

JAPHET MARTIN MAFIE.

Japhet Martin Mafie is currently working as a Special Needs Education Officer in Mlele District at Katavi region of Tanzania. With his main role of supervising provision of special education activities for learners with special needs, he is making solid that there is a positive mind to the community and people with special needs. He is also performing the special task of identifying children with special needs to help them to be admitted to schools with a favorable environment for them to get the right of quality education services.

As a Special Needs Education Officer, he acts as a Deputy Secretary of "the association of Special Needs Education officers in Tanzania". In working with this platform, he recognizes his passion, so he realized the importance of upgrading his carrier so that he may be able to deal with marginalized people and people with special needs all around the country and worldwide.

After completing this program at Kampala University, he intends to collaborate with the OMPACO organization and other stake holders in achieving psychological, medical and educational services for children with special needs. He will engage in research work to unveil the gaps in increasing communities in accessing quality services for children with special needs. By partnering with all communities, he will be involved in the identification of children with special needs, placing them into the right areas of education and medical centers for them to overcome their challenges.

Japhet Mafie graduated with a bachelor's degree in Special Needs Education at Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University in 2013 before he was promoted as a Special needs Education Officer.

He is cheerful and thankful to be selected as a recipient of the OMPACO scholarship, and he will be given support from OMPACO as his pool of resources to advance his career. He is counting this opportunity as a positive eye of an OMPACO organization which is implementing great leadership toward peoples' destiny regardless of their needs.