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FTK hosted a delegation of donors from the Netherlands, Net4Kids, who are supporting a newly adopted village, Mkalama. The visit aimed to assess the current situation in Mkalama village and understand the community's needs and challenges. During the visit, the visitors engaged with local leaders and community members, gaining firsthand insights into the village's living



conditions, infrastructures, and priorities. In addition to visiting Mkalama, the visitors had an opportunity to tour FTK projects in Mawala, Kiruani villages, and Lower Moshi projects. These visits showcased the transformative impacts of FTK's initiatives such as school renovation, dispensaries, boreholes, green projects, safe water projects, TPC girl's dormitory, and library. The visitors were able to see the tangible differences these projects have made in improving the quality of life for residents, providing a clear contrast to the current state of Mkalama village. The visit was highly successful, strengthening the relations while highlighting the potential for positive change in Mkalama village. FTK sincerely thanks our strategic partner, Net4Kids for their interest in our work and the engagement with the Mkalama communities. We appreciate the cooperation of all the villagers who participated in the visit and look forward to nurturing this potential partnership to benefit the community.



The new leadership training for the newly elected village government committees was conducted in February at Miwaleni village with 70 participants involved. The primary objective of the training was to equip committee members with the necessary skills, knowledge, and tools to lead their communities and address local challenges effectively. The training focused on key areas such as good governance, conflict resolution, resource

management, and community involvement. Participants were also introduced to their roles and responsibilities outlined by the local government framework, ensuring they understood their mandate to serve the people with integrity and accountability. Additionally, the training highlighted the significance of ethical leadership and the need to prioritize the community's welfare. Participants expressed enthusiasm and commitment to apply the lesson learned to improve service delivery and promote unity within the community. In conclusion, this initiative marks a significant step towards strengthening local governance and community development.

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In continuation with the leadership training, 23 committees from the Miwaleni Village Council were taken to observe various projects implemented by FTK in Mawala, Mikocheni, Kiruani, Londoto, and Chewe villages. These projects include school renovations, the Construction of school gardens, boreholes, dispensaries, and business simulation initiatives which have significantly improved the quality of life in those communities. The visits provided firsthand insights into successful project planning, implementation, and community engagement. Participants were able to interact with beneficiaries and local leaders, gaining practical knowledge on how to replicate similar initiatives in their village. This experimental learning component reinforced the theoretical lesson from the training and inspired the committee members to adopt innovative approaches to community development. In conclusion, the field visits were impactful, equipping the new committee members with practical experience. This holistic approach gave participants an expression of renewed motivation and confidence in the ability to drive positive change in their village.



In February, FTK conducted the first quarter meeting at Kiruani, and Mawala village, attended by the village council, FTK committee, projects committees, and religious leaders. The main agenda of the meetings was to share the FTK work plan for 2025, listen to the work plans of various committees, and align them with the FTK objectives. Additionally, the meeting provided a platform for participants to discuss challenges and propose collaborative solutions to address them. During the meeting, the FTK work plan for

2025 was presented, outlining key activities and goals for the year. Each committee also shared their perspective work plans, highlighting areas of alignment with FTK's initiatives. The meetings were productive, fostering collaboration and alignment among all stakeholders. The discussion ensured that all committees committed to shared goals and addressing challenges collectively. This inclusive approach strengthens community partnerships and paves the way for sustainable development.

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FTK is pleased to report that the Mama bus service has officially began operations in Miwaleni village, providing essential health care access to pregnant women and under 5 years children. So far, the service has been successfully conducted twice where 52 children under 5 years and 5 pregnant women offered the service and general health education training during the service.



The Mama Bus initiative targets the villages without dispensaries or communities far from healthcare facilities, ensuring that underserved populations receive the care they need. The response to the Miwaleni community has been overwhelmingly positive, with many beneficiaries expressing gratitude for the timely and much-needed healthcare services. The Mama bus service has also continued its normal operation to other Lower Moshi villages. The Mama bus service is making a significant impact in communities around Lower Moshi, bridging the gap in women's access to healthcare services for remote communities. FTK remains committed to improving healthcare access and promoting the well-being of women in their communities.



FTK office garden project has made significant progress, with the successful completion of vegetable-growing and planting of fruit trees. The garden now has 7 varieties of vegetables planted like Chinese, okra, etc. together with fruit-bearing trees like Papaya, mango, and avocado which are thriving and contributing to the sustainability and aesthetic appeal of the office environment. This initiative not only promotes green practices but also serves as a practical

demonstration of sustainable agriculture for the community. currently, the project is in its final phase, which involves the installation of educational signs and signage. These signs will provide valuable information about the type of vegetables and fruit trees grown, their benefits, and the best practices for cultivation. This initiative reflects FTK's commitment to sustainability and community education. We look forward to showcasing the garden as a model for sustainable practices and a source of inspiration for others.

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As part of the emergency health fund project, FTK social workers collaborated with CCBRT to organize a therapy week for children with disabilities, alongside conducting home visits and providing hospital escorts. The therapy week was conducted twice which offered specialized therapeutic services to 3 children, addressing their physical, emotional, and developmental needs. These sessions were tailored to each child's unique requirements, ensuring they



received the best possible care and support. In addition to therapy sessions, FTK social workers conducted six days of home visits to 14 children with disabilities from Mtakuja, Msitu wa Tembo, Mikocheni, and Kiyungi following the intensive therapy week. These visits aimed to assess children's conditions and provide caregivers with guidance and home-based care. Furthermore, the social workers facilitated three hospital escorts to 7 children requiring advanced medical attention at KCMC hospital ensuring they accessed timely and appropriate healthcare services. These initiatives have made a significant impact on the lives of children with disabilities and their families, providing much-needed support and improving their access to healthcare.