

# ST. ANNE'S PALA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOX 88-40302, NDHIWA

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Date: 09/11/2020

The chief executive officer,  
TwendePamoja organization,  
Ndhiwa.

Dear Madam,

## **APPRECIATION**

The above subject matter refers;

We want to appreciate and thank you very sincerely for your tireless efforts to uplift the girls of our school and this community at large. It is worth noting that in these times of the covid19 pandemic, your organization stood out singlehandedly to lead in the provision of education to our girls when the schools were closed. You rolled out many programs which were meant to cushion the said girls and community from the adverse effects of the pandemic.

We take note that the library lessons that you offered helped the girls continue learning even as the schools closed. Our girls enjoyed listening and learning from the radio lessons using the radio provided by your organization. The girls are giving us very positive experiences on their learning. Indeed they learnt. The said girls have shown a great improvement in their academics in general and especially in the just concluded national assessment. Two girls, in particular, were able to take positions two and three in their class (standard eight), with very good marks of 354 and 349 respectively, courtesy of the library lessons amongst other mitigation measures instituted by Twende Pamoja in conjunction with Team Kenya during the pandemic. We believe the same will happen to those other girls who are yet to open.

The emergency together with the extra support programs have helped maintain the girls by providing their basic supplies and requirements during the pandemic. They are now comfortable and ready to learn. It is on this note that we appreciate that none of the said girls has dropped out of school because all

those in grade four and standard eight have reported to school and all are in "good shape."

Let's on a very special way thank your team of peer mentors who tirelessly did door to door visits to the very vulnerable and disadvantaged girls, encouraging them and

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offering them psychosocial support where necessary. The peer mentors together with the able group of community volunteers equipped our girls with the necessary and basic prerequisite life skills which ensured that our girls were safe from the diverse effects of the pandemic. Otherwise our girls could be among the statistics of the many girls who became pregnant and those who didn't report back to school after the reopening in Kenya. For this we were very thankful. All our girls in standard eight and grade four have all reported back to school. We hope that those in other classes yet to open school are also safe and we shall be happy to record 100% reporting. The recently rolled out program of **girls' forum** is quite timely and in future (with increased resources) should be enlarged to capture as many girls as possible.

During the pandemic, it is only your organization that taught our children on the required health protocols and how to keep safe from covid19. You provided safe space fully equipped with hand-washing equipment, hand-wash, face masks soap and sanitizer. You even provided our girls with soap to use at home. The skills learnt during these sessions have proved very useful in school as we are supposed to ensure strict adherence to the ministry of health protocols.

We appreciate all that you are doing to our girls and those others in the community in general. Indeed you've been a friend indeed as you were our only friend during our time of need. You've held our hand and "tutaenda pamoja" as the name of the organization, "TWEENDE PAMOJA."

Asante sana.

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Headteacher