



NEWSLETTER

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Kisedet



ORGAN OF INFORMATION OF KISEDET KIGWE SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING AND TANZANIA ONLUS GROUP

Veyula: a dorm for the professional school



In October 2018 we began to build a dormitory for boys in Veyula vocational school. Its name will be Umoja wa Mafundi, which means “Union of workers”. The total cost of the work is around 20,000.00 euros.

KISEDET had already built two classrooms in the same school, a small kitchen and toilets. Dominick, KISEDET board founder and former chairman, is a very smart person who invests a lot of money on street children, who come from poor families, for their recovery and support. This year KISEDET is supporting 8 students (5 boys and 3 girls) at the Veyula vocational school, where they can choose to be trained in

tailoring, carpentry and blacksmithing.

Our warmest thanks go to “Progetto Agata Smeralda” Onlus Association from Florence, for having financed the construction of this dormitory.

Members’ Meeting 2019

Gruppo Tanzania Onlus Members’ annual Meeting was held on 16th March: an essential moment in the life of an association, where members meet, analyze and verify what was done the previous year, and decide together what are the strategies for the future. This year we have addressed, among other subjects, two very important topics:

- **Codice del Terzo Settore D.Lg 117/2017:** The third sector Reform Law provides for a series of benefits and commitments for voluntary associations that want to join in. Gruppo Tanzania Onlus meeting has resolved that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that GTO becomes ETS (Third Sector Entity) in order to benefit of all the advantages provided by the new legislation. For this reason we have activated ourselves to draft the new statute of the association, create a site that meets the new needs and a digital database that brings together supporters and donors, start creating projects and participate in tenders. In practice, we want to continue and grow with the help of all of you!

- The institutional positions are renewed every three years, consequently, the Members’ Meeting has elected:

Giovanni Iannaccio	President
Mauro Del Pino	Vice-President
Elisabetta Dessi	Secretary

Non-executive directors also include Giulia De Paolis and Ilario Manzotti.

The former President Claudio Pileghi was given the task of “Operational Direction and Fundraiser” with the aim of following the transition from Onlus to Ets, taking action to increase the number of supporters and draw up projects to raise funds.



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Chigongwe: a new guesthouse for tourists

In Chigongwe, at the “Chigongwe family” long-term care home, excavations for the guesthouse foundations will soon begin, which allow us to accommodate tourists who will come and visit us through the Sustainable Tourism Project “Let’s meet under the baobab” and / or Tanzanian guests who want to spend the weekend away from the chaos of the capital.

Many thanks, again, to our supporters who made this project possible by collecting €5,000.00 through the sale of calendars.

The fencing of the area, the construction of a soccer field, two study and recreational rooms, where children can spend the evening and do their homework, are also being studied.

We also aim to build a greenhouse that will allow us to grow vegetables safely from the insects and / or animals



that populate our center and its surroundings.

Let us thank the Associazione Grup-

po Tanzania Onlus which supports us in these projects.

Arcobaleno su Tanzania: support for medical care

Galipoli Association (LE) “Arcobaleno su Tanzania” has financed medical care (including the almost inevitable surgical operations) for Mariamu and Mudi. Mariamu is an eighteen-year-old girl who was hit by a car some time ago and has never recovered.

In Tanzania, unfortunately, the health system leaves much to be desired, and although she has already been subjected to various surgical operations, she still has severe pain.

Due to the fact that she limps, her back has assumed an abnormal position, causing her further painful pains.



In Ikonda, a village about 500 km from Dodoma in the south direction to Iringa, there is a missionary hospital, specialized in orthopedics, where Italian orthopedists to their annual commute for operating patients who come to Ikonda to receive treatment.

We contacted them and have agreed that in May we will call again to fix the date of the surgical operation.

Mudi, on the other hand, is a former street boy, a guest at the long-term “Chigongwe family” home managed by KISE-DET. For some time now, his legs have begun to bend inward, to the point that his knees touch each other.

