

Stove construction at Iramba Primary School

Friday February 17th, 2006

Today we started with Kikombo Primary School to deliver the new cooking pots for the new stove which the previous team built in December last year as well as to hand over four leather footballs which is a donation from Dana Floriano in USA. We had a look at the stove which was built by Dana from USA and Adam from UK, and as we delivered the pots, they can now start using the stove. The children were very happy to receive the footballs and them all sending their gratitude and greetings to TNT and Dana and Adam in particular. After the visit at Kikombo we travelled to Iramba.



Handing over the cooking pots and footballs at Kikombo

Iramba Primary School

Iramba is located approximately 95 kilometres from Mpwapwa town and 66 kilometres from Mtera (our next camp) and 20 kilometres from Mtamba where we were yesterday. The school are amongst one of the smaller within Mpwapwa School District with 273 students only.

Below are some figures about the number of students in this school.

Iramba Primary School	Pre-primary	Primary	Cobet	Total
Boys	30	105	9	144
Girls	22	97	10	129
Number of teachers				6
Total	52	202	19	273 (Teachers excl.)

The stove construction

When arriving to the school, all artisans and teacher are waiting for us, and as promised yesterday, the kitchen now has a roof. Well done! We greet the Head master, the Chairman of the community, the member of the school committee, teachers as well as members of the community who has come to the school to participate and give a helping hand. In total there are twenty four dedicated people to help, what a fantastic commitment from this school and community.



The new kitchen building

We start to carry in the bricks to the kitchen enabling to give the artisans a quick start; other people are preparing the clay while some are carrying water. After carrying the bricks we are adjusting some of the aggregates to correct size and sort out the best, these aggregates will be added to the



Sorting aggregates

cement used as the top layer on the stove. Here are so many helping hands so we have the time to check the latrines, the food store and visiting the class room to talk to the children. One of the community members shows with pride his bow and this weapon is still in use during



Posing with the bow

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hunt today.

The Kitchen hygiene is a problem also at this school

Unfortunately we find that also this school kitchen has problem with the cleaning of the cooking pots and the soap served with the ugali contains less appropriate ingredients as husk. The cook is informed to clean the pots more carefully. We also find inside the kitchen buckets and containers with



Water for food preparation 1



Water for food preparation 2

water intended for the cooking, the buckets have no lid and mosquitos and other insects are found in the water.

I can not understand how one can treat food this way, I am sure that many of the natives will not accept this way of handling and preparing food which their children are to eat.

The children

We visit one class and talk to them about what they are studying at the moment, right now they do not study at all, and they are waiting for the teacher. I ask the Head master if it is OK to get a ball and give this to the children and this is confirmed. The Head masters shows the ball and throw it to the students who are laughing and screaming of joy. Then I blow up a big "Colour the World" balloon and give to the children and they throw the balloon to each other all the time until it's explode. I blow up another balloon, yellow are the colour and tell the children to come out to play and they all do.



Many students in one class room

Meanwhile they are playing with the yellow balloon; I blow up another balloon which is green and give to the children. Also a lilac balloon is distributed and a blue. The children are really having a good time and scream and laugh at the same time. Balloon after balloon explodes and the Head master now telling the children to stop, only one balloon survives the game and the Head master tells me that the children are happy. Using balloons was a real winner and can recommend this strongly to the following teams volunteering Tanzania.



Playing with the balloons

Also in this school they are singing the school song and are marching after lunch accompanied by drums and flutes. As done at the other schools we are recording the song and we now have quite a lot of school songs and we will continue to "collect" the songs.



Marching after lunch

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On the road back to the camp

Not one day without a “problem”. At one of the bridges, a tree had falling across the road and it was impossible to pass as the tree nearly laid across the bridge and no chance to pass at the sides. Lucky enough there was a Masai family living near by to the road and our driver asked them politely for assistance with the tree.

As it is Friday, we return to Dodoma as we need to compile reports and Dodoma is the only town nearby having internet access. We meet Mr. Willbroad Karugaba, the School Feeding Project Programme Manager again, it was really nice to meet again as we not have met during the week. In the evening we have dinner together with Willbroad and our driver Msafiri and his wife, who has come from Dar to Dodoma to visit her husband as he now has been away from home several weeks and will be away another weeks together with us.



Road problem



Msafiri with wife and Willbroad



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