

May 2010 at HAPO Tabora, Tanzania.

The Meals Programme feeds a group of vulnerable and orphaned children in Tabora, Tanzania who attend an outreach centre for street children called HAPO. Each day the children are provided with a hot meal, often the only meal they will get that day. This provides much needed nourishment and strength to help the children attend school and hopefully give them a brighter future, away from life begging on the streets. The food is bought and cooked every day by Adela and Deus, two Tabora residents. The programme is reliant on kind donations. Therefore, if you would like to help please make a donation to "Tabora Meals for Children Trust" Barclays Bank, UK, Sort code: 209748 A/C No. 03224031 and contact Siwan, Margaret, or Sophie (siwan.g@hotmail.co.uk)



Picnic time

Siobhan came back to HAPO early in April and took all the children for a picnic/bbq at the cow market, thanks to money raised before she left Northern Ireland. Two goats were bought at the market and then they were cooked. Fun and games were had by all.



BREAKING NEWS

Mama Sekasua sadly met with a road traffic accident in May and both her ankles were broken. She coordinates the work, cheerful as ever, from her house which is just yards from the classroom. We wish her a speedy complete recovery.



Income generation

The brick making work has now started with some experimentation and today 4 perfect bricks were created. The mould machine is second hand and had to undergo a lot of repair and renovation before today's successful result. We have had an expert making the bricks but the boys are showing great interest in this money making venture. The money will go to support the core costs of HAPO.

Bananas introduced



The Meals programme was happy to be able to reintroduce fruit into the diet. Deus seems to know how and when the bananas will be arriving in Tabora. These came on the Wednesday train from Mpanda!



Hometime on Saturday



Usually each child gets a bar of soap on Saturday and now hard boiled eggs have been introduced as a regular Saturday feature, obviously all too much happiness for some! The

children really enjoy their eggs and look forward to their weekly treat.



Vocational Training

Preparation is well in hand for the machine knitting project, two of the girls will start with basic training and more will be involved as soon as the extra knitting machines arrive from Ireland.

Sex Education



As some of the children have lost parents because of AIDS and it is prevalent in this community Perminder Sethi, a young English doctor, on loan from Winchester, tried to make sure the kids grow up knowing all about it. They got to handle (and blow up!) some condoms. The lively presentation went down very well with the kids but they also seemed to grasp the very serious nature of the disease.

If you would like to come and visit or volunteer for a while, or sponsor a child, or help other aspects of HAPO, please email hapo_tabora@yahoo.com. If you would like to help finance the children's Meals Programme please make a donation to "Tabora Meals for Children Trust" Barclays Bank, UK, Sort code: 209748 A/C No. 03224031