

Tony Waite Organisation

HIV and AIDS Services

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Vision	Healthy community that is able to support each other in issues of HIV and AIDS and other chronic conditions and other developmental related issues.
Mission	To capacitate communities to be able to participate in HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support professionally in order to have a knowledgeable community

ORGANISATION BACKGROUND

Tony Waite Organization (TWO) is a private voluntary organization (PVO 45/11) operating in Kariba urban, peri-urban, rural and hard to reach areas (fishing camps) where communities are separated from service providers due to the large waters of Lake Kariba. It started as a community-based organisation (CBO) in 1993 following the death of Tony Waite, a Kariba resident who worked for the Zambezi River Authority. He went public about his HIV status in 1991 on World AIDS day. He grew up as an orphan and died without a family in January 1992. He left a will for orphans and vulnerable children to benefit. The organization was run by volunteers in the past through Social Service Department. However, they employed staff members through NAP I for OVC 2007. It has since begun employing more and has students' attaché as the demand and services are ever increasing in the community

Caribbea Bay sponsored OVC Party Heart Veld Adventures Sponsored party



INTRODUCTION

Tony Waite Organisation operates in Kariba District; the goal of the organisation is to create a knowledgeable community that is able to support each other in HIV and AIDS and other related developmental issues. The organisation endeavors to capacitate communities to be able to participate in HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support professionally in order to have a knowledgeable community. The organisation thrives to archive its objectives through offering adherence support to people living with chronic and life limiting conditions and their families, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Education to adolescents and youths, nutritional support to orphans and vulnerable children, People living with life limiting conditions and the elderly. Tony Waite Organisation also offers scholastic support and psychosocial support to OVC in Kariba District and elderly including Gender Based Violence survivors in empowering them economically as some are involved in economic strengthen activities.

The following are partners that worked with the organisation in 2023:

- C&C supported with scholastic support, economic strengthening projects and nutritional support
- United States African Development Foundation for Kapenta Linkage Project
- Dutch Embassy for Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
- Heart Veld Adventures supported, Caribbea Bay Hotel and crispy fresh for children's party
- Kariba International Tiger Tournament also offered psychosocial support
- A number of individuals continued to support the organisation.

A number of stakeholders continue to support the organisation in terms of networking and services provision such as District Social Development, MOH&CC, MoPSE, Municipality of Kariba, District Development Coordinator, Nyaminyami Rural District Council, DAC, ZRP, WCoZ and ZRA.

TONY WAITE STRATEGIC PILLARS

- INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS
- YOUTHS
- WOMEN AND ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN
- ADHERENCE, CARE AND SUPPORT

PROJECT TARGETS

The project targets new born, orphans, vulnerable children, adolescents, women, People living with life limiting and chronic conditions, People with Disabilities, destitute and elderly in need of care. The organisation observes gender mainstreaming in its service provision and non-discrimination based on race, ethnicity and age.

OBJECTIVES

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

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, scholastic, economic strengthening and food assistance as part of child protection issues. Tony Waite Organisation also works with women and adolescent girls, People living with HIV and AIDS and other life limiting conditions and has also continued supporting them through adherence and psychosocial support inform of nutritional support, referrals for legal assistance and other services they may require. In Ward 12 Makande Kariba Rural the organisation through the community structures has continued identifying vulnerable children who are in need of scholastic support hence identification of 41 learners (19M 22F), among them are 36 (17M 19F)from Kadziro Primary School and 5 (2M 3F) from Kaiva Primary a satellite of Kadziro Primary School.

2. TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

Tony Waite Organisation has continued supporting a total of 435 (220M 215F) with sustainable livelihood projects. These projects include Internal Savings and Lending, Nutritional gardens, poultry projects and goat rearing projects. The main objectives of the Economic Strengthening Projects are to

- create an enabling environment for women to become active participants in development
- to reduce dependency by women as well.
- to improve their income and family nutrition through their meaningful engagement in development.

Goat rearing project

The organisation is supporting a total of 4 goat rearing projects benefiting a total of 32 (5M 27F). Among the beneficiaries are 10 (4M 6F) People with Disabilities in Chidyamugwamu, women from Manhanga and Siakobvu respectively. Women in Manhanga sold 4 goats at \$20.00 during the month to contribute towards family upkeep and also to prepare for the farming season.

Chicken rearing project

A total of 4 chicken rearing projects, 2 in Kariba Rural in Manhanga (ward 8) and Siakobvu (ward 4) respectively and the other 2 in Kariba urban ward 2.

NUTRITIONAL GARDENS

The organisation is supporting a total of 4 nutritional gardens benefiting a total of 184 (54F 130F) namely Padare garden in Mahombekombe, ZIHOFE garden in ward 2 Kariba urban and Charara Garden for People living with HIV as well as Charara primary school for OVC at the learning institution. The goal of nutritional gardens is to improve household nutrition and income if there is surplus for sale. As summer season approaches members of nutritional gardens have started to clear ground for maize seed as vegetables does not thrive in summer. At Padare garden members are selling green maize to the local market as vegetables are being affected by ball warms despite efforts to eradicate the pest chemically. Padare garden works hand in glove with AGRITEX Officer in Kariba as she usually reports the garden for best practice. Charara garden members harvested sweet potatoes and are also preparing ground for maize seed as they were given a tractor by Mr Crawford to till the land.

New acquired horse pipe.



3. NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT.

During the reporting period Tony Waite Organisation distributed a total of 100kgs of fish heads donated from Lake Harvest total a of 144 (73M 71F) among them are 109 (59M 50F) children living with life limiting conditions and 35 (17M 28F) from households of people living with HIV. Tony Waite Organisation has continued coordinating with local stakeholders and referrals for food assistance continued. A total of 5 infants continued to benefit from the infant feeding program with three from Kariba urban and from Nyaminyami Rural.

