



**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATION AT MTAKUJA "B" SECONDARY
SCHOOL.**

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Overview:

Tunza Foundation is Non Governmental Organization established in order to add a helping hand in the fight against environmental pollution, land degradation and climate change by first conserving and preserving our environment and natural vegetation by planting planting trees. Tunza Foundation aims at planting 1,000 tree seedlings by December 2024.

Mtakuja “B” is a high esteemed secondary school with a zealous and ambitious staff dedicated to raise a brighter future by proving a top knot education and intellectual guidance to its students.

Mtakuja “B” Secondary school also has a great passion for environmetal care, preservation and conservation.

It is in our strong beleif that Mtakuja “B” Secondary School will set a model for other schools in the counrty to followin both academic perfomance and environmental projects.

Tunza Foundation Organization is dedicated to women's empowerment for this passion we organized a successful campaign on the soil of Mtakuja "B" Secondary School during the International Women's Day on March 8, 2024. A campaign that contained a series of profoundactivities which are detailed briefly in this report.

The motto of the day was (noted in Swahili);

**“WEKEZA KWA WANAWAKE ILI KUHARAKISHA
MAENDELEO YA TAIFA NA USTAWI WA JAMII”**

The following are the activities which comprised the International Women’s Day campaign at the Mtakuja “B” Secondary School’s soil.

Activities:

1. Parade

Before we started our celebrations a solidarity parade was held by students, teachers, parents, guests and Tunza foundation representatives. The parade was to convey the Motto of the day and also to display the unity in women empowerment.



[Tunza Foundation with the students of Mtakuja B Secondary School]

2. Lectures

Informative sessions were conducted to raise awareness about reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, and legal rights for women. The event focused on crucial topics such as reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, gender violence and legal rights for women through engaging lectures from different experts on the field. These lectures provided valuable insights and knowledge to the students. Tunza Foundation aimed at educating and empowering young girls on these sensitive issues.

The lectures on Menstrual Hygiene, Reproductive Health and Gender Violence were conducted by Ms. Indiaeli Ndossi and Mrs. Maria QQQQ from the Compassion Organization at Menonite Church in Newlands, Moshi.



[Students receiving a lecture about gender violence from Madam Maria of Compassion Organization]

2. Sanitary Pad Distribution

Tunza Foundation generously provided 72 packs of sanitary pads to all the female students of Mtakuja “B” secondary school; ensuring they have access to essential menstrual hygiene products.

These pads were selfishlessly donated to us by the Zara Charity Tanzania Foundation and they were distributed by Executive Officer of Mtakuja ward Ms. Marium Mwiru and Madam Sarah Ngina of the Bright Future Newlands Supoort Organization and Ms. Vai Gupta from Tunza Foundation.



[Ms. Vai Gupta distributing Sanitary Pads to the female students of Mtakuja B secondaty school]



3. Trees Planting

In a bid to promote environmental sustainability and community involvement, Tunza Foundation together with teachers, students, parents, invited guests and community leaders planted 200 fruit trees in the school compound. This initiative not only benefits the environment but also fosters a sense of responsibility and teamwork among participants.

And as it was stated by Hon. Mr. Oscar Kagusa Msabaha, the chairman of CCM Mtakuja Branch; “This event today will not only benefit us but will benefit our grandchildren as well and the generations that follow”.



[Students receiving trees seedlings before planting]



[Tunza Foundation and Bright Future Newlands Support Organization planting their tree]



[Boys and Girls of Mtakuja B Secondary School planting their trees]



[Community leaders; CCM chairman of Mtakuja Branch Hon. Mr. Oscar Kagusa, Village Chairman of Mtakuja Hon. Mr. Hussein Mmanga; Executive officer of Mtakuja ward Hon. Ms. Mariam Mwiru planting their tree]

Acknowledgements

Tunza Foundation extends its gratitude to the Honorable District Executive Director of Moshi District Council for granting us the permission to proceed with the celebrations at Mtakuja B Secondary School.

We extend our gratitude to the Honorable Education Officer of Moshi District council for advising the DED on accepting our request.

We extend our gratitude to the Headmaster of Mtakuja B Secondary school and his whole staff for hosting, supporting and working with us throughout the celebrations and trees planting.

We also extend our gratitude to the community leaders that took hours of their time of day to come to the Mtakuja B Secondary school to participate in the celebrations and planting of trees.

Our gratitude also goes to the Bright Future Newlands Support Organization for their immense support from preparations and for the Lectures they provided to the students of Mtakuja B Secondary School.

Our heartfelt gratitude also extends to Zara Charity Tanzania for their generous donation of 72 sanitary pads which significantly contributed to the success of the event.

And last but not least we would like to thank the collaborative efforts of all participants, including students, teachers and parents who played a vital role in making the celebrations of the International Women's Day at Mtakuja B Secondary School a resounding success.

Outcome:

The campaign at Mtakuja "B" Secondary School was met with enthusiasm and positivity from all involved by addressing critical issues such as reproductive health, menstrual hygiene and legal rights for women.

Tunza Foundation successfully empowered young girls with knowledge and resources essential for their well-being. The tree planting initiative not only promotes environmental sustainability but also fosters a sense of community engagement and responsibility among participants.

In conclusion, the event organized by Tunza Foundation on International Women's Day at Mtakuja "B" Secondary School was a commendable effort that effectively addressed important issues while promoting community involvement and empowerment in socio and environmental development.



THANK YOU