Ireland and Kenya Team would also like to Congratulate our Staff member Maria Nekesa who got married recently to Juma Mbega. We wish them both a wonderful life and all the Best in the new journey of Marriage!!!



Mr. and Mrs. Juma Mbega

Coming Soon!!!!

- ◆ 5th Annual Maths Camp
- ◆ August Holiday.
- ◆ Another Batch of Computer Class Students.
- ◆ Schools re-open for final term of the year.
- ◆ Form Four Students sit for their Final exams in Secondary School.
- ◆ Girls Touch Rugby team.

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