

CHILDRENS' CLUBS MID- YEAR REPORTS FOR 2022

Background

The programme is aimed at providing Biblical lessons to children/youth so that they make good life-choices as they grow. The clubs are conducted in 15 centres, and these are Kaputu, Mtemeiti, Chapita, Malapa, Gaga, Takomana, G.T.O.C, Lifuwu, Mkonkha, Rashid, Msangu, Katitima, Gwirize, Katerera and a new centre called Kasamala.

After being transferred from Kaputu to Kasamala Primary School, Agatha Mponda a teacher and long-time club leader requested for a centre to be established at her new school. Therefore a new centre has now been established and a replacement was provided at Kaputu School to make sure that this club will continue.

In total, the program has 44 volunteers and reaches out to 1350 children.



Children at Katerera Children's Club after learning and playing cricket

The different activities that are conducted at children's clubs are, games, singing songs, playing football/netball, performing drama, Bible quizzes, etc. For the volunteers to develop their skills, they undergo leadership training every month, which is organised by Starfish.



Wiseman Mussa playing a game with children at Rashidi Children's Club

New Developments

As mentioned, a new club has been established at Kasamala Primary School.



Children and their Teacher at Kasamala Children's Club, for the first time attending the club in a classroom at the school

New Resources

In July, the programme received some props from the Bible Explorer Programme which was donated by Arabella Paul from the UK. These will help children to be taught stories from the Bible with clear illustrations, linked to the stories being taught.

Generally, the age of children who attend are from 5 to 16 years, although sometimes older children still enjoy joining in with the activities like Mike Blessings.

Mike shared, "I Am **Mike Blessings** of Katerera Children's club, am 22 years old. Before I was not able to read the Bible because I had nowhere to learn the Word of God but now, I am too able to read the Bible and pray because of the Club. I especially love playing cricket here. I would like to encourage those who do not come to the children's club to start coming to the club for it is really helpful."



Cornelia Chirwa from Msangu Children's Club also shares, "I started teaching Children's clubs in 1994 and it has helped my personal spiritual life too. I didn't know the Word of God but now, I read it to prepare to teach the children, and it has also helped me personally. Another thing is that am now able to write songs using Bible verses. I'm happy teaching the kids because they seem to understand easier than elderlies."