Week 5 Project Update | 31st August 2018

Think Big Challenge Launch

On Saturday 25th September the Think Big Challenge was formally launched. Seeking solutions to issues identified within their school communities, approximately 60-70 students from five secondary schools will now attend weekly Saturday workshops at Ardhi University to help them develop their ideas.

At the launch of the Challenge, we were delighted to hear from guest speakers Ocheck Msuva, Director of Bridge for Change, Cleopa David Msuya, Vice Chancellor of Ardhi University, and David Leonce Ndika and Glory Adrian Nyengella, Director and Deputy Director respectively of Kite Dar es Salaam. These speakers spoke on topics intended to inspire the youth participants.

Last year’s winners, ‘The Genius Group’, who are now Think Big Challenge alumni, were also present as speakers. They encouraged the students not to give up and to build on their personal strengths.

Also in attendance were papers Mwanachi and The Citizen, who wrote about the Career Network Support scheme in print editions on 28th August 2018.

Immediately after the launch came the first workshop, which was filled with numerous playful ‘ice-breakers’ to kick-off the competition, which will run until the Dream Sharing Event on 15th September 2018.

- Sophie Wilson

KITE Fundraising Dinner

It has been a year since Kite Dar es Salaam was officially established.

An anniversary banquet will be hosted at King D Hotel on September 7th to reflect upon the progress that Kite DSM has made this year.

The dinner will feature gourmet buffet, live music from our very own CDI and Kite DSM choir and a chance to find out more about Kite DSM’s exciting work. Businesspeople, public servants, representatives from NGOs and Kite DSM alumni have all been invited to the event.

The main aim of this dinner is to support the future efforts of Kite DSM in community development.

- Jackline Christopher

Emotional Wellbeing

The Education and Health teams have had a meeting with Mr. Steward Mbelwa, a specialist in Mental Health from The Aga Khan University. The result of the meeting was exciting – we are currently working towards formulating a formal partnership between CDI and The Aga Khan University which would begin in earnest next summer.

Mental health is an important topic and we hope that this piece of research will give us a better understanding of the risk factors contributing to emotional distress in Tanzanian adolescents. The findings could help improve the current mental health care system to better support those in need, allowing all students to flourish and achieve their full potential.

- Katherine Wong