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PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR AN INCLUSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL

PROJECT NAME: St. Pammachius Inclusive Secondary School

PLACE/LOCATION: Hai District Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania (E.A.)

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A. BACKGROUND:

The Catholic Diocese of Moshi, a religious body, is one of the main education providers in Kilimanjaro Region. It has for a long time since 1935 Co-operated with the government in managing and owning schools – Nursery, Primary, Secondary Schools, High Schools and Vocational Training Centers and 3 Colleges.

Since the early 1990's the Diocese has promoted and improved Secondary and College education for all children and in particular girls of all

denominations without discrimination. All these efforts aim at providing quality education for true human development.

In its strategic plan, the Diocese of Moshi has observed a great need of providing education to disabled children at Secondary and Vocational training levels. In fact this educational provision, after Primary School level is non existent in the region. The needs are many, and the children feel neglected by both the government and community.

The proposed St. Pammachius Inclusive Secondary School is a new project in Hai District, in Kilimanjaro Region Tanzania. The Project is expected to be situated in Rundugai Mission, 25 km South of Moshi Town. Its purpose is to provide for the educational needs of the disabled.

B. PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The Catholic Diocese of Moshi has observed the shortcomings in our community which make disabled children more vulnerable in their surroundings. These can be controlled through Inclusive education system.

- In most parts of our country disability is considered a misfortune and the disabled are sometimes disregarded or disliked even by their parents and relatives.
- There has always been a tendency to separate disabled children from regular children even in social activities or matters which could be done by both, for example in education, sports and social activities.
- False beliefs among people has made disabled children live in fear. Some disabled are killed or chopped off parts of their body; or abused for superstitious beliefs. Here the Albino killings are a case in point.
- There are some institutions that provide chances for a few disabled children to study hand in hand with regular kids in Secondary and higher levels of education. Thus many disabled are denied their basic human rights to receive education and acquire skills.
- HIV/AIDS levels have risen among disabled people; children included. Due to lack of education, poverty, abuse and living in environment which has put them in danger of being infected, this group has also become vulnerable to the pandemic. Some people look for sexual relations with the disabled on the assumption that it is the safest group as far as the disease is concerned. This leaves them exposed to infection from the HIV virus.
- Lack of educational facility at Secondary and High School level for the disabled, namely the Blind, Deaf, Mute, Albinos, Children with limbs deformities etc. has led to high incidence of illiterate and uneducated young people and adults in the region. There are a few primary schools in the region for the disabled in both public and Private Agencies, but

that is all. Opportunities in ordinary Secondary Schools for the disabled are conspicuously lacking.

- Now, more than ever before, there is a great need to have an Inclusive Secondary School for the disabled children in the area of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. This is like lighting up a candle in the darkness!

C. OBJECTIVES

Overall objective is: Secondary education for the disabled children in Kilimanjaro region. The proposed Inclusive Secondary School aspires the following:

~ **Give hope for better life to disabled children** through Secondary school education.

~ **Reduce Illiteracy among disabled children:** The school will provide good education basing on the curriculum of the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Tanzania. Majority of the disabled children in our country do not have access to good education. Some do not go to school at all!

~ **Increase the number of disabled children who attend and pass well Secondary** education and join colleges and Universities in different fields for specialization. Here is an attempt to achieve the millennium goal in education.

~ **Bridging good relationships between the regular and disabled people.** Up to now these relationships have been characterized to some extent by lack of concern to the disabled, disrespect, segregation, discrimination, lack of proper/true understanding and neglect. Studying together will bring about awareness of interdependence, mutual respect, assistance and care.

~ **Reducing the number of disabled children who become street children or live in hard/vulnerable** condition. Education will develop their talents and actualize their potentials thus enabling them to work for themselves and the community around. Here is the motto: education for development.

~ **Improve health/life standard/life expectancy**. At St. Pammachius the pupils will be taught how to take care of their health taking into consideration their physical disabilities. They will know themselves better and conduct their lives in a responsible manner, thus living healthily.

~ **Reduce HIV/AIDS cases.** Some disabled have often been vulnerable to AIDS pandemic. Lack of proper knowledge about the disease, poverty and other social pressures have led them to unsafe sexual relationships thus leading to infection, early/unplanned pregnancies, and deaths.

