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Tony Waite Organisation is Private Voluntary Organisation which operates in Kariba urban and rural. The organisation' mission is to create a knowledgeable and empowered community where people are able to support each other in HIV AIDS non-communicable diseases, pandemics and other developmental issues. The organisation therefore coordinates with other stakeholders and partners in Kariba and beyond in program formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation which helps in the effectiveness and efficiency of programs as there is diverse perspectives invested before a program is implemented. Tony Waite Organisation therefore, works hand in glove with the community with its trained community carers who provides adherence support to people living wit life threatening conditions including HIV and AIDS, Cancer, TB, Asthma and diabetes among other chronic conditions.

OBJECTIVES

- To identify needy clients through trained community cares and CPC registers.
- To improve household income, food security and health.
- To provide Palliative Care.
- To provide comprehensive scholastic and psychosocial support.
- To strengthen co-ordination and networking

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- OVC and Elderly food distribution program
- Adherence Support program
- Monthly SRHR and PMTCT Ward meetings
- Monthly youth clubs and support group meetings
- Monitoring of livelihood projects

- Kapenta fishing, processing, packaging and marketing monitoring.
- SRHR and COVID-19 Response programs.

1 IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The organisation through trained community carers is continuing to identify orphans and vulnerable children in need of care and support including those who are in need of birth certificates, legal and food assistance. During the month trained community carers have continued to identify children who are in need of nutritional support and palliative care.

RESILIENT FAMILY PROGRAMME BY ZIMBABWE WOMEN'S MICRO FINANCING BANK

Following a wave of novel COVID-19 pandemic which has bedeviled the whole world at large, there has been an outcry by people for being vehemently affected by the virus. Movement restrictions, closure of borders and schools presented a unique lifestyle which has never been experienced post-independence in Zimbabwe. Therefore, people were forced to adjust to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions which forced people to stay indoors, stay within their districts and or villages with fears of widespread of the virus to uncontrollable levels. Hence Tony Waite Organisation contacted a series of researches through Focus group discussions and participant observation to determine the extent of damage on the community by the lockdown restriction. The findings of the research concluded that livelihoods succumbed to the lockdown restriction specifically due to movement restrictions and closure of borders as people depended much on the neighboring country Zambia for cheap consumables in Kariba. It is therefore after the organisation has shared the findings that Zimbabwe Women's Micro Finance Bank determined to have a contract with Tony Waite Organisation in a bid to assist women to bounce back to their businesses.

During the month a total of 171 women were assisted to apply for economic strengthening projects through accessing loans from Zimbabwe Women Micro Finance Bank Limited (ZWMB). The organisation worked as a platform for ZWMB and women to meet and discuss the social contract between the bank and women. There has been a tremendous turnout by women as they thronged to Tony Waite offices to understand the nature of contract ZWMB intends to strike with them. Women constitutes a bigger proportion of informal traders in Kariba with others engaging in fishery, vegetable vending, poultry and others in fashion business, however their livelihood was affected by the COVID-19 induced lockdown which was imposed from March 2020 to date. The closure of borders and movement restrictions presented a torrid story for women who are burdened by the dexterity to look after the family let alone being bread winners as a bigger proportion of them are also single mothers who have the burden of looking after their children.

See photos of Zimbabwe Women's bank visit



2. TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

i) To improve household income.

Internal Savings and Lending and Business Management.

The trained ISAL groups have continued hitting the ground running. They have continued with savings and some have managed to produce some fruits to admire. A woman from women in business group has managed to procure a 2-basket chest freezer which she is using to store sausages, drinks and other relish for resale and during an interview with the Programmes Officer she highlighted that she has become a meaningful participant in family upkeep. Women living with chronic conditions in ward 2 have highlighted that they are enjoying the savings as they are now able to have decent meals and they are being able to replicate their projects as well as continuing with their savings.



Goat rearing project

A total of 4 goat rearing projects are being supported by Tony Waite Organisation benefiting a total of 32 (5M 27F). Of the 4 projects one is for People with Disability Tariro Hupenyu Disability Support Group in Chidyamugwamu which started with 10 goats now has 17 goats with some goats expecting to give birth. The group is expecting to start selling the goats when they get to 30 so that they can pay fees for their children and family support. Other groups in Manhanga and Siakobvu are continuing and no notable developments were reported at the time of compiling the report.

Piggery project

There are notable developments with the piggery project. The project is expanding into their projects as it has managed to give birth to poultry and hardware. The beneficiary through guidance from the Programmes Officer and entrepreneurship as well as sustainable project management skills he gained at University to run his projects. Through pig sells he has managed to save the amounts to start a hardware business at Bukuta Shopping Centre, where he highlighted that the place is strategic and is managing to make better sells. He added that since he started his project he has disjoined himself from his guardian's place where he grew up and is now lodging for himself and is managing to support his wife and child.