Bodabodari: a danger on city streets



Antony è un bambino di undici anni, cinque dei quali ntony is a eleven-years-old child, who has passed five of them living on the street. Recently, he is attending the drop-in center of KISEDET, the day center for street children. The other morning I received a call from the drop-in social worker informing me that Antony had been severely beaten by taxi drivers on two wheels or - as I call them - “bodabodari”. In Tanzania taxi motorcycles are called bodaboda, and these boys, often without education and, above all, without a license, think they are untouchable, and in fact they are by doing as they please, not only in Dodoma but, I believe, in all of Tanzania. They drive without a helmet, often whizzing in daytime downtown, riding in three, but also in four, on a single bike (here they are called “mishkaki” or “skewers”). If one of them is hit, even if by his fault, it is not advisable for the car driver to stop: he truly risks lynching. It is advisable to run away or to the police. In fact, in a short time the “bodabodari” pass each other word and start chasing the victim. One evening I counted almost 100 motorcycles chasing a car, fortunately followed by a police car. Regrettably, on top of that, policemen often pretend not to see these “skewers” on motorcycles, whizzing regardless of any rule.

Now, let me back to Antony’s story. That morning he was out of the drop-in and was trying to steal gates with another boy. According to them, the theft had been commissioned by adults (it often happens that criminals send street children to steal on their own). At one point, Antony and Frankie were surprised and chased, Frankie managed to escape, while Antony was captured. The bodabodari arrived and started beating him while the people around incited them: bloodthirsty beasts against an 11-year-old child. Fortunately they were close to the drop-in and one of KISEDET social worker, a black belt in karate, managed to save

STREET FLOWER

Here is a simple book that means much for me, as I hope it will for you as well. It means hope, support, culture, commitment and hard reality (far-away and yet so close). Beautiful shots by Romina Remigio have captured the smiles of the children that represent the future of this country.



On the other hand there are fascinating stories of everyday life lived and written by Giovanna Moretti.

The goal of the initiative is, of course, collecting funds, that will be entirely devolved to the building of the new Chigongwe’s Family, Kisedet’s boarding house for street children’s recovery.

Whoever wishes to receive a copy (minimal donation 15 euro + additional shipping costs, if any) will receive our silent THANK YOU, from supporters and supported that believe in a better future.

ASANTE SANA (Thank you very much)

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We thank Gruppo Tanzania Onlus for the commitment and will devoted to the editing and publishing of this book.

Antony from his attackers. Now Antony is a guest at Safina s/n, the NGO we have been working with for many years, and we hope that this bad experience will convince him and change his life.

You will remember that in the last newsletter I told you about another Antony, who, unfortunately, failed to escape these crazy killers: after being beaten to death, they sprinkled him with gasoline and set him on fire. Antony died the following morning in the throes of unspeakable physical suffering.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We’re looking for volunteers who are willing to dedicate their free time to carrying out promotional activities for Gruppo Tanzania. If you are available please contact us at the email address info@gruppotanzaniaonlus.org and we will suggest the activities that could be more suitable for you.

Sustainable Tourism

It will be a coincidence, but all Gr Tz management team members have become partners after a sustainable tourist journey to Tanzania, where they have faced Kisedet Ong reality and known firsthand the projects on the territory.

The same happened to many supporters after such a trip.

In particular, last year, Giulia and Mauro, even if they made this trip in two different times, both of them decided to activate a distance support, become members of the association and be part of the board.

This year, too, there is a chance to travel with Gr Tz and live a full immersion in Kisedet real life, to become aware of its projects, its communities and its operators. Furthermore, you will discover Tanzania as guests in ecotourism structures that operate on the territory, admiring the natural and cultural wonders of this splendid country.

Gruppo Tanzania Onlus and Kise-

det ONG therefore welcome Giulia and Mauro, thanking them for their commitment and enthusiasm, and they hope that many others among you can be infected by this “Longing for Africa” that captures all those that come close to our world. We invite anyone willing to

dedicate part of their time to our “dream” and contact us.

Together we grow up!

For more information contact **Claudio** at **334 2136352** or write to info@gruppotanzaniaonlus.org



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