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FTK brought together 25 education stakeholders from five wards, including Ward Education Officers, Head Teachers, Academic Teachers from nine EQIP schools, and School Board Chairpersons, to introduce the EQIP Phase II Project and build a shared understanding of its goals and planned activities. The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to discuss the project, ask questions, and strengthen relationships among key education partners.

Through these discussions, stakeholders gained a clearer understanding of their roles and responsibilities in supporting successful implementation. The meeting also encouraged cooperation, coordination, and a sense of shared ownership of the project. By fostering collaboration from the outset, FTK expects stronger stakeholder engagement, improved support for project activities, and ultimately better learning environments and educational outcomes for children in the target schools.



Following the stakeholder engagement meeting, FTK held parent meetings in four primary schools across Mkalama, Kiruani, and Miwaleni villages to introduce the EQIP Phase II Project and encourage parental support during implementation. The meetings helped parents understand the project's goals, planned activities, and the benefits expected for their children and schools. Through open discussions, parents were encouraged to take an active role in supporting their children's education, working closely with teachers, and participating in school activities.



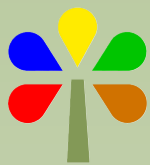
The meetings also strengthened communication between schools and communities, helping to build a sense of shared responsibility for learners' success. Increased parental involvement is expected to contribute to better school attendance, improved academic performance, and stronger community support for the sustainability of project activities and outcomes.

FTK successfully carried out Phase I of its annual school deworming program, with approval and guidance from the District Medical Officer (DMO). The program reached 10 primary schools and provided deworming tablets to 3,367 pupils aged six years and above. The initiative aimed to reduce intestinal worm infections, improve children's health, and prevent illnesses that often lead to school absenteeism. Alongside treatment, pupils received basic health education on hygiene and disease prevention. By addressing common health challenges, the program is expected to improve school attendance, concentration, and overall learning performance. Teachers expressed their appreciation for the support and highlighted the positive impact on pupils' well-being, encouraging FTK to continue the program in the future. Through this intervention, FTK continues to support healthier learning environments for children in the target communities.



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FTK was invited to attend a brief site visit to Kiyungi Mpya Primary School, accompanied by the District Executive Director (DED) of Moshi District Council, his delegation from the Arusha Chini Ward Office, and the Arusha Chini Ward Councillor. During the visit, the team toured the school premises and reviewed the land proposed for allocation to the school. A house located on the proposed site was also presented, with the understanding that compensation would be required. The DED expressed satisfaction with the proposed site and commended the work being implemented by FTK with support from TPC. It was clarified that TPC is willing to provide the land, subject to compensation for the house owner to facilitate the relocation of the existing road. The DED requested that a follow-up site meeting date be proposed and recommended that a valuation be conducted to determine the house's estimated cost.



The Mama Bus mobile clinic continued to provide essential healthcare services to women and children across ten remote villages, helping overcome barriers such as long travel distances and limited financial resources. During May and June, the clinic provided antenatal care to 121 pregnant women, including 112 ultrasound scans, 75 haemoglobin tests, medical check-ups, iron and folic acid supplementation, and pregnancy education. A total of 1,140 children under five received immunizations, treatment for minor illnesses, and nutrition assessments. In addition, 117 women accessed family planning education and services, while 44 individuals received HIV testing and counseling. Thirty individuals also received Hepatitis B testing and counseling, with all test results returning negative. By bringing healthcare closer to underserved communities, the Mama Bus continues to improve access to quality healthcare and promote better maternal and child health outcomes.

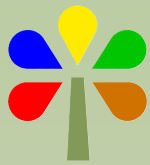


To strengthen learning outcomes and improve students' readiness for the upcoming national examinations, FTK supported a three-week study review camp at five village primary schools: Mkalama, Kilimamswaki, Miwaleni, Kiruani, and Mawala. The initiative targeted pupils in Standard Four and Standard Seven, keeping them academically engaged during the school holiday and reinforcing key concepts before they returned to regular classes. A total of 30 teachers (six from each school) facilitated lessons across six core subjects, with particular emphasis on science to address learning gaps and improve competency in this critical area. Overall, 521 pupils benefited from the program. By providing structured academic support during the holiday period, the intervention is expected to strengthen students' knowledge, boost their



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confidence and examination preparedness, improve academic performance in national assessments, and ultimately contribute to better educational outcomes for children in these rural communities.

To strengthen access to timely basic healthcare at the community level, FTK provided six Community Health Workers with fully equipped first-aid kits and practical training in their proper use during community health service delivery. The handover ceremony was witnessed by Village Leaders and members of the FTK Committee, fostering local ownership, accountability, and collaboration in supporting the Community Health Workers. By equipping frontline health providers with essential medical supplies and the skills to use them effectively, the initiative is expected to improve the quality and timeliness of first aid services, enhance community trust in local healthcare, and contribute to better health outcomes through early response to common illnesses and minor injuries.



To promote sustainable energy use and reduce household reliance on traditional cooking methods, FTK facilitated a two-day energy-saving awareness training in Kiruani Village, combining both theoretical instruction and hands-on practical learning. A total of 70 community members participated in the training, where they learned about the benefits of improved cookstoves, including their role in reducing firewood consumption, lowering indoor air pollution, and protecting the environment. Participants also gained practical skills by constructing and installing two improved cookstoves during the training. By increasing community knowledge and building local capacity to adopt energy-efficient technologies, the initiative is expected to encourage wider use of improved cookstoves, reduce pressure on natural resources, improve household health, and contribute to more sustainable livelihoods.



To strengthen household food security and improve agricultural productivity, FTK, in collaboration with the Kilimanjaro Agricultural Training Centre (KATC) and the Ward Agricultural Officer, conducted a two-day farmers' training program for 55 local farmers from Miwaleni Village. The training combined classroom instruction with practical field demonstrations, equipping participants with knowledge and hands-on skills in best agricultural practices for bean and paddy cultivation ahead of the planting season. By providing farmers with timely, relevant, and practical agricultural knowledge, the initiative is expected to improve crop management practices, increase yields, enhance household food security, and strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of farming families within the community.



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