Chicken rearing project

The economic strengthening project of the organisation also includes indigenous poultry. 3 chicken rearing projects, 2 in Kariba Rural in Manhanga and Siakobvu respectively and the other in Kariba urban ward 2 are being supported and monitoring is continuing with the one in Siakobvu, Munamata Village being monitored by Mrs Machinga a rehab officer at Siakobvu Hospital. All of the projects are hitting the ground running and notable achievements are noticeable especially from the ones in Siakobvu and Kariba Urban ward 2. Members of the project in ward 2 of Kariba urban are selling eggs and cocks as they are constructing their house they are using funds from chicken rearing to continue with their construction project. The chicken project in Manhanga has 50 chickens from the initial 20 which were provided by the organisation, they are also selling eggs and chickens to their local community.

NUTRITIONAL GARDENS

Tony Waite Organisation is supporting 4 nutritional gardens which are Padare Garden for People living with HIV, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, ZIHOPFE garden in Ward 2 of Nyamhunga as well as Charara garden for people living with HIV as well as a garden for Orphans and Vulnerable Children at Charara Primary School. During the month there was little activity in the gardens especially at Charara garden for People living with HIV and the one at the primary school. Members of Charara garden are harvesting sweet potato and also starting nursing vegetables. During the reporting period one of the members highlighted that the members have contributed for ploughing the garden using a tractor for the soil is muddy and difficult to plough using hoes therefore they negotiate with the farm owner to provide them with a tractor and they provide diesel. At Charara garden for OVC there is no activity following long closure of schools due to COVID-19 induced lockdown. At ZIHOPFE garden some member have continued with farming however they have complained of complacency by other member of the garden as they are not utilising their land leading to pests hibernating in the tall grass. Members at Padare

garden are harvesting sweet potato, during a monitoring visit by the Programmes Officer the chairman of the garden highlighted that he always motivates other members to utilize all their land to avoid breeding of pests in the grass. He also highlighted that members are united and they are paying their electricity bills religiously so that their fence is always electrified during the night to deter animals from plundering their crops. He added that he has taken horticulture as a livelihood which can also generate income the same way employment does. He also added that in a good day he can sell at least \$10.00 worth of farm produce. He highlighted that in 2021 farming season he had a bumper maize harvest which is enough for family consumption for the whole year. During an interview with another female farmer in the same garden she highlighted that despite being a single mother she is managing to look after her 3 children whom she is supporting scholastically as well as their everyday needs. She highlighted that she focuses on vegetables more than any other crop and she has also managed to create market from the local community as she grows healthy vegetables.

3) NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

Two families were referred for food from social development and they received mealie meal, cooking oil including kapenta packaging

4) MEDICAL SUPPORT

Covid 19 training Chalala fishing camp

The Executive Director and the Programmes Officer went to Chalala fishing camp to assess the responsiveness of the community to COVID-19 pandemic, lockdown regulations. Through participant observation it was observed that community had relaxed in complying with the infection control measures of maintaining social and physical distance, wearing of standard face masks among other mitigation measures. As the camp is a fish trading zone with buyers and traders from all over Zimbabwe thronging the camp to buy fish, the area is characterized by people who migrate from other places to the place to trade with fish products, therefore that characteristic makes the place a hot spot although no case of COVID-19 has been recorded yet. The community therefore boasts on the fact that is no case recorded in the fishing camp to be reluctant, this was established during a discussion with fisherman who highlighted that they are worried of people who visit the area to bring the virus into the camp and they wish if visitors can wear their face masks religiously. Therefore, the Executive Director and the Programmes Officer contacted training for trainers for community members who will cascade the skill to other members of the community. The community group was made up of youths, men and women who successfully completed the training with standard (three layered) face mask. After the training the members got orientation in the proper wearing of face masks thus covering

both nose and mouth so that the virus does not have access to the respiratory system. Besides wearing masks the participants were conscientised to maintain social distancing and most importantly to wash their hands regularly with soap using running water.



10 (5M 5F) Kapenta Fishing Operators were also trained in production of reusable sanitary wear face masks. Operators appreciated the gesture as they did not have face masks. They highlighted that they used surgical face masks over and over and over again as they didn't have somewhere to buy face masks but the fact that they did not know how to make standard cloth face masks saw them move around without face masks. They therefore promised to cascade the skill to their fishermen who were also going to work without face masks. Each participant managed to go home with a completed standard three layered face masks. During an assessment of the training one of the participants highlighted that he was once fined USD10 for failing to observe the COVID-19 regulations particularly failure to properly wear a face mask. He added that many people in the fishing were fined for failing to observe the infection control measures particularly proper wearing of face masks. Therefore, he applauded the training as they will help people to make standard face masks using already available resources thus their clean clothes to make face masks. Another participant added that the training is like a wakeup call as members of the community have become reluctant to wear face masks.