~ **Take part in the fight against false beliefs which have led to amputations and killings of disabled children for superstition.** This school aims at educating children to know that disabled people are persons just as they are; thus making them good ambassadors in the fight against this shameful dehumanizing phenomenon which is taking place in Tanzania – discrimination against the disabled.

D. SPECIFIC NEEDS:

~ **LAND**: In order to achieve the targets for this special group the Catholic Diocese of Moshi has allocated about 12 acres of land from Rundugai Mission for the School. We are finalizing with land authorities to obtain land certificate in the name of the School. The whole of this land will be for school use only.

~ **FUNDS**: We are looking for funds both local resources and international donors: friends and groups, for the establishment of the infrastructures (buildings, grounds, paths). The construction will have special consideration for the disable children. **This work will be carried out in phases** depending on the availability of funds. As said before, Rome was not built in a day, we will start with the first stone to the completion the project

~ **TEACHERS**: We will be provided by the Ministry from 2 Teachers Colleges which train specialized teachers for special needs. The diocese will work hard to make sure this school is properly managed according to the regulations of the Ministry of Education and the spirit of the founder i.e. taking care of the special needs of the disabled children.

E. **STRATEGIES**:

In actualizing this project the following need to be done:

~ Setting aside land for the school. (Already done), The Diocese is working closely with land authorities here in Moshi to obtain the certificate "***LAND REGISTRATION TITLE DEED***" for the piece of land already marked for the project.

~ Construction of the school complex. This work will start as soon as we get the money for the project. It will be done in phases. The school will be open when the basic structures are in place.

~ Provision of utilities, water, electricity and food prior to students' intake/enrollment.

~ There are very few Inclusive Secondary Schools in our Diocese. As soon as we complete the basic structures for phase I the Diocese will enroll students for secondary school training. In the coming years more students will be enrolled as the school continues to grow.

F. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

St. Pammachius Inclusive Secondary School project is one of the ways the Diocese plans to give the disabled children the opportunity to develop their intellectual potentials just like other children in our nation. Furthermore, the school will awaken the community to gradually appreciate and respect the disabled children.

The expected impact on the Community:

- Reduction of number of illiterate children. Each year there will be 90 students completing form four, and about 50 finishing form six. These would be able to positively confront challenges ahead of them and join higher learning in Colleges and Universities.
- Improve health and life standard of the children especially the disabled.
- Reduce and eventually eliminate street children. Marginalized and poor children will have the opportunity for education.
- Contribution in reduction of HIV/AIDS prevalence among disabled children. Through education they will act responsibly in their relationships and thus reduce the infection rate among them.
- Increase the number of skilled manpower in our country. Well trained children will contribute to the working force of our nation by providing different professionals for the development of society.
- Eliminate the killings of disabled people for superstitious beliefs. The school will make all children live together (regular and disabled) thus making each one understand that disabled people are truly human just like any other person, and each individual has his/her fortunes and blessings.
- Creation off a society which cares and respects all people ad equal and provide each with due respect and rights by fulfilling one's duty.

G. PROJECT TIME AND MONIES BUDGET

The local contributions in materials and work with the Diocesan resources have enough to start the first classrooms.

KTTC has been given the duties make the furniture: students' chairs and desks. Teachers' tables and chairs. At a cost of Tshs.12,000,000/= (GBPounds 6,000.00) for the coming academic year, 2011/2012.

Then furniture for dining, and dormitory at a cost of Tshs. 20,000,000/= (GBPounds 10,000.00) in the next academic year, 2012/2013.
Finally furniture for more classrooms, dormitory and dining at cost of Tshs. 20,000,000/= (GBPounds 10,000.00)

H. CONCLUSION:

We who have no physical disabilities owe a lot to the disabled children especially in the poor country where such children are vulnerable to many bad consequences. At the same time we know that such a serious challenge like this can only be faced courageously with big thoughts and much sacrifice in order to produce effective solution. Let us face with love and concern the challenge given to us by the presence of disabled children in our families and communities. Their condition is not their choice but our choice can change their condition. Surely we can do it if we want to.

There is this call: Let us join hands to provide education and thus open the future for the disabled children for they are somehow trapped in their condition.

The Catholic Diocese of Moshi requests your kind and generous contribution to realize this project. Your support is highly appreciated and will bring change to someone's life for good.

Currently the school project has no bank account yet. We kindly ask you to send your contributions through the Bishop's Account. The Bank particulars are:

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We confidently anticipate our gratitude for your consideration and donation.

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