

MTUMBA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

P.O. BOX 3479, DODOMA.

Dear,

- Guest of honor, Our friends from Minesota – USA
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- We are very pleased for your coming to see us again, we thanks God for guarding and giving you a good healthy all the days and enabled you to safely arrived Mtumba village.
- Dear friends, you are welcomed to Mtumba village, and wishes you all the best during your stay in Dodoma.
- During your visit to Dodoma – Mtumba village in June 2005, we hoped that, you had seen and learned a little about life of Mtumba natives.
 - Most of the people living in Mtumba village are poor especially women, also there is a traditional practices that, put women and girls at lower status in the society living them poverty, dependant and illiterate.

SUPPORT FROM TLP 'USA'.

- In considering the trouble facing the women and girls in Africa especially Mtumba village, you saw that, there is a need for Mtumba women to be empowered.
- So you facilitated and supported us for a set of Television for educations purposes during seminars and capacity Building through seminars and workshops.
- The first workshop were held in Jan 2006, and organized by Rev Ntandu and Mr. Gabriel Mgale in collaboration with the TLP Co-ordinator
- 28 womens and girls, four from each 6 sub-village attended the workshop that costed Tsh. 500,000/=
- The second workshop were held in October 2006, and organized by Grace Marumbo in collaborations with village leaders especially sub-villages Secretaries and TLP Co-ordinator
- 120 women and girls, 20 from each 6 sub-village attended the workshops. The aims of the workshops were:-
 - i. To woke up women understand their position in society and their rights from the family to the national levels.

- ii. To understand the tradition and customs which sub-ordinate and disregard women as equal as men.

OUT COME.

- The workshops had facilitated boosting up of women confidence, enabling them to move forward and recognized their rights as women.

CHALLENGE

- Women confirmed that, unequal distributions of income raised collectively at household levels is still a problem.
- Most of women in Mtumba village seem to be dependent on men and they lack knowledge and skills of entrepreneurship.

GRANTS FOR TSH, 300,000/=

In Jan 2006, TLP USA had given Mtumba women Tsh. 300,000/= to supported them in their development matters, for example pottery, poultry keeping and others.

The women decided to use the monies as revolving fund for granting women/girls amount not exceeding Tsh. 10,000/= returnable within one month, so as to enable every one to benefit from the monies.

Unfortunately, in between it hapened a group of people who spreads under ground words persuading women not to returned monies granted to them as agreed, for the allegation that the monies was brought to them by TLP as a gift. It eventually misleaders succeded, and made our policy to collapsed. The lists of defaulters are available for references.

- These is a challenges for women and it is an indicator that women still need redemption.

REQUEST FROM TLP.

- To support en-capacitating women with skills of entrepreneurship and enabling them to start their own small income generating activities such as poultry keeping, piggery etc so as to empower them practically and liberated them from being dependant on men.

VOTE OF THANKS.

We shall always thank, all those devoted in helping the poor Community, especially ours, and pray that they fully realize the problem facing the women and Children in a poor area like our village.

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GRACE MRAMBO
WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE.