SRHR OUTPUT ANALYSIS

A total of 465 (50M 415F) were reached with SRHR information. The figure comprises of people reached through community structures which are community youth clubs and support group meetings, and social media platforms. Tony Waite uses community structures to reach out to the community through its community mobilisers called community carers. Among the people reached with SRHR information a total of 16 (2M 14F) went for HIV testing and Counseling (HTC). Tony Waite is working towards increased participation of men in PMTCT programme as numbers of men participating is very low with men citing being occupied and they also regard PMTCT as a role for women as a result a total of 16 couples went for ANC during the period under review. Adherence support programme has seen a total of 5 (2M 3F) people given TB adherence support during the month. Tony Waite Organisation is not only working with people on ART but also people living with chronic illnesses including Asthma, Cancer, Hypertension and Diabetes among other life threatening conditions. GBV is still a challenge in Kariba as a total of

7 (3M 4F) people were given assistance. GBV is most common among married people and is mainly in emotional abuse leading to psychosocial problems like lack of confidence, living in resigned mood or in worst cases suicide. According to findings by community carers people are fighting in their houses although most of the cases are going unreported as couples will be protecting each other from being prosecuted and given harsh sentence which may wreck antagonism from the family members of the affected spouse. Women are the most survivors of GBV due to the fact that they don't have reliable income sources they depend on their husbands who takes advantage to assault their wives knowing that they will not report them as they are the sole breadwinners. Through the community monthly ward meetings the community carers are going to revamp GBV programmes particularly the referral pathway so that survivors of GBV can report cases.

Below is a table of patients seen for HBC and Palliative Care:

NEW CLIENTS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
CATEGORY			
BED RIDDEN	0	0	0
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	0	2	2
TOTAL	0	2	2
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
BED RIDDEN	2	4	6
AMBULATORY	1	1	2
WORKING	54	131	185
TOTAL	58	136	194
CLIENTS SEEN ON ART	57	116	173
NUMBER OF DEATHS	1	1	2
CAREGIVERS AT HOUSE LEVEL	6	30	36
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	0	28	28
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	23	24	47
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	14	12	26
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	43	104	147
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	25	26	51

HOME VISITS ADULTS	91	124	215
TOTAL HOME VISITS	116	150	266

KAPENTA PROJECT

The Executive Director and programmes officer managed to go for monitoring in Chalala and held several meetings with fishermen in order to improve catches. In one of the meetings they mentioned need to change light and one rig need a new engine, a second needed a net and a 3rd needed housing. These have since been fixed by the time of report writing. The fishermen were encouraged to work hard and the results were better. As the diversification project continues the second objective was to procure fresh fish for reselling. A total of 101kgs were procured though we needed more. The fishermen brought small breams which are not popular on the market thereby less kgs were procured to test the market.

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW TRAINING

The organisation contacted a workshop for Business Plan review which was facilitated by a consultant (Mbekezeli Mtunzi). The meeting was attended by incoming board members, staff members and Board Chairperson. The training helped the organisation to draft a comprehensive five-year plan. The training also equipped the organisation with growth pathways and human capital investment, product development, market options and strategies to improve the competitiveness of the organisation products. It is important to note that it is during the training that the organisation managed to revise the vision and mission of the business in line with the strategic plan of the business

Kapenta Linkage Grant, training, monitoring, fish activities and packaging



6) PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

The organisation managed to distribute male clothes to 93 men and boys in Chalala and continued milk Fomular for 5 (3M 2F) children including upkeep of a male child with disability from Nyamakate whose mother is chronically ill. During the month the organisation also offered food assistance to a family who had cabin gaunt by fire with 10kg mealie meal, 1 kg kapenta 2ltrs cooking oil.

Lactogen milk formula distribution

clothes distribution at Chalala



6) TO IMPROVE COORDINATION:

The organisation coordinated with other stakeholders in different meetings and colloquiums. During the month the organisation attended DAC meeting taskforce meetings, SRHR issues pane Nyaya Nyami Nyami FM, Grievance Redress Mechanism consultations, WCoZ, RDDC, NAC Provincial stakeholder and Kariba is hosting National AIDS Day Commemorations 2021, Visit by minister of Lands, Agriculture fisheries, water and rural resettlement, Independence celebrations see photos below

Independence celebrations

Minister's visit

RDDC



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fishermen meeting,

finance and

board business training



- ADF LEAD support visit
- Staff meeting
- Partner conference

SUCCESS

Managed to continue with education on Covid 19, whatsapp information sharing groups

Board and staff training on business plan review

Recruitment of new board members 2021

Partner conference ADF

Wcoz leadership strengthening programme meetings

CHALLENGES

- **Need for a 4x4 off road car for outreaches for hard to reach areas**

7) PLANNED ACTIVITIES

C& HBC, monthly PMTCT Ward meetings, youth Clubs and Support Group meetings, monitoring of livelihood, Piggery project monitoring, food distribution, infant feeding programme, fish buying and selling, Stakeholder sensitization on early child marriages

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