

# **SATF SOCIAL ACTION TRUST FUND**

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **Capacity building on Protection of Children rights to Caregivers and Most Vulnerable Children (MVC) in Handeni District**

SATF's Implementing Partner TAWIF has been implementing Child Protection Program for the year 2009, with the aim of minimizing abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence against children.



*TAWIF Program Coordinator Maria Mongi (first right) and SATF's Assistant Program Officer Stanley (first right-second row) in a group picture with MVC at TAWIF Office compound in Handeni, Tanga.*

During implementation of the program, TAWIF conducted training sessions to 50 participants on the protection of children rights. The trainings were aimed at building capacity and creating awareness to MVC committee members, caregivers, representatives from NGOs and Officials from Handeni District Council on protection of children rights. Furthermore, 55 MVC from Chanika ward had the opportunity of attending training on children rights as the key stakeholders of this agenda.

In April 2010, SATF conducted an interim monitoring of the project which was with the objective of evaluating if MVC who attended training on children rights know their rights and if MVC committees from six villages who attended training work shop on protection of children rights have made any initiatives in sensitizing the community on children's rights to protection.

The monitoring visit which involved interviewing 6 MVC committee representatives from 6 villages and

20 MVC who attended training on children rights, it was observed that MVC committee representatives had disseminated child rights knowledge to other committee members and the community at large through village meetings. The training had an produced overwhelming results in short run on children who actively showed confidence and greater understanding of their rights such as the rights to live, protection, education, participation, and freedom from abuse and segregation.



*Kwedizando MVC committee members providing feedback to SATF and TAWIF staff on the progress of resolutions reached during child rights training in Handeni. The exercise was conducted through interviews.*

Furthermore the monitoring team visited the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development (DSWCD) as Local Government representatives on children welfare as well as to assess how they have been cooperating with NGOs such as TAWIF in fighting against exploitation of children rights. Our observation revealed that, TAWIF has been working closely with community members as reported by the Community Development officer ,Ms. Amina Waziri. This was evident by the reports submitted by TAWIF to DSWCD on their project activities.



*Officials from the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development from Handeni District Council ,sharing information on the situation of MVC in-*

*Handeni District in collaboration with SATF staff.*

#### **VSI BANK-VSI YOUTH ENTEPRISES**

USHIVIMWA was granted with two million from SATF to facilitate the implementation of Vijana Simama Imara project in Mkuranga District council. VSI is a model of psychosocial support to the Most Vulnerable Children to initiate and take charge of their income generating projects. USHIVIMWA facilitated the project through the establishment of youth local banking called VSI bank, a total TZS 564,000 was advanced to VSI members as loan to enable them to come with initiatives to start their own small income generating activities, which would help them to deal with some minor financial challenges in a course of their studies.



*VSI Parents and guardians during a meeting with USHIVIMWA Organization*

*staff discussing establishment of VSI Bank to MVC. The meeting was conducted at Mwandege in Mkuranga District.*

The parents and guardians from Mwandege whose children are members of VSI project had received the project cordially. They agreed to support their children in its development, and to supervising the small businesses while the VSI members are at school as well as providing monthly contributions to VSI bank and moral support to the children.



*A VSI member VSI Sikudhani Hasani auditing loan recoveries for the month of June 2010 as presented by VSI member as the project continued to yield results in the course of its implementation.*



*A cross-section of VSI members at Mwandege in Mkuranga District Council discussing the progress of their VSI project.*



*Edith Marengi, a Form IV student at Mieresini Secondary School giving her vote of thanks to SATF and MKUKI on behalf of her colleagues for the scholarship and scholastic materials support. Edith has been supported by SATF since she was in Form I.*