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## **AUGUST 2020 MONTHLY REPORT**

Tony Waite Organisation is a private voluntary organisation which operates in Kariba Urban and rural. The organisation spills its services and activities to Nyaminyami Rural district and fishing camps where people are separated from service providers by large body of water in Lake Kariba. Tony Waite Organisation envisions an empowered, knowledgeable society where people can support each other in HIV AIDS, non-communicable and life threatening conditions as well as other developmental issues. The organisation offers OVC programs, HIV programming, women and girls emancipation projects and palliative care services. The organisation coordinates with other local stakeholders in service provision as well as to enable effective and efficient information flow between stakeholders for joint program formulation and implementation to ensure program sustainability and best results. Economic empowerment of vulnerable groups of people has also remained the vision of the organisation and to date the organisation is supporting a plethora of income generating projects namely piggery project, bread baking project, goat rearing project, reusable sanitary wear pad production, chicken rearing project and the nutritional gardens which aims to enhance nutrition and income if there is surplus for sale.

### **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
- Youth Clubs and Support Group meetings
- Monitoring of livelihood projects
- Kapenta, monitoring, packaging and marketing.
- 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. During the month trained community carers has continued to identify children who are in need of nutritional support and palliative care. They have continued to alert the community on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Kariba and beyond through training community members on mask production according to WHO standards.

## **2. TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH**

### **i) To improve household income**

#### **Goat rearing Project**

The organisation has continued to support goat rearing project for a group of 8 women in Kariba Rural in Nyaminyami District. The goal of the project being to lesson women's dependence on men which makes them susceptible to Gender Based Violence. Economic dependence stands as big stumbling block for women emancipation the position has been established by women from Kariba Rural who highlighted that men regard them as passive recipients of development and therefore they are susceptible to Gender Based Violence. Goats are known for quick production and the case of the Manhanga Goat rearing project is not exceptional the organisation bought 8 she goats but the goats are now 11. However pests and diseases are killing the goats therefore there is need of vaccines as the area is prone to tsetse flies.

## **Piggery project**

The piggery project has continued to hit ground running with one pig expecting to give birth anytime in September. The beneficiary has started the mating process and production is expected to increase early 2021. It is important to note that the AGRITEX Officer Mr Muzvarwawoga has continued offering professional extension services which is helping keeping the animals healthy. He is providing vaccination and standard sanitary standards which helps to guarantee first class meat and quality.

## **Reusable sanitary wear project**

The reusable sanitary wear pad sewing project is continuing despite the impact of COVID-19. Women, who are the project members, are failing to buy material which is cheaper from Harare and scarce in Kariba. During an interview with the Programmes Officer the members highlighted that they are failing to access Harare due to COVID-19 induced lockdown. Therefore, they are selling the pads which they have in stock only but demand is outweighing supply as people are getting to understand the product.

## **NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT**

The livelihoods of many people has not yet shown any marked improvement even those in informal sector due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Therefore, food assistance has become need to a number of lower income families. The organisation reached a total of 92 (45M 56F), 15 (15M 9F) elderly and 77 (30M 47F) OVC benefited from food items though most have not been reached. 3 male maternal orphans are continuing getting Lactogen and NAN. The beneficiaries of food distribution program hailed the gesture by Tony Waite Organisation as they highlighted that they were already in serious need of food . *See pictures during food distribution.*

***Nyamhunga food distribution Community carer verifying names Beneficiaries carrying food home.***



**Mahombekombe food distribution**

**Sanitizing   Beneficiaries signing feed registers OVC with food items   Elderly taking food home**



Price hikes has exacerbated vulnerability of people in Kariba at large and we have had more people asking for food an issue which needs stakeholder approach and glad to note that world food programme through world vision will be helping in Kariba to alleviate hunger.

**MEDICAL SUPPORT**

Tony Waite Organisation envisions a holistic approach in service delivery to people living with difficult circumstances including People Living with HIV and TB, Diabetes and cancers through adherence support and palliative care. During the month a total of 350 (100M 300F) received SRHR education leading to a total of 29 (9M 21F) getting tested. A total of 5 (3M 2F) got TB adherence support from trained community. Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) towards the 2030 target of reaching to zero new HIV infection has remained the organizational goal as it contributes to Sustainable Development Goals and they have encouraged male involvement in PMTCT and reached a total of 300 (34M 266F) with PMTCT education resulting in a total of 12 couples accompanying their wives for ante-natal and getting tested together. However shortage of family planning pills, the most favored family planning method is affecting sexual reproductive health and rights. Of note bed ridden clients seems to be on rise.

