

The Child Rights Awareness Program in Mikocheni Village achieved an important milestone through a three-day training session that engaged 50 bodaboda (motorcycle taxi) riders as community child protection advocates. Facilitated in collaboration with AJISO, the training strengthened participants' understanding of child rights, child protection responsibilities, and their role in creating a safer environment for children and adolescents. Through open discussions, the riders also shared real experiences on gender-based violence and other social challenges affecting families and young people within the village. The program was designed on the belief that when influential community members are equipped with knowledge and awareness, they become agents of change who can prevent abuse, promote reporting mechanisms, and encourage positive community attitudes. As a result, the initiative has increased local commitment toward protecting children and promoting safer, more supportive communities.



The WASH awareness initiative in Kiruani village made meaningful progress through two community education sessions facilitated by a doctor and nurse from Msitu wa Tembo Dispensary. More than 60 villagers participated in the sessions, where they gained practical knowledge on water safety, sanitation practices, personal hygiene, and disease prevention. Community members actively engaged in discussions on the importance of maintaining clean household environments and adopting healthy hygiene behaviors to reduce the spread of preventable illnesses. The program was grounded in the understanding that improving community knowledge and awareness leads to positive behavioral change and healthier living conditions. By equipping villagers with essential WASH information and encouraging shared responsibility for community health, the initiative has strengthened local awareness and motivated households to adopt safer sanitation and hygiene practices, benefiting their families and the wider community.



The annual Kili Climate Day at Mtakuja 'B' Secondary School successfully strengthened environmental awareness and climate education among students and the wider community. Organized in collaboration between The Greenmanjaro and FTK, the event brought together over 120 participants, including students, teachers, school administrators, and government officials from the ward to the village level. The day began with the planting of 100 tree seedlings around the school compound, reinforcing the importance of environmental conservation through practical action. Students and teachers also gained hands-on experience in plastic recycling, learning how plastic waste can be transformed into useful products and contribute to a cleaner environment. The event concluded with a showcase of ongoing school-based sustainability initiatives, including the school's vegetable garden. By combining practical learning with community participation, the program strengthened environmental responsibility and inspired long-term climate action among young people and local stakeholders.



Following the successful completion of the Kili Climate Day event, FTK held a strategic meeting with the team of Greenmanjaro to review progress on the Green Corridor Project at Mtakuja' B' Secondary and the vegetable garden at Mawala Primary School. The meeting focused on identifying sustainable environmental solutions, with particular attention to establishing an eco-friendly improved cooking stove at Mtakuja B Secondary School. To strengthen learning and informed decision-making, the teams conducted field visits to Chewe Secondary School and Langasani Secondary School to observe existing improved-stove projects. The visit was highly successful, providing practical exposure to two different environmentally friendly cooking technologies and deepening the team's understanding of sustainable energy solutions for schools and community institutions.



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The Mama Bus mobile clinic continued to bridge the healthcare access gap for underserved villages and sub-villages with limited or no nearby dispensary services. Through regular outreach visits in April, the program successfully reached 55 pregnant women and 475 children under five years old, bringing essential maternal and child healthcare services directly to communities in need. As part of strengthening early diagnosis and preventive healthcare, 55 ultrasound scans (USS) were conducted to monitor maternal health and pregnancy progress, 13 HIV tests, and 22 HB tests were carried out to support early detection and timely medical intervention. In addition, 36 family planning services were provided, empowering women and families with reproductive health choices and contributing to improved maternal well-being. The outreach also conducted 4 Hepatitis B screenings and identified 1 referral case that required further medical attention at a higher-level health facility and gave 139 vaccinations. Through this community-based approach, the Mama Bus continues to improve access to healthcare, promote early treatment and prevention, and contribute to healthier mothers and children in remote communities.



FTK continued to support patients at TPC Hospital through its office garden initiative by supplying 160 kilograms of fresh mixed vegetables to the hospital kitchen in April. The vegetables included okra, eggplants, Amaranthus (Chinese spinach), and green spinach, all of which helped improve the quality and nutritional value of meals prepared for patients. This support helped ensure that patients, especially those in need of proper nutrition during recovery, had access to healthy, fresh food. The initiative also reflects FTK's commitment to promoting community well-being through practical, sustainable support and to strengthening the relationship between the organization and local health services in caring for vulnerable people within the community.



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