

"Pioneering Change in the Lives of the under privileged through Education"

# 2019 Annual Report

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#### TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

OLET was incorporated as charitable organization in Tanzania under the Trustees Incorporation act (CAP.3118.R.E.2002) on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 as non-profit organization that provides education and development opportunities for underprivileged children and youth in Tanzania, East Africa with the VISION of "Pioneering change in the lives of the poor through Education". The MISSION is to "Expand educational opportunities" to families in need so that their children can acquire the requisite education to meet their needs and achieve their higher education and development dreams".

Since its inception in 2017,OLET strives to improve the educational outcomes for underprivileged students, who are lacking financial means of achieving higher education and/or other development opportunities .The Trustees of OLET are once again pleased to present this annual report which covers the Operations of the Trust during the year 2019.

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Olive Damian Luena - Founding Trustee

#### **OLET 2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



Lola Mwansasu-Programmes Coordinator.

## 1. Scholarship and Bursary Support

Provision of scholarships is specifically meant to benefit needy students from disadvantaged families who pursue careers in high-need areas such as specialized education that will benefit the disadvantaged e.g. specialized professional training for teaching /working with or providing medical attention to children with disabilities, cerebral palsy etc. During the year 2019 OLET provided 13 Scholarships Bursaries worth of Tshs. 23,160,000/= to a total of 13 students as follows:

- 4 students from Catholic University of Health and Allied sciences (CUHAS), comprises of doctors, Nurses and pharmacists, making a total of 10 Students since 2019.
- 1 specialized training at Tanga Teachers College
- In the higher learning area OLET sponsored 2 university students at Moshi and Dar es Salaam.
- At secondary school level OLET sponsored 2 secondary students in Mlandizi and Dar es Salaam.
- The Trust also sponsored 2 primary school children (1 with cerebral palsy) in Arusha and one in Dar es Salaam.



4 students (in white coats) from Catholic University of Health and Allied sciences (CUHAS) sponsored by OLET

## 2. Partnership / collaboration with CDTF

## i) Provision of Reusable Feminine Hygiene Pads to Girls from Underprivileged Families

Reusable Sanitary pads for girls from disadvantaged families help to empower girls to achieve their full academic potential, curbing the high rates of menstrual-related absenteeism with fewer costs. During the year under review OLET provided extra Feminine pack pads to 125 Girls at Njombe School of deaf and Mazinyungu Primary Schools in Morogoro.

## ii) Monitoring and Follow up of Njombe

OLET provided financial support to CDT for a monitoring and evaluation Mission in March 2019 to Njombe. During the mission The DTF Director Mr. Henry Muging was able to:

- To evaluate the impact of CDTF & OLET supporting activities at Njombe Viziwi Secondary School.
- To hold meetings with the School management and Board of governors and thereby assed the academic performance of the students and mobilise support of stakeholders around Njombe to sustain the operations of the school in order to enhance the performance and improve the Children access to medical attention the medical insurances.

While in Njombe Mr. Mugingi managed to visit **Njombe Community Development College** where he had meetings with the staff to discuss on the

possibilities of collaborating with Njombe School for deaf to establish special post-secondary school technical courses/program for the deaf:



Njombe Community Development College Staff with CDTF Director (seated)

## ii) Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Giving Tuesday was initially started in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do well during the month of November and around Christmas time. Over the past seven years this idea has grown into global movement that inspires hundreds of millions to give. To commemorate this day OLET in partnership with CDTF took part by visiting children at CCBRT (Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania) Hospital and organised a giving event reaching out to 30 children who attend physiotherapy sessions at CCBRT together with their parents. The parents were able to share with the team about the challenges they face to raise their disabled children especially in the provision of education. During the event the team visited the CCBRT workshop for artificial limbs an idea which surprised the CCBRT Staff because under normal circumstances people don't visit the workshop. During the event the team donated 6 special made chairs for children with cerebral Palsy Disabilities, toys towels, pillowcases, bottles of baby oil, toilettes 12tooth brushes, 12tooth paste, and some snacks and juice. The Team also provided financial support for bus fares for parents who came from upcountry like Pemba, Njombe and Kibaha



Some Children and parents at the Giving Tuesday event



Items donated on the Giving Tueasday Event



OLET Trustee Lillian Nyamizi Distributing materials to the parents of the disabled children at CCBRT

### 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION SECTOR

OLET contributed Tshs 1,000,000 to help improve school infrastructure at Kifanya Secondary School in Njombe. This school needed Doors for their School Toilets which were built through contribution from different Education stake holders.

### 5. CHALLENGES

During the year OLET"s Expenditure was Tshs 97,000,000 while the needs amounted to Tshs 197,000,000. Like many other institutions in similar stages; OLET"s needs for resources both financial and human capital are obvious to help match with the overwhelming expectations of the stakeholders and particularly the target groups, coupled with OLET"s requirements to put the requisite structures and systems in place. These challenges however are being taken as opportunities for OLET to consolidate itself and reach out to more partners and friends in order to excel and achieve its mission one step at a time.

#### 6. OLET'S WAY FORWARD 2019 AND BEYOND

As indicated in the 5years OLET Strategic Plan the Trust aims to empower underserved families and students with opportunities for them to realize their dreams. These include much-needed financial resources, information, and linkages to help them acquire the requisite education to meet their needs to attain their higher education and excel professionally. The Trust will offer financial and capacity-building to organizations with similar objectives and Community organizations. The Trust will invest where resources and expertise will have the most significant long-term impact and work hand-in-hand with

## likeminded institutions. i.e.:

- Connecting students/less privileged kids/youth/young leaders to education
- OLET will identify local and international partners offering scholarships, fellowships, and other resources that augment the work of OLET in fulfilment of this Strategic Objectives.