

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S CLUBS 2022

BACKGROUND

Children's Club is a program formulated for children of 4-16 years of age, Volunteers and Parents; it is essential to the targeted group as kids understand better the love of God. Volunteers can grow spiritually and learn leadership skills.

The program started in 2006, the program is being conducted in 13 centres which include Mkonkha, Rashidi, Msangu, Gaga, Takomana, Katerera, Mtemeiti, Chapita, Malapa, Katitima, Kasamala, G.T.O.C and Gwirize.



Children at Katerera Club.

They're supposed to be 15 centres but two centres are currently on hold, such as Kaputu Club as it does not have a presenter, the previous presenter who was running the program got transferred to another school where she is teaching as a primary school teacher but has opened another centre for the Club called Kasamala.

Lifuwu children's club hasn't been active for some time as the leaders communicated to the Children's Club coordinator Bornwell Yona that they can no longer continue with the initiative at their school due to reasons beyond the offices' control.

Some of the activities at the Children's Club include sharing bible stories, playing games such as football and netball, singing, quizzes and many more.

So far, the program has 39 Volunteers both males and females, these people work voluntarily and are encouraged to work together with the church committees and Community Leaders.



Children's Club Leaders selecting clothes on the closing day in November 2022

UPDATE ON PROGRESS.

In 2022 the program was affected, as during Covid-19, many Children were not able to attend club activities as the government had extended the school's timetables in-order to accommodate learners in schools by operating on shifts.

Kaputu Children's Club was put on hold after the transfer of Agatha to another school and children at the centre have not been allocated a teacher to lead them in their club.

NEW RESOURCES PROVIDED

Some of the resources that were given to the BX program were handed over to the Children's Clubs and shared with the Leaders at Kaputu for them to use. The materials will be used in lesson delivery to help children have a better understanding using illustrations.

Thanks to Arabella Paul who donated the props and Starfish for distributing the materials to the Volunteers.



Club Leaders after props to use in Children's work.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED IN THE PROGRAM.

1. Failure of meeting with the children in different centres after the change in the school timetable led to some children missing out on lessons, by creating a different timetable to accommodate every child attendance increased by 30% and is now in progress and is conducted on weekends than during weekdays.

IMPACTING STORIES

Enoch Veriasi,

"My name is **Enoch Veriasi** of Takomana Children's Club at the Assemblies of God Church. I joined the Club in 2021 and I have learnt a lot of things, I didn't understand Leadership but now am vast in ministry. I would like to ask Starfish to continue providing us with leadership trainings to help us learn more about God" he said.



Tamara Blessings.

"My name is **Tamara Blessings** from Katerera Children's Club, I joined the Club in 2017, I used to be violent before I started attending the Children Club. I now know how to pray and read the bible. I would like to encourage those who do not attend Children's Club to start attending as it is a helpful program" she said.

