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2nd BATCH OF FORM FOUR STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION

The expansion of SAAS proved fruitfully as 15 of its form four students commenced their national exam mid November 2009, these are the 2nd lots of SAAS student to have sat for their national exams since the formation of SAAS as an organization. We also interviewed the students and majority of them said that they were prepared for it, a few said it was challenging and the rest said that whatever they were taught while in class came out.

DIRECTORS VISIT MOMBASA OFFICE

We also received two of the SAAS directors during this month; Gina Woods and Henry Mc Loughlin were here to oversee the activities that take place in the office on a daily basis. They also managed to visit the families in Kongowea as this is where most of our students are coming from. Kongowea is a slum area afflicted with abject poverty, parents here earn their living by selling charcoal, market vendors or water vendors.



From left: Gina woods, Kennedy Owino (SAAS Student), Steven (Local Secondary School Teacher) and Henry Mc Loughlin posing for a photo



Gina visiting family in Kongowea

SAAS STUDENT AWARDS 2009

Since SAAS opened its doors in 2006, annually prize giving day to honor the best students in school, this is usually to motivate the students to continue performing well and to encourage others also into following the same foot steps, in addition to Excellency in school SAAS also award an overall student who has the best personality in terms of behavior, good conduct in addition to respect in all people in general including at home, school and in SAAS office in general. This time around we had the following

students who came along with their parents/ guardians to collect their awards: Amina Salim Mwasere Girls Secondary, Kennedy Owino of Mombasa Secondary School for the Physically Handicapped and Ashora Bakari of Waa Girls High School. The personality trophy went to Javan Odhiambo of Bamburi Community High School this award day is organized and it is to motivate other students to perform well so that they can also get this trophies.



Ahmed Abdallah awarding Amina Salim her trophy.

SAAS LEARNING CENTRE

As SAAS had informed you on the last newsletter, we are delighted to inform you that the learning Centre is up and running. It is fully equipped with 6 Pentium 4 Computers. students who are in college have started using the library and are doing their projects here, one of the students said " it has been hard for me to type my projects as I have always been going to cyber cafes or giving them to people to type them but they don't do them the way they should as they leave some words and the spellings are incorrect, so am very happy now that I can type my assignments and at the same time and get some computer knowledge," this words are from one of our successful students, Benedictor Luganje, who is studying a bachelor's Degree in Education at a local University and he is prospering. The centre will be a place where SAAS students can come and study quietly, and even get to read books from the library. SAAS is also requesting on any one who is interested in donating books can email us through this email: info@saas.ie. Or go to the website: www.saas.ie these books will be for a worthy cause and will be highly appreciated.



SAAS students and one of our staff Maria Nekesa working away on the computers.

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Triza's Corner



Trizah Mghanga (22) just joined a 3 year course in Mass Communication at a local college/ University. This was always her dream to be a journalist and which has come true for Triza.

Tenacious Girl

Life was not easy to handle
I saw it as a way of punishment
It was terrible and horrible to compare.
Yes difficult to compare with anything
But, here, I was never to loose hope
But to fight for the fittest.

Trizah! Trizah! Trizah! Mammy would wake me up Early in the morning to start my duty,
Preparing for the day I would try all Sorts of snacks in readiness to sell at dawn, I was determined I never complained, hoping that All will soon be a story.

I cursed the day I was born,
I could not help it to see my mom struggling,
She was so determined, she was ready to do
Anything for us but not to see us suffering,
Being the first girl, I joined her, striving
And all the pain we came across we never
Gave up but continued with life.
Life was not life without the help of my
Mother She sacrificed herself for us, though she could Loose
hope at times, at times she would cry to God, Asking him why?
Why her to suffer, but she Would wipe the tears and go on with life.

I was tenacious and hoped that someday
All this will be a bye-gone. A hero came
Along, He was sent to rescue me and my family
He is my hero, a hero that I've never seen.
SAAS YOU ARE MY HERO!

RAMA'S PAINTINGS

Rama Athman, one of the SAAS students has a gift for painting; therefore SAAS is encouraging him in this talent and help him to support his family through selling his paintings. If you are interested in purchasing any of his paintings go to the SAAS website above.



One of Rama's recent painting

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- SAAS is celebrating its birth in the Month of February 2010. It has been four years since we started sponsoring students and since then we have grown and thank you for all the support we have received both financial and emotional as without you we would not have reached where we are at now.
- Ebby Soinani, SAAS staff completed a course in Higher Diploma in Counseling and she also graduated in December 2009. Congratulations!!
- All the Schools and colleges were closed during the month of December and all our students visited the office as it is required. At this time we also ask students to visit the office in order to speak with the SAAS counsellor as it gives students the opportunity to speak face to face with a person they trust and in a comforting and safe environment. Some of the students have gone through a lot in their lives and therefore by them going to
- SAAS student who completed Secondary School are attending a 3 months computer course at Muslim education and welfare Association (MEWA), MEWA has been our key partner since 2006
- All Schools were reopened on the 4th January 2010, all the students came to take their fees from the office and they were all anxious to join the next classes. Despite of the recession that has hit the whole world, SAAS was able to sponsor new students who have joined Secondary School, vocational training and college.

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