

A REPORT FOR ST.ZOE SCHOOLS:
ST. ZOE SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL PLUS
ST. ZOE DAY AND BOARDING PRIMARY SCHOOLS KAGOMA-MUBENDE
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We thank the Almighty God for the blessing He has bestowed on our schools. We are very grateful to God for the gift of Life He bestowed on us last year. We continue to thank him for sailing us through the hard times we faced last year especially the Ebola pandemic which was so abrupt amidst all the challenges we encountered, we were able to survive through Him who is the source of everything. We greatly thank Him for protecting our students from harm and the entire staff. We pray that He continues to keep us safe throughout year 2023.

We cannot forget to thank the friends of St. Zoe in Türkenfeld and Fr. George Kasper foundation through the family of Mr. And Mrs. Max and Elisabeth Lindmayr.

Thank you for the heart you have for us, thank you for the money, time and all other things you do for us in St. Zoe schools.

Academics:

Teaching and learning process moved on well the whole of last year. The teachers were able to teach our learners amidst the after-effects of Corona virus and the challenge caused by Ebola.

➤ **SECONDARY SECTION:**

STAFF:

The staff is comprised of 21 teachers who are doing their best to train our learners.

SCHOOL VISION: To be a model and focused center in Education, moral values and general development.

MISSION: To train a round person capable of self-reliance. **MOTTO:** Education for life.

ST. ZOE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY NOVEMBER 2022

CLASS	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
S.1	37	07	44
S.2	26	17	43
S.3	18	12	30
S.4	06	17	23
TOTAL	53	87	140

In secondary section, the learners were able to get some books for new curriculum and all the subjects were taught though we still need more. The teachers have also reported and the activity of teaching and learning process is moving on smoothly we hope for better results this year because the candidates show high interest in performing better. All candidates were able to sit for their UNEB and all passed but in different grades.

Total number of candidates was 23 and the table below shows their grades

GRADE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
1	05
2	05
3	07
4	06

➤ **Primary section:**

THE STAFF

The teaching staff of St. Zoe Primary is comprised of 14 full time teachers, 2 part time teachers making a total of 16 teachers. All the teachers have tried to work together to achieve a common goal in line with the school mission, vision and motto.

The mission: to train an all-round person,

vision: to be a model and focused center in education moral values and general development,

Motto: Education for life.

The table below shows the number of pupils who turned up for third term-2022.

No.	Category	Day scholars	Boarders	Total
1	Lower	101	68	169
2	Upper	19	82	101
Total		120	150	270

The candidate pupils (P.7) performed very well, they were 24 candidates; 10 got first grades and 14 second grades. We pray that this year we perform better on both sections.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN ST. ZOE SCHOOLS:

1. We managed to take all teachers for a one-day workshop about the new curriculum at St. Kizito High School Bethany and the school incurred all the costs. (Government changed the curriculum).
2. We have managed to maintain our piggery and small poultry projects which have helped learners to acquire some new skills for self-sustenance in future and also some improvement on their diet.
3. In addition, the school has a banana plantation and we also grew maize and vegetables which supplement on the students' diet.
4. Salaries were paid up to January 2023.
5. Teachers were able to finish the term
6. New curriculum has for some extent been adopted by both teachers and learners.
7. We were able to feed the learners the whole of last year
8. All candidates did their UNEB Exams and passed.
9. We were able to survive during Ebola outbreak and we thank God neither Students nor teachers succumbed to this pandemic.
10. The mode of school fees payment has improved due to school pay program which was introduced. (Parents are no longer required to bank the money as it was before, they can use the mobile money system).
11. The primary school has put slates at the girls' dormitory and bathroom.
12. We managed to complete the girls' toilets and bathrooms (primary section), fixed in door stances and two big metallic doors at the entrance of the toilet and bathroom.
13. We also plastered the canteen, its verandah and fixed in two metallic doors.
14. We managed to buy and install the school pay program and WIFI for network respectively for easy management of school fees payments.
15. The solar regulator which was struck by lightning was replaced with a new one.
16. The senior man and woman teachers organized meeting which helped in improving children's and teachers' discipline.
17. We also trained our pupils in music and were fully involved in the opening of Ssenkulu Parish (the new parish in which St. Zoe schools fall).
18. The primary section managed to put up a temporary oven for the learners to learn bakery skills to enable them be self-reliant and aid them in their learning.
19. We managed to renovate two poultry house and bought poultry birds to improve on the school income.
20. We managed to plant some trees in the school compound to provide shade and act as wind breakers.
21. General repairs of the water system, furniture and the printer were done.

Challenges

1. The school has no staff accommodation, renting for staff members is too expensive.
2. There is still need for the girls' dormitory in the secondary school section
3. The school has no school van to transport pupils from distant areas; this limits some parents from bringing their children.
4. The improvised main hall is considered temporally according as it is at the same time the dining hall. The ministry advised the school to construct one at the front.
5. Teachers' welfare in terms of salary payments of 220,000/= is still too low compared to government teachers who receive 300,000/= and above
6. The school has no playground for the pupils to discover their talents and as the main requirement for the school.
7. The thunder arresters in the primary school section need to be replaced and also to add more.
8. Some students did not sit for end of year promotional exams because of school fees. Though our fees are still low, many parents complain that it's too much and they fail to pay it. But this was mainly due to poor seasons leading to poor yields from agriculture because many of our parents are peasant farmers and from the aftermath of Corona and Ebola lockdowns.
9. The kitchen at the secondary section is in a very poor condition. When it rains its surrounding area becomes slippery and the danger is that sometimes the learners fall down while going to get food.
10. The school lacks a library where learners can go, concentrate and revise their books well.
11. The girls' toilet is still needed at school. This is because their toilet is nearer to that of boys causing some indiscipline cases.

Way forward:

1. We have tried and are still trying to look for students in order to increase the number of students, who will pay to eliminate some challenges like low salaries, lack of books among others.

CONCLUSION

We thank the Almighty God for the Gift of our schools, students, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and our benefactors. We pray that the Good Lord protects us through the year 2023. Whatever we have planned to do this year, we shall strive to attain especially achieving our goal of training our learners both academically, morally, physically, emotionally among others. We are striving hard to be able to cater and care for individual differences of our learners. Once again, thank you so much our benefactors and friends of St. Zoe.