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The graduates are from the different branches of DIWEO, i.e Lushoto, Dar es salaam, Tanga and Mbeya. They therefore all gathered at DIWEO's main headquarters in Dar es Salaam as one huge family to celebrate yet another successful year in the lives of these children. This is DIWEO's 7th

graduation ceremony, celebrated with a lot of joy and of course, a lot of traditional food and dancing! The entire board of directors, and care takers of the children from the various DIWEO branches also made the effort to attend the graduation!



At the dinner celebration, Farida Khakoo - the National Chairperson of DIWEO – sent a gift to one of IASE's VSP sites; The Special Education Department at the Jaffery Academy, Arusha. A token of acknowledgement for the children of the SEN department, it contained special pre-vocational items, which are going to be of great use to them! It was a very generous act from DIWEO and so, upon receiving the box, I said a few words on behalf of Mrs. Swaleha Mohamedali (HOD for the SEN Department at the Jaffery Academy):

"..on behalf of.. Mrs. Swaleha Mohamedali...I have no words to tell you how happy the Jaffery Academy SEN Department in Arusha will be with this gift! Thank you so much Auntie Farida...you still have the time to be generous! Mrs. Mohamedali...IASE National Chairperson for Tanzania...is thrilled to be working with another IASE VSP site...proud to have a committed and persevering project site such as DIWEO...amazed at how far you have gone in giving children a better life... a brighter chance at life...and giving Tanzania a newer generation that will be leaders after us..."

DIWEO proves to be a very vital organization in the country, as their commitment, persistence and determination in the betterment of the lives of the children of Tanzania can be seen from what they have done so far – as well as their future plans and struggles that are planned for the future. A discussion with a member of the DIWEO Board of Directors showed some very noteworthy pipelined projects concerning the street-children issue in Dar es Salaam.



Once again, I am truly thankful for attending such an event. The insights obtained were of commendable importance and I hope to be of further use once again.