

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP REPORT.

The Carpentry Workshop started December 03rd to 27th, 2013; it was done for only twenty days. The classes usually started 08:00 – 13:00 everyday from Monday to Saturday.

The carpentry trainer was **Yohana Emmanuel**.

Different equipments was bought for this training which was conducted at the trainer's carpentry workshop Mr. Yohana Emanuel, located at Magomeni Kagera not far from BabaWatoto Centre.

The trainer started by introducing the participants with different equipments that are very important to be found in a carpentry workshop. Most of the equipments have got foreign names (English mostly) but they pronounce them in a Swahili pronunciation. The participants also taught how to keep and maintain the equipments.

The participants spent three days on cutting and shapping the materials accurately, but they spent much time on smoothing the woods. Planing and smoothing the wood surfaces was the only thing that seems difficult to the participants, this is because they spent a week on the same task and still they couldn't do it right.

The participants learnt how to make measurements, drawing and cutting at a straight level by following the mark.

The participants also learnt how to join the two pieces of wood; by the use of special glue used on carpentry or by the use of nails.

The participants also learnt the use of wood's sandpapers and the colour applications on some furnitures as part of their daily exercises.

The participants also learnt how to make different furnitures such as their own carpentry table, stools, wooden boxes and desks.

CHALLENGES

- The participants attendance was not satisfying, this made the learning process take much time.
- Most of the participants were not coming in time, although their working carpentry table was not covered with any shed to avoid the sun. But they come by 10:00am and leave early.

- The participants didnt have the carpentry costumes (Overalls), therefore they were so much afraid of the dusts on their clothes especially during planing/smoothing and cutting the woods.
- The nature of the training needed some drinking water, while there was no funds to support them on that matter.

SUCSESSES

- The participants are now able to make small furnitures individually with a very minimum supervision.
- The participants are now able make measurements, drawing and cutting and joining the two pieces of wood; by the use of special glue used on carpentry or by the use of nails although they still need some supervision on doing it better.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The local trainer needs to be involved in the admision process of the guys in need of the training.
- It is much better to enroll the guys who really need to learn carpentry in the next workshop training.
- The time in the schedule should be extended a little bit; if possible the class should start in the morning to the evening, because there's a lot of things to be taught about carpentry. There should be lunch as well provided for the participants.

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS;

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2. Abdulrazack
3. Halfan Hassan
4. Malick Mohammed
5. Karimu Hamis.