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SOME 18 students with albinism who passed their form six examinations are being grilled on how to successfully embark on higher education.



Sponsored by Under The Same Sun (UTSS) who are preparing to join various universities this year are being trained on self-reliance, among other skills.

The 25 day-training is also focusing on providing capacity building to the students on how they can succeed in their life after the university.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the training programme, manager - department of education in the institution Grace Wabanhu said that the training programme marks the fifth phase since it was introduced in 2018.

She added that 18 students who are sponsored by (UTSS) came from various regions including Geita, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro and Arusha, and were given the laptops each to assist them in their higher learning studies.

“The laptops are specifically to assist them to visualize the words to be seen clearly and to understand the subjects, because of their difficulty to see,” she added.



According to her, since the inception of the programme, 91 youth living with albinism coming from various regions and different education backgrounds have benefited with the programme.

“Among all the programme is essentially focusing on insist to them that they need to observe integrity, obedience, hard-working and be ready to fulfill their dreams. This will help to prove to the society that people with albinism can add value and bring new hope in the society,” the manager said.

“Through the training, the students will learn financial management, good use of social networks, and they will also get advice for what course to learn in the university,” Wabanhu explained.

“What we are focusing on is to give them a real picture of how university life looks like and how they can interact with other students who are not having albinism,” the manager said.

For the past 12 years, the UTSS has provided scholarship to 429 students living with albinism from the primary to higher level learning.

She calls for other stakeholders working in the education sector to prioritize the agenda for inclusive education to people with disability in order to leverage the access for education to all.

For his part Marco Sein, a former beneficiary of the programme from Chato district in Geita region, conveyed his gratitude to Under The Same Sun for supporting him from the ground to the university level until he finished.

He said he is now a government employee working in Chato, Geita. He promised that he will assist his fellow students to accomplish their dreams, urging them not to give up at all.

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