**Below is a table of patients seen for Adherence Support**

<b>NEW CLIENTS</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>			
BED RIDDEN	1	0	1
AMBULATORY	0	0	0

WORKING	3	2	5
<b>TOTAL NEW CLIENTS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BED RIDDEN	2	0	2
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	106	216	322
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>324</b>
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	1	1
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	14	36	50
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	1	26	27
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	24	28	52
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	23	28	51
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	80	188	268
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	37	46	83
HOME VISITS ADULTS	110	300	410
<b>TOTAL HOME VISITS</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>493</b>

The closure of youth centre in Nyamhunga has continually affected youth access to Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in Kariba. The COVID-19 induced lockdown has left the youths like cogs in a big machine; they are docile and have resorted to drug and substance abuse as a way of keeping themselves busy as learning institutions remain closed. It is important to note that the rise in teenage pregnancies in Kariba is a clear indication that youths are engaging in casual unprotected sexual intercourse which exposes them to STIs and unwanted pregnancies. However the organisation has created a Whatsup

group to engage youths in meaningful discussions in issues affecting their access to Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and other development issues with the objective of making youths meaningful participants in development. From the platform youths raised concern over increased child marriages as they highlighted that COVID-19 is the elephant in the room. Closure of schools has vehemently left young boys and girls vulnerable as they don't have any form of entertainment except drug and substance abuse as well as sexual promiscuity. Others highlighted that early marriages are caused by poverty and peer pressure among other socially constructed structures which pushes young people to get married. It is also important to note that people living with chronic illnesses and life threatening conditions are complaining of food shortages which are affecting their adherence.

The organisation has discovered that efforts to mitigate COVID-19 will go vain as long people are not trained on cloth face masks making and on how to properly wear the face masks. People in Kariba and beyond have a tendency of putting masks under the chin or covering the mouth only leaving the nose bare which is tantamount to not wearing anything. Therefore the organisation went on to train people on how to wear face masks.

A total of 237 (32 M 205 F) out of a target of 230 were reached with Covid-19 education and standard face mask production trainings. All the participants were trained in making standard face masks with three layers. The breakdown for number reached is as follows: 30(13M 17F) at Quarry, 40(5M 35F) from Charara and 15(4M 11F) from NAU and 152(10 m 142f) from urban wards. The training observed a meter or more, proper wearing of face masks, avoiding handshakes and above all maintaining small groups of less than 40 people. It has been identified in the community and during the ward meetings that people are now relaxing the fight against the novel pandemic, with some no longer wearing face masks or put them under the chin, now shaking hands and share hugs, some sharing mugs of beer and others are no longer maintaining social distancing. Therefore the trained community carers had to revamp the campaign against corona virus in wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Kariba urban. The participants hailed the program for its sustainability and cost effective as it uses already available and cheap material to make face masks. People highlighted that buying face masks has become less of a priority as their budgets are strained due to affected livelihoods by COVID-19 induced lockdown.

See pictures over during the community trainings by community carers



*See pictures below during the outreach*

## QUARRY MINING AREA



## CHARARA ESTATE

*Arrival, sanitizing registration, education, training and distribution of refreshments*



## Challenges shared by participants

Women are the most affected by COVID-19 as they shared a myriad of challenges presented by the novel virus. Although the challenges vary from place to place there is consensus on the fact that transport to Kariba town where they access health services is a challenge coupled with hunger. Women

also highlighted the areas where they stay are infested by wild animals and human wildlife conflict is a challenge so walking on foot to town is risky. Adding to their challenges is poor health service delivery in local clinics including the District Hospital where patients are returned home without satisfactory medical attention . Lack sanitary wear pads is one challenge that has been identified to all in the 3 places visited.

At Quarry women in mining highlighted that lockdown movement restrictions is affecting their business as customers are no longer accessing the mining area with a few customers accessing the area in the dead of the night and women who usually asleep by the time highlighted that they are loosing their gems as others are selling their stones without their consent. Lack of safe water at Quarry is also another challenge and residents of the mining area highlighted that they depend on water that has collected in mines or (mufuku) in RUIA River. The people complained of their issues not being delt with

Women from Charara highlighted that their lives has been worsened by stoppage of ZUPCO bus services to the farming estate, they highlighted that they are forced to walk through thickets infested by dangerous wild animals like Lions and Elephants to Kariba town where they access health, other consumables and daily basics. Having noted issues raised as an organisation that works with other stakeholders, these were taken to relevant authorities and am happy to say the ZUPCO issue was addressed through the DDC office and now community appreciates such prompt response. The borehole issue is being addressed as well. Looking at hunger the community was told assessments will be done in September by World Vision and those meeting criteria will benefit.

