

# Tailoring Report

The Tailoring Workshop was done for almost twenty days; started December 03<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Participants taught how to make MEASUREMENTS, CUTTING, SEWING and IRONING.

The tailoring trainer was **Ms. Grace Msemwa**.

The classes usually started 08:00 – 12:00 everyday from Monday to Saturday.

The workshop started with only six (6) participants, then later there were two other participants joined the workshop and make the number of eight (8) participants.

The trainer started giving lectures to the participants on the blackboard who taught them important things that should not miss in the garment, important equipments for the tailour and the names of different things and their uses. Later, they applied their skills (what they have learnt) practically by the use of papers.

They practised measuring and cutting theoretically and practically as well. This important exercise to the beginners usually starts by the use of big papers which are easy to rub when you make wrong measurements, but also it doesnt give you that much big loss even if something went wrong when cutting your papers comparing to the real cloth. Therefore, the exercises by the use of those papers was done throughout the training. The trainer Ms. Grace insisted in the use of papers before they start measuring and cutting the real clothes.

The training was doing very well to the extent; within four (4) days, the participants were able to make their own blouses to every one of them, although Masaid Mwangoa na Magreth Maiko had very low understanding capacity.

The participants kept on learning and even started to make their own skirts and later they made their own gowns.

It was very difficult for the participants to start making skirts for school uniforms with stripes. The trainer kept on giving homeworks in everyday to the participants to seal the skills they have learnt in classes by kept making their own clothes for them to be even much confident in cutting and sewing.

The participants are still learning how to put a zip on a cloth, something which is also very difficult this is why many exercises are still on to make them able to do it better.

The participants are now making their own clothes and wear them every time they come to the class.

## **CHALLENGES.**

- The class attendance is not satisfied although the trainer is trying to hold them by giving them many exercises.
- Some girls have a very low understanding capacity, they spend much time learning few things.
- The training session is very short to the extent some of the training were not provided like; Making Trousers, Shirts, Coats and the use of Overlock machines.
- Failure to use the overlock machine, this is because the person who used to help the centre on technical matters has passed away.

## **LESSON;**

- The girls are still need closer guidance to be able to reach their goals.
- Some of the students are learning very slowly, therefore they still need more time of the presence of the trainer.

## **SUCSESSES.**

- All the participants are able to make different clothes.
- Six (6) participants of the workshop have gained enough confidence, now they are able to make better measurements and cut the cloth.
- The girls who participated in the training are still coming to the centre for the tailoring exercises.
- The centre received a donation of two sewing machines from Airtel Tanzania Limited.
- The centre is still receiving many applications from many participants who wish to join the training in the centre.
- The trainer Ms. Grace Msemwa has been very humble to the girls, she's still coming to help the girls without any payment.

## **EXPECTATIONS.**

- These girls are expected to keep learning to be professionals in Costume designs and production.
- It is expected for these girls to be able to run their own life in the future through these tailoring skills.
- To get advanced and further training since this is not the end of this training.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS;**

- The training session should be extended at-least to be of three months (90 days).
- The learning materials should be increased for the girls to keep learning better especially practically. This is because, the girls in the class are from different families; some of the parents are able to buy some clothes for their girls to do better in their training, while some of the parents cannot manage to buy such materials.
- The long term closer guidance to the girls is needed for the sustainable class.

## **Workshop Training Participants;**

1. Zaina Juma
2. Pili Shaban
3. Mwanaid Salehe
4. Lucy Kimaro
5. Masaid Mwangoa
6. Magreth Maiko
7. Rukia Mwakinga
8. Mwajabu Omary