

Njia Panda Ya Tumaini

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Measles Campaign:

Following several cases of measles across the country, Kenya undertook a week long measles vaccination campaign targeting all children under 5 years of age. The national campaign was spread out to the village level to facilitate access and ensure a good coverage. Both Liyavo and Birunda clinics were centres where the free vaccinations could be accessed. Attendance was overwhelming with over 4,000 children being vaccinated between the 2 centres



Network Forges Forward

The Trans Nzoia Children's Services Network (TNCNSN) is becoming a formidable entity unifying stakeholders to improve services to children and better protect their rights. Training has been facilitated by the Kenya Institute of Professional Counselling for Project Managers and plans are afoot to launch the networks Strategic Plan 2010 - 2013 in February. As part of the launch the first of an annual event Children's Voices will be heard. This function will bring together children from various schools, homes and institutions to air their thoughts and concerns directly to key stakeholders. Present will be the District Commissioner, Children's Officer, representatives of the Police and Judiciary, and all primary actors in provision of children's services in the area. It is hoped Children's Voices and the Network will be able to bring lasting change to the various governmental, institutional and non-governmental bodies and organisations and enable them to better protect children in the future.

Maize Harvest

East Africa, including Kenya, is suffering one of the worst droughts in decades. In Kenya food shortages have been compounded by the aftermath of the 2008 election violence and rocketing food prices are also taking their toll. At least 10 million people are facing starvation. In this situation Liyavo children and staff have decided to act. They took back control of 3 acres (1.3 hectares) of land that we had been renting out for a pittance. NPYT ploughed the land and provided seed and fertilizer. The staff and children did the rest - planting, weeding, top dressing, harvesting, shelling, drying and bagging. They managed to harvest 55 bags of maize which is sufficient for the project needs for the whole year!! Weather forecasters are predicting some rains to fall around Christmas time and we hope to take advantage of them. Test plots have been dug and planted at both Birunda and Liyavo using a new fast growing breed of maize. This, if successful, will be rolled at both projects in the future enabling what was an annual harvest to be done twice or even thrice a year greatly increasing yields and reducing future project dependency on charity. Maize is the staple food here in Kenya and with prices having more than trebled in the last 18 months, there will be a ready market for any excess.

NPYT staff children and Board would like to wish all our friends the very best for Christmas and the coming New Year

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