

Report received from Kayinga Joseph on

2014 Social Work Day in Tanzania

Dear Rory Greeting from Tanzania and with the passion of Social Work profession.

We had unique commemorations of the World Social Work day here and by a chain of events, A group of 37 Social Workers travelled from Dar es Salaam to Kampala in Uganda first to attend the International Social Work Conference there organized by a consortium of East Africa Universities compounded in a project with special objective in addressing poverty and with an acronym as PROSOWO.

The conference was superb for the region. It commenced on 16 through 18 March.

Back in Tanzania, in the roots of Mount Kilimanjaro town on 17th a regional branch of Tanzania Association of Social Workers organized a march and a sensitization campaign on Hospital based Social work services and challenges in the town of Moshi.

On the 23 a group of Academicians and students from the oldest Social work training school in Tanzania, The Institute of Social Work paid an outreach visit to the Muhimbili National Hospital as a learning session.

On 25th March the Tanzania Association of Social workers (TASWO), had in Dar es Salaam at the grounds of Institute of Social Work a public event where the guest of honour was the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare Social work Dr. Kebwe Steven Kebwe.

In his speech he applauded TASWO for facilitating a commendable work of the establishment of Social Work Bill and for working hand in hand with his Ministry towards introduction of the regulatory Social Work Council thru the said bill which as to his word "was in an advanced stage towards realization".

He promised to do his best towards fastening the process. On strengthening the Social Welfare Workforce by ensuring proper training, TASWO was echoed for hosting the Tanzania Emerging Social Work Education Project (TESWEP), a project to strengthen Social Welfare Workforce which encourage more training institutions to start providing Social Work studies in their institutions so far more than 13 emerging tertiary schools have committed to start such programs and among them 4 have already started offering SW education. 1. Tanzanian delegates during a march in Kampala. 2. Children with Disability from Yombo VTC entertains at WSWD. 3. deputy Min on move. 4. Deputy Min. Kebwe launches ISW 40 years anniversary on 25th March.

