



Tree planting project

2016/17



The project is economically supported by Panasonic.

Information about school:

Name of school	Number of trees	Grade(s)	Number of students
Gabriella Children's Rehab Centre	7000	Age 5-25	80 students together with their parents, caretakers and teachers

Organisation: YES Kilimanjaro

(Y = youth, E = education, S = society on Kilimanjaro)

Country: Norway

Activity report:

Activities were implemented together with local partner Gabriella Children's Rehabilitation Centre

This tree planting project was a continues process together with the Gabriella Centre greening their new land, a 5-acre land where they are planning to build a new centre for children with disabilities. Sisal was planted around the total land to protect the inside against animals. Furthermore, a variety of trees to green the land.

Project background:

YES Kilimanjaro is a Norwegian NGO working in the region of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. For this particular tree planting we worked together with our partner in Kilimanjaro, Gabriella Children's Rehabilitation Centre. Gabriella Centre is a school and learning centre for children with disabilities. They also emphasize educating the parents together with the children and youth.

Motivation of the activity:

YES Kilimanjaro together with our implementing partners in the region of Kilimanjaro are aiming at promoting knowledge in a wide perspective. That means, while planting trees together with school kids, parents and farmers, we follow up by multiple instructions to raise awareness *both* about *how* and *why* to plant trees.

People living close to the Kilimanjaro National Park are suffering from the results of poverty, increased by the national park regulations. They need knowledge and new income generating projects. YES Kilimanjaro's program for tree planting promote both knowledge and possibilities for income generating projects as a result of the tree planting knowledge the participants are gaining. Promotion and awareness through our educational program on international and local environmental issues *along with* knowledge about trees and their possibilities for increased nourishment for people through fruits and nuts for food, fruits for processing and fruits for selling, trees for increasing animal health, income generation through more wood for cooking, wood for carpentry and building constructions - to mention a few results of greening the local area.

What did the participating children learn from the activities?

Basic about how to plant a tree:

- Finding the right environment for different trees
- Knowledge about different types of soils
- How deep and wide to dig the hole
- The need and benefit of manure
- How to prevent the tree from drying out
- Protecting the tree with wooden sticks
- How to follow up a new planted tree

Environmental awareness:

- Locally and world wide
- What benefit a tree will give **people**, in general and for a specific kind of tree
- What benefit a tree will give the **animals**, in general and for a specific kind of tree
- What benefit does a tree give the **environment**, in general and for a specific kind of tree

Awareness while working together:

- Organizing the plan for tree planting in their new land
- Cooperation with each other before, during and after the planting activity
- Cooperation with people from another culture and from a different part of the world

Important outcome from this project:

Parents were participating together with their children and youth. Most of the parents are poor families from villages on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. In addition to being poor they are also stigmatized by being parents to a child with disabilities. For that specific reason knowledge about tree planting is a huge step towards being accepted in their local societies. Coming home with useful knowledge they will be able to share their knowledge with their neighbours and gain respect and acceptance in their many local societies.

Detailed report from the activities in one of the participating schools:

Gabriella Centre is a pioneer school and learning centre for disabled children, age 5-25. The construction of a new self-owned centre is planned on a 5-acre piece of land. Greening this land is part of Gabriella Centre's entrepreneurship program for the youths at the centre. The aim is to give the young disabled boys and girls useful knowledge after finishing their education period at Gabriella Centre – either for a possible income generation for themselves or as useful contributing knowledge given to their own family.

Together with the leaders at Gabriella Centre YES Kilimanjaro has made plans for the total greening program of the land – the first practical step taken in 2015 together with the children. We have been happy to be able to continue the program during 2016 with the support from Panasonic.

As last year, the tree planting was carefully planned and well organized by the teachers before our arrival. Together with the entrepreneurship youth group YES Kilimanjaro planted the first trees. Together with their teachers they went on planting with new knowledge, a deeply meaningful project for a very marginalized group of children. In Tanzania, many of them are still living their lives hidden in barns and their families are badly stigmatized.

Through this planting project the children and youth were made able to bring knowledge to their families and neighbours. A new try this year was to invite parents to participate together with their children and they were given the same information and knowledge as the disabled children are given. We believe it will strengthen the possibility of sustainable knowledge gained through the tree planting project.

Refer to above information about this group of parents.

In the long run – these children are themselves helping out to change and raise awareness about their own disability through spreading their new knowledge and awareness about how and why we need to green the world. A win-win project:)

The YES Kilimanjaro tree planting project is aiming multi purposely.

Economic support from tree planting project

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The project supports the activities as in grant letter within the numbers of trees granted in each country.

Number of trees planted	7.000
Total economic support	3.500 EURO (NOK 31.000)

Information about bank account:

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X 4-6 High-resolution photos from the tree-planting event and the environmental education activities

If relevant; other material (articles from local press or school newspaper, etc),

Date and signature:

Date: January 17th 2017

Signature: Ellen Graff Jenssen