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REPORT ON STAD URBAN SPONSORED STUDENTS TERM II 2024

Background

Support Trust for Africa Development (STAD) embraces Education, as the core focus area of the organization. Strongly motivated by its motto derived from the famous Chinese proverb; "Feed a hungry man today, he will come back for you to feed him; teach a hungry man how to fish, he can have food tomorrow; Educate his child (ren), you have given him a future."

This motto has made education to remain the main focus and the most instrumental way of fighting illiteracy and poverty. STAD/students' donors continuously remaining committed towards supporting the vulnerable students from disadvantaged families and communities, has truly impacted a lot in the lives of the students especially the girls, which has kept them focused and determined to achieve their long-term goals despite the challenges that come their way.

School Calendar

Term II opened officially on Monday 27th May 2024 and closed on Friday 23rd August 2024. The term lasted for 89 days. However, the schools \ students closed for term II holidays on different dates. It should be noted that Urban students are in different levels i.e. Ordinary, Advanced and University levels with different academic calendars. Though e term III will officially open on Monday 16th September,'24 for the secondary students, nevertheless, candidates reported before the official opening.

Academics

All the secondary students sat for end of term II examinations/assessment. The results will be out in term III. This is because marking will take place over term II holidays and results are normally released to parents during School visitation where academic progress of the students is discussed with the class teachers. However, term I results were received and the general performance was average. Students were urged to double their efforts for better performance in term II.

Discipline

Sstudents had been well disciplined at schools with no case of misconducts reported this term. Some of the students supported STAD, come to work at the office on selected days during their holidays as stated in the memorandum of understanding (MoU). They too were disciplined, committed, hard-working and ready to learn from the staff.

Health

Bo cases of sickness were reported from other schools except for Mambo James from Kochi secondary school, who was seriously sick and admitted twice in the clinic. In the MOU, there is no provision for health but fortunately, the donor was very understanding and sent extra money for his medical treatment and special

feeding. Though Mambo has fully recovered, he still requires some medicines and special diet for the ulcers. We hope he will complete term III in good health.

The beneficiaries (Urban students)

S/N	Name	Sex	Nationality	Institution	Class
1.	Amake Hope	F	Ugandan	Ediofe Girls Sec School	S.3
2.	Asua Denis	M	Ugandan	St. Charles Lwanga College	S.5
3.	Mambo James	M	South Sudanese	Kochi Secondary School	S.3
4.	Innocent Emmanuel	M	South Sudanese	Nansana Secondary School	S.4
5.	Ade Victor Clement	M	South Sudanese	Mvara Secondary School	S.6
6.	Leju Joseph Moga	M	South Sudanese	Mvara Secondary School	S.6
7.	Charles Wani Lotire	M	South Sudanese	Mvara Secondary School	S.6
8.	Justo Alakia Seme Chrispho	M	South Sudanese	Uganda Christian University	DBA
9.	Sunday Jully	F	South Sudanese	Uganda Christian University	BSWSA
10.	Viola Sadia Samuel Peter	F	South Sudanese	Uganda Christian University	BSWSA

Success stories (Achievements)

- This year 2024, STAD is happy to enrol 3 (2F, 1M) vulnerable students in Uganda Christian University (UCU) pursuing different courses. (Refer to the above list for details) Sunday Jully is at the main campus in Kampala while Viola Sadia Samuel and Justo Alakai Seme are in Arua campus for weekend programs. The latter is pursuing Diploma in Business Administration while the 2 Sunday and Viola are pursuing bachelor degrees.
- Second term ended well without any cases or call from the school administration about indiscipline of the students. This is a plus for STAD.
- Students are always encouraged to volunteer at STAD or the community they live in during the holidays as a way of giving back to the community. Through STAD programs such as stakeholders engagements and capacity building, to expos and enhance their skills in computer, time management, communication and report writing among others.
- Swift action of the donors respond to medical treatment on emergency as the MOU has no provisions for serious medical expense. STAD is grateful to Mr. Nick Thomas, Mambo James donor for his medical financial support.
- All the students' tuition and related cost were paid timely without any challenges.

Challenges

The following were the Challenges encountered during the term:

- Currency fluctuation; the euro greatly dropped in value compared to the local currency. This affected the planned budget.
- Cases of sickness that affected a student in school where he was admitted twice. This has a bearing on his academic performance.

Lessons learnt

- The school dues and related costs for all the students were sent in time by the different donors because of early planning. This has in-turn facilitated the smooth implementation of planned activities.
- Grate improvement in terms of performance the students during mid-term assessment as compared to beginning of term. This is due to their commitment and hard work in the school.
- The good relationship and coordination between STAD and the school administration was very instrumental in accomplishing the planned activities especially tuition payments.

Recommendations

- Students urged to work hard in school and over holidays to improve their performance more especially the candidates.
- Continuous support for the students to at least ensures that their educational goals are achieved.
- All students to go for general for general check-up in the hospital bbefore reporting to schools. This will reduce cases of sickness while in the school so that their academic performance is not affected.

Conclusion

STAD would like to express its profound gratitude to the various donors for their ceaseless support towards the students. With this genuine support, you all have given the students a future. The students are working hard to achieve their dreams and devoted to securing their future.

STAD will continuously build students' support for family engagements by fostering parents as lifelong educators to challenge any status quo. STAD will organize meetings on termly basis during holidays with the student aimed at safeguarding and improving their academic performance to ensure good grades for the candidates. Continuous monitoring of the students by STAD through school visitation programs and direct telephone calls with school administrations to check on their performance and discipline, in-order to ensure that the main goal of the project is realized.

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