See pictures below during food distribution at the organisation offices.



4) MEDICAL SUPPORT

Tony Waite organisation through its trained community carers is implementing the SRHR program which encompasses the adherence support program (palliative care) and community meetings. A total of 600 (200M 400F) were reached with SRHR information during the reporting period, among them are those reached through social networks, organisation's youth corner and those reached through trained community carers. The main areas covered by the organisation includes decision making, drug and substance abuse, sexuality, maternal health, social norms affecting women, adolescent access to services and teenage pregnancies. From the total reached a total of 14 (4M 10F) got HIV testing and counseling. Tony Waite Organisation is also contributing towards the 2030 targets of achieving zero new HIV infections through the EMTCT programme and a total of 72 (29M 43F) were reached with EMTCT education by community carers. EMTCT programme aims to increase male involvement in reproductive Health issues as their involvement is lacking, therefore during the month a total of 46 couples were sensitized on partner bookings. Community carers have managed to reach 3F with GBV information and assistance.

Table1: HBC patients seen for Adherence Support

NEW CLIENTS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
CATEGORY			
BED RIDDEN	0	0	0
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW CLIENTS	0	0	0
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL

BED RIDDEN	1	1	2
AMBULATORY		1	1
WORKING		110	143
TOTAL		108	145
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	1	1
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME		12	17
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE		14	14
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN		8	19
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART		8	18
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART		85	119
HOME VISITS CHILDREN		11	24
HOME VISITS ADULTS		127	195
TOTAL HOME VISITS		138	219

KAPENTA LINKAGE PROJECT

The organisation has continued with the Kapenta fishing processing and marketing project employing a total of 22(18M 4F) employees. Among them are 5 women employed under kapenta packing. The number includes both full time and part time employees. Tony Waite Organisation is continuing with fresh fish and dried kapenta marketing and monitoring, during the reporting period the marketing team managed to carryout fish marketing to Harare and Midlands Provinces. During the month the organisation was also visited by the USADF

5. PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

A total of 250 (75M 175F) were reached with SRHR information through the organization's WhatsApp group and youth and support meetings. Decision making, drug abuse, challenges faced by the youth were among the topics discussed. The adolescents present at the meeting were also encouraged to do house chores and spent time with their parents as it builds good rapport with their parents. This was after an observation that many adolescent boys and girls nowadays spend much of their time at school and with friends or on social media communicating with virtual friends which may eventually expose them to ciber bullying. During Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights meetings, it was also discovered that they fail to distinguish between abuse and responsibilities, some had the assumption that after school it is their right ton focus on school work only without doing household chores which causes differences with guardians as they eventually regard them as stubborn, lazy or rude. Therefore, the Programmes Officer educated them on the jugmug relationship between rights and responsibilities especially on the fact that each right has its specific responsibilities. The meetings were also essential in the fact that they were used to identify OVC who are in need of either scholastic or nutritional support as the officer had time to interact with each participant.

6. SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT

Tony Waite continues to refer children looking for school related assistance to learning government institutions. During the reporting period the organisation assisted 41 (19M 22F) OVC from Kadziro and Kaiva Primary Schools' with complete school uniforms. *Below are the pictures of OVC at Kadziro Primary school receiving school uniforms.*

Kadziro schools' uniform distribution

OVC receiving uniforms



As the organisation continues to improve school environment it paid a visit to nyami nyami rural district council with the District Schools Inspector to assess Chibwezulu primary which is about 18 km from Siakobvu and it has been agreed that 2 new classroom blocks and administration block to be constructed for the school to have standard structures in place as currently there is only one classroom block.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Staff meetings
- Meetings with fishing crew
- Volunteer meetings

• TWO board meeting

7. TO IMPROVE COORDINATION

Tony Waite organisation continues with stakeholder coordination in program design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting. During the month the organization attended the Child Protection meetings, DAAC taskforce meeting, WCoZ Women's Symposium on Violence against Women (VAW) ZAN Annual General Meeting. Sanyati sub catchment council, PZAT reflection meeting and ZKPA parks meeting.

WCoZ VAW Symposium

ZAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



WORLD AIDS DAY IN PICTURES MARONDERA RUDHAKA STADIUM



16 Days of Activism Against GBV

Tony Waite Organisation joined the world in commemorating 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The Kariba Gender Stakeholders committee joined hands to march against Gender Based Violence in Kariba. The stakeholders took turns to explain definitions of GBV, forms of GBV, causes of GBV, Effects of GBV and some mitigation measures of Gender Based Violence. The theme for year is **Every life matters, End GBV NOW**. Among the stakeholders present were Municipality of Kariba, ZRP, WCoZ, Women's Affairs, AWET among others. The agenda of the march is to prevent occurrence of GBV in the community. **See pictures below during the campaign.**

Nyamhunga outreach

Charara Outreach



Successes

- > People living with HIV participating in nutrition gardens with some self-sustaining
- People with disabilities in rural leading by example that disability is not inability as they continue with the goat rearing project and this is a success story as the organisation funded 8 goats to kick start the project in September 2020 now, they have 25 goats and the group was also trained in ISAL to help themselves while the goats multiply.
- > Continuous supply of milk Formula to triplets and 1other orphan

Challenges

- Lack of 4x4 off road vehicle for project monitoring and evaluation in Kariba Rural
- Bad weather affecting kapenta fishing
- Lack of volunteer incentives leading to volunteer lethargy.
- Awaiting installation of 3 phase to get the cold chain system working.

8. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- OVC and Elderly clothes distribution program
- Adherence Support program
- Monthly SRHR and EMTCT 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

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