



NEWSLETTER ALL KIDS SHOULD PLAY



7 DAYS IN THE LIVES OF THE TAASISI YA MICHEZO YA UPENDO NA AMANI MANAGEMENT

The 2 leading figures in the Upendo na Amani are Amina Yahaya Iddi Msagati and Shabani Nuhu. They do most of work, they do the planning and evaluating, they do the finances etcetera. All this together with Gijs who is semi permanently in Mambo also. Apart from all the work for the Taasisi they have their own full week of activities. So we choose to do this newsletter as a little peak in the live of Amina during a few days.

AMINA

Amina is a 25 year old woman that came to our organization in 2015 and quickly showed big organizing skills and a great sense of justice. In a world where men are still dominant she is highly respected by both the boys and the girls in our groups and also by all people in general in Mambo. Amina has one almost 3 year old daughter who is just as smart and stubborn as her mother. In a way we can say that Amina is the conscious of Upendo na Amani.





JUMA MOSI

Amina: A normal day starts at 6am. I clean the house, cook and have ugi first things. Each saturday there is a meeting with the Upendo Na Amani management. Then sarakasi starts. Today there are 78 kids. I'm not teaching today, but have an overview. At 2 pm we eat with the whole group. First the smaller ones eat and then the bigger kids. The meal is at the house of Aminas parents so after the meal she has a talk with her brother and mother about one of the other kids not going to school and what to do about it.

JUMA PILI

Amina, Shabani and Gijs all went to the funeral of Omari. He was one of the most respected men in the village. He probably died from longcancer. In Tanzania it isn't always clear what someone dies of. The popular man is buried with 1000's of people present. Amina went to her mothers home after the burial and after that with Asia, her daughter to the Mauridi. At 5 pm she starts walking home slowly as many people have many stories to tell. The 1 kilometer walk takes her an hour. When she comes home she cooks, eats, has the father of her husband for a visit and sleeps at 11:30pm.

JUMA TATU

At 5am Amina is cooking chai for the father of her husband because he had a cooking job. Afterwards she goes to the family farm and spends most of the day there. There isn't much water. She found the solution to buy a long hose that connects the tap near her house with the land. The village has very little potatoes, fruit and vegetables this year due to the lack of rain.





JUMA NNE

At Tuesday Amina has a meeting with the management at 9:30am. There she welcomes Nasma Nuhudini. She is a new member for the coming year. Nasma missed the deadline for her nursing college in October. She will be supporting Amina and Shabani in their work until she finally goes back to school in October. At 11:30am all the teachers of Barabarani arrive and Amina, Shabani and Gijs have their weekly meeting with them. Because there is constant bad communication between some of them, Gijs introduces an exercise in which a member has to ask another member a question and that other member needs to repeat the question before answering the question. This is an attempt to make members listen better to each other.

Amina, Shabani and Gijs go back to the office for some more discussion about the further building of the classroom. They also meet a carpenter who will execute some of the work. Gijs and Amina go to Amina's home, where Amina is filling up 20 buckets of water. That's enough for 1 week of drinking, cooking and washing.

JUMA TANO

Gijs and Amina go to Lushoto together with Nasma. It is a 2 hour/60 km ride on bumpy roads, although the last 10 km is now asphalt. Bit by bit the government is extending that strip. They meet some people from the TRA and someone who will help us to get all the books correct. All the people working at the Taasisi are unschooled (academically) and some things are still too difficult for them to do themselves, so we have the external experts. But the goal is to get everyone to know and understand their duties so that overtime we can be fully independent. Afterwards we buy some more stuff for the office.





ALHAMISI

Amina is watering the land again. In the afternoon Amina goes to the market, There is Barabarani in 4 sub-villages and Gijs visits 2 of them. Shabani, Amina and Gijs are checking the work of the carpenter, ask him for some adjustments and they clean the classroom from all the woodrests and dust. Asha, Rama and Swaiba are back from their advanced level secondary school in Arusha for the summer holidays. They will help younger secondary students in the coming weeks with various subjects. Amina talks extensively with Asha, who is unhappy with her Economics teacher as he taught the wrong subjects for the exam last friday.

IJUMAA

Today is unification day between Zanzibar and Tanzania. It is also mosque day and there are no activities planned for today. Gijs, Shabani and Amina all take a day off. Gijs stays at Magumba. Amina comes to visit with Asia. Shabani brings a copy of the letter to the police about the bike-group coming for traffic lessons. The original has been misplaced between Mambo and the Lushoto policestation.



ABOUT ALLKIDSSHOULDPLAY

In Mambo, a village in the Usambara Mountains in Northern Tanzania, children and teenagers have started a circus, now exactly 10 years ago. The circus has grown into a large set of activities in sports and games, but also in education and in work. The aim is to build confidence and make children and youth able to determine their own future.



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