## **LIVELIHOODS PROJECTS**

Tony Waite Organisation has continued to support vulnerable groups of people in Kariba Urban and rural in livelihood gardens with the goal of enhancing their nutrition and household income at the event there is surplus for sale. The organisation is therefore supporting 4 nutritional gardens that is Padare Garden in Ward 6, ZIHOPFE in ward 2 and 2 gardens at Charara Estate one for people living with HIV and the other for OVC at Charara Primary School. Tony Waite Organisation's mission is to create an empowered, healthy community where people living with chronic illnesses and life threatening conditions have access to quality treatment care and support services. However, through researches which were conducted by the organisation it has been identified that people living with HIV and other diseases are failing to adhere due to lack of food as some medications require food in the body, therefore the organisation initiated nutritional gardens to enhance access to food thereby facilitating

adherence. There is a notable improvement in farming activities by members in all the nutritional gardens as members have utilized all the land in the gardens. They are growing vegetables like covo, lettuce, cabbage, onions, butter nuts, pumpkins and herbs among other vegetables. During an interview with the Programmes Officer one female member at Padare Garden highlighted that she is managing to have relish during COID-19 lockdown where people’s small businesses were affected by closure of borders since they used to cross to Zambia to buy small items for sell. Another woman from Padare highlighted that herbs are fundamental to health as they boost the immune system for many people are living with chronic illnesses whose impact can be lessened by herbs. She added that the community is getting to know about the herbs and demand is increasing of note is the fact that herbs are sold at a relatively higher price than vegetables. At Charara garden one male member highlighted that they are selling their vegetables to walk in customers as movement restrictions and lack of transport to Kariba town is stopping them from selling their produce to town. **See pictures below of nutritional gardens.**

**PADARE GARDEN**

**Mrs Chawagona selling vegetables      Tomato and vegetable section      Programmes Officer monitoring**



**CHARARA GARDEN**

**Vegetable section      Director helps picking tomatoes      Programmes Officer with garden proceeds**



**KAPENTA PROJECT**

‘Trouble comes in the night but joy comes in the morning’ the riddle holds water in relation to Kapenta fishing in basin 3 and 4 which are well known for violent winds and poor catches. Catches are expected

to rise in winter but as seasons are shifting catches have increased in August. Increase in catches has helped the organisation to resuscitate its N Richards market which has been dormant for some time due to poor catches. It is important to note that the organisation is on its way to revamp the Kapenta Fishing project as the engines and gear boxes become exhausted 2 new engines, a generator and a gear box have been bought which has minimized breakdowns significantly. The organisation is planning to continue refurbishments of the rigs as catch is expected to continue rising.

#### **5) TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AND SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT**

COVID-19 induced lockdown has led to closure of schools and no fees has been paid during the period under review.

#### **6) TO IMPROVE COORDINATION:**

Coordination is required whenever and wherever a group of persons work together to achieve common objectives. It is the basic cementing force in sustainable program formulation, implementation and monitoring. Therefore, the organisation is in a number of forums and colloquiums where discussions with other stakeholders take place.

The Executive Director is part of the COVID-19 monitoring taskforce in Kariba which has seen the organisation donating a total of 20 reusable sanitary wear pads, 50 cloth face masks, 10 dish washing liquid in a bid to control infection and improve sexual reproductive health within prisons. The gesture was highly welcomed as there was a special request through the Executive Director for face masks from the Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Service station commanding officer Mr Mavhako. The donation was handed over to the Prison Officer by the District Develop Coordinator (Mr Marweyi) in blue shirt through Tony Waite Board member (Mr J. Chikede) in Pink Shirt with stakeholders looking on.



The organisation had an opportunity to attend Provincial COVID 19 TOT organized and facilitated by ministry of health and child care in a bid to respond to disasters. It was also emphasised that provision of health services to continue. A number of virtual meetings have been attended both local and national through Zimbabwe AIDS Network, NANGO and Women Coalition of Zimbabwe. The organisation has also been given opportunity to impart information through the local Nyami Nyami FM 94.5. Drought relief meetings were attended where stakeholders feedback on programmes implementation, prioritize and map a way forward together as a district.

#### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- Staff meetings.
- Pastel training for the Finance Officer.
- COVID 19 TOT

#### **SUCCESS**

- Improved kapenta catches which led to reopening of dormant markets
- Outreaches to rural with COVID-19 education and mask making training

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Need for a 4x4 vehicle to access further rural terrain and funding for integrated SRHR outreach services for hard to reach areas
- There is need for food items as vulnerability is increasing due to COVID-19 induced lockdown.

#### **7) PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

C& HBC, monthly PMTCT Ward meetings, youth Clubs and Support Group meetings, monitoring of livelihood in urban and rural also establish new projects in the community.

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