



Additional Information on Tanzania Community Project received from ROPEholder: Tryphone

1. **CLIMATE:** Makutupora village receives little rain for 3 months per year. This area is very dry with neither a river, pond nor a swamp. The community gets water from open mud wells. Parents are struggling with poverty many living at less than a dollar per day. There are no factories nor business centres where people can sell their commodities and get employments to earn income. people are depending upon small scale farming and few flocks with little knowledge as to how they can make expansion.

HUNGRY CHILDREN: The Head teacher told me that some children come to school without taking breaking fast and with no hope of getting lunch in the afternoon. These pupils are weak and sleep during class hours. They feel uncomfortable and experience stomach pain. Some lack exercise books, pens, uniforms and pencils. Sometimes teachers have to prepare porridge for hungry children to make the gain strength of the day. In addition to the bad school building which are not attractive the school attendance is dropping.

DISEASES: Dysentery and typhoid diseases are common among children because of school toilets which have worn out putting children at risk of contracting viruses and bacteria's. Some pupils are already infected with HIV.

TABOOS: The head teacher said that the society at large is not educated they promote taboos such as taking the widow of your brother. Unsafe sex has led to the increase of the spread of AIDS which is leading to the new born infected babies. Girls many of them are not being taken to school parents thinking that won't get dowry when they will want them to get married as girls will get preoccupied with studying for so long. The bad condition of the school is contributing to advocacy of this taboo.

BENEFITS: The following benefits will come after the school has been rebuilt:

1. School attendance will increase from 70% to 95%. as good learning environment will motivate pupils to love education. Teachers will teach wholeheartedly as infrastructures have been improved.
- 2 Pupils will do better in examinations because they concentrate without obstructions.
3. More children will be enrolled to school. Parents will see no need to keep their children at home just to take care of flocks.
4. The entire community of Makutupora will grow economically as this young generation will get education to build a good economy. Eradication of malnutrition and diseases like HIV and dysentery, cholera and malaria will be possible to come to an end because the learned generation is taking the lead. Bad taboo beliefs will decrease. More girls will be enrolled to school bringing equality in developing humanity hence bringing development to entire community. The transformation will take place only after the school learning environment has been improved for the whole community to see and get motivated.

Thank you.

With kind regards,

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