

APPENDIX I.

INAUGURATION OF CHILDREN'S MEETING PLACE AND NETWORKING IN LAKE VICTORIA REGION.

TWO DAYS PROGRAM IN MWANZA- TANZANIA.

DAY ONE

On 6th December, 2003, the Globetree Team led by the President of Globetree, Ms. Kajsa Dahlstrom arrived in the City of Mwanza in the Morning.

In the afternoon they started their program under the coordination of their host, Christopher Mafuru. The program started by visiting Nyamanoro Primary School, a school member of Children Rights and Environmental Clubs Network -Popularly known as Malihai clubs Network. At the school, they were welcomed by the head teacher, Mrs Victoria Letawo.



The Globetree Team were entertained by children who sang Environmental songs and then were taken around the school premises to see various activities done by pupils, such as tree nurseries, vegetable gardens and tree planting for income generating project for the school.

In her brief speech, the president of Globetree, Ms. Kajsa encouraged the school's administration to keep on involving the children (pupils) in projects which prepare them for the better future. She also explained the goal behind their visit in Mwanza.

Thereafter, the Globetree team accompanied by teachers and cultural officer from Mwanza City council, visited Bwiru Girls' secondary school, which is situated along the shore of lake Victoria.



At Bwiru Girls, the Globetree team was again entertained by songs, poems and drama from students. The headmistress of Bwiru Girls School gave a brief presentation on the school's activities, achievements and problems facing them i.e. Need of Computers to easier the communication.

The Globetree team's members (Peroy and Jack Foo) informed the students and Staff of Bwiru Girls about the proposed projects such as Children's Gardens, which will be implemented in Mwanza once funds are available from donors. The president of Globetree, Ms. Kajsa delivered her speech basing on the programs which were done in Uganda i.e. Inauguration of Children's meeting Place in Kampala, Busia, Mukono and the Networking seminar in Entebbe. She also talked on the main objectives and expectations of the programs in preparation for the upcoming **ROOTS MEETING IN NEXT YEAR, 2004**. At the end the Globetree and their hosts got a time to move around the school premises to see the school's projects.

In the evening, the Globetree Team, with teachers and students from Bwiru girls and Mwanza secondary school visited the FOLKLORE center at Nyegezi hills, which is managed by the Sukuma (the largest tribe in Tanzania) elder, Mr. Lubasa Fumbuki who is also a tutor at Butimba teachers College. At the center, the Globetree team was entertained by traditional Sukuma dancers who are accommodated at the center. The dance



was followed by a dialogue between the Globetree team and the Sukuma elder, Mr. Lubasa Fumbuki. Mr. Lubasa narrated about the African tradition, the Sukuma tribe in particular how they were bringing up a child, child in family and community; child rearing practices as they grow up and the role of the community, what was right and wrong for a child?. He continued to talk on the places used by the elders to deliver knowledge and wisdom to the children and youth. He mentioned the TREE and FIRE (SHIKOME) as places where the elders met with their children and youth to discuss important issues concerning the future of the society, that under the tree and around the fire were the places where children and youth who had done something wrong in the society would confess their case and ask for forgiveness and blessing from their elders.

At the end of the program, the president of Globetree gave her heartfelt thanks to Mr. Lubasa for his nice presentation with regard to the VISION AND MISSION OF ROOTS MEETING.

DAY TWO

The second day of Globetree team's visit went together with the Inauguration of Children's meeting place at the Mwanza City's Premises.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by children and youth with their teachers from 17 schools in Mwanza City who were about 150, H.W. Mayor of Busia-Uganda, Mr. Michael Mugeni, Acting Mayor of Mwanza, elders of Mwanza and people from mass media.

The event was graced by a traditional dance performed by members of LAKE VICTORIA CHILDREN AND YOUTH NETWORK coordinated by Anifa Amada. After the dance, the Acting Mayor of Mwanza delivered a welcoming speech to the Globetree and all participants. In his speech, he insisted on the children to utilize fully the Tree which has been offered to them as a meeting place, that children will have an opportunity to voice their wishes, concerns and discuss issues freely. He cautioned the children and youth about the deadly disease HIV/AIDS which is claiming a lot of young people's lives.

The Acting Mayor's speech was followed by a brief presentation from Anifa Amada, about her visit in Stockholm and Kalmar-Sweden and her plans in consolidation of children and youth networking in Lake Victoria Region and Baltic Sea Region.



There also presentation of greetings, messages and gifts from some cities in Sweden to H.W. Mayor of Mwanza. And a Sukuma-Elder Mr. Lubasa in his few words he talked on the past and present events which have taken place in conveying wisdom to the children and changes which are affecting our children and youth today(modernization).

The last speaker at the ceremony was the President of Globetree, Ms. Kajsa. In her speech, Ms. Kajsa explained in details the origination of the Globetree, the vision and mission of the inauguration of Children's Meeting place in some cities around the Lake Victoria, the Mother Tree at the United Nations Office in Nairobi-Kenya and the Networking between the children and youth in the Lake Victoria Region and that of Baltic Sea. She continued to express her heartfelt concern about the children's future referring to the question she was asked by a child "do you believe we have the future?"

The President of Globetree ended her speech by officiate the inauguration of Children's Meeting place, by mixing soil and water from various places which marked the end of Globetree's two days visit in Mwanza.

In closing, the Acting Mayor of Mwanza Thanked the Globetree team for their initiatives in creating better future for our children by looking from the past to the present and future wisdom.

In the afternoon the Globetree team left for Kisumu -Kenya.

Yours sincerely,
Chris.

Notes:

1. Deputy Mayor of Mwanza = Mouladin Mohammed
2. Assistant City Cultural officer = M/s.Mary Makekwe