

# Tony Waite Organisation

**HIV and AIDS Services** 

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#### TONY WAITE ORGANISATION JANUARY 2024 REPORT

Vision	Healthy community that is able to support each other in issues of HIV and AIDS, other chronic conditions and development 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 foundation 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, however employed staff members through National Action Plan for OVC 2007. It has since begun employing more and has students' attachés as the demand and services are ever increasing in the community.

## INTRODUCTION

Tony Waite Organisation operates in Kariba district both urban and rural. The organisation thrives to achieve its objectives through offering adherence support to people living with chronic and life limiting conditions and their families, sexual reproductive health and health rights education to adolescent girls, boys and youths. 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 strengthening activities. A number of stakeholders continue to support the organisation in terms of networking and services provision such as District Social Development, Women Affairs, 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 DEVELOPMENT
- YOUTHS
- WOMEN AND ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN
- PALLIATIVE CARE AND ADHERENCE SUPPORT

## OBJECTIVES

- To identify needy children through community volunteers
- To improve household income, food security and health
- To provide adherence support to clients
- To provide comprehensive scholastic support and psychosocial support
- To coordinate with other stakeholders

## **1. IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

The period has seen the organisation preparing for school opening with identification and referrals of Orphans and Vulnerable Children from other stakeholders like Department of Social Department and schools referring children for education support. A total of 10 (3M 7F) were assisted with school related assistance and fees is being processed. Infants in need of Lactogen were also referred from other stakeholders and identification by Community Carers continued.

## 2. TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

Tony Waite Organisation has continued to support a total of 435 (220M 215F) people with sustainable livelihood projects. These projects include nutritional gardens, poultry projects,

piggery 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
- To improve their income and family nutrition through their meaningful engagement in development.

PROGRAMME	PROJECT	BASELINE	TARGET	NUMBER	VARIENCE	COMMENTS
AREA	NAME			REACHED		
Economic Strengthening Projects	Goat rearing	4	4	4 rural	0	The projects are ongoing in Chidyamugwamu, Manhanga and Siakobvu. Reaching 32(5m 27f)
	Chicken rearing	4	4	4	0	10(4m 6f) with disabilities ongoing
	Nutrition al gardens	4	4	4 2 urban, 2 rural	0	Total beneficiaries 184 (54F 130F)
Nutritional support			200 OVC	5	195	There was no major food donation except Lactogen and continued support from OVC household.

20	3	17	The organisation is currently		
infants			supporting 3(1M 2F)		
for milk					
formula					
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#### NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

5(2M 3F) were supported food items during the reporting period. Among them were 3 (1M 2F) who were supported with Lactogen formula through the Kariba Fun Run Harare Round Table support. 1 OVC household which is supported by an individual continued to benefit from monthly groceries. There is increased demand for food in the community espcially among recipients of care due to their medications which demands more food. Below are pictures of nutritional support beneficiaries.

## Food items beneficiary upon receiving donation from TWO at TWO offices.



## **3. MEDICAL SUPPORT**

A total of 338 (130M 108F) people were reached with SRHR information during the reporting period, among them are those reached through Tose Pamwe Model perception and baseline survey, community carers and organisation's youth whatsup group. The organisation has joined the world in battling against Drugs and Substance Abuse which has become a social evil especially among Adolescent Girls and boys. The main objective of the SRH programme is to help people make informed decisions, creating demand for the services and linking the community to service providers. The main areas covered include decision making, drug and substance abuse, sexuality, maternal health, social norms affecting women, adolescent access to services and teenage pregnancies, good behavior and career guidance. Tony Waite

Organisation is also contributing towards the 2030 targets of achieving zero new HIV infections through the PMTCT programme and a total of 20 couples were reached with PMTCT information. PMTCT programme aims to increase male involvement in reproductive Health issues as their involvement is lacking.

Table1:	clients seen for Adherence Support
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NEW CLIENTS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
CATEGORY			
BED RIDDEN	1	0	1
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW CLIENTS	1	0	1
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
BED RIDDEN	2	1	3
AMBULATORY	1	0	1
WORKING	28	72	100
TOTAL	31	73	104
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	0	0
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	41	97	138
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	8	26	34
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	5	7	12
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	5	7	12
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	24	63	87

HOME VISITS CHILDREN	5	7	12
HOME VISITS ADULTS	49	80	129
TOTAL HOME VISITS	54	87	141

#### clients seen on ART adults seen on ART chldren seen on ART home visits adults clients seen MALE FEMALE

#### Graph below shows total number of clients seen in January 2024 and visits contacted.

During the reporting period 4 males were affected with stroke whilst 3 (1M 2F) were affected with cancer. Moreover,1 male is paraplegic, 3(1M 2F) are asthmatic and 2(1M1F) have been diagnosed of cancer and are receiving treatment. Findings from palliative care program reports highlighted that clients on ART are susceptible to Non communicable diseases especially Hypertension and Diabetes which are leading paralysis. As a result, 6 (2M 4F) are receiving home based care support through provision of palliative care equipment like wheel chairs, adult diapers, linen savers from Tony Waite Organisation. The community carers are coordinating for Home Based Care kit with local clinics that is Nyamhunga and Mahombekombe clinics. The organisation is planning for young carers and primary care givers training to equip primary care givers with requisite skills to care for the sick at home. The trained community carers got trained in Cholera awareness and they contacted cholera awareness in 6 wards of Kariba Urban sensitising commutes on cholera prevention methods, signs and symptoms and the cholera referral pathway in Kariba.

## Tose Pamwe Model inception and perception meeting with Adolescents.

The world over Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) have traditionally been seen as the domain and responsibility of adolescent girls and young women as they are seen as the most affected by the 21<sup>st</sup> events and challenges. In the previous few years however, there has been increasing recognition both nationally and internationally and specifically in Zimbabwe through formulation of models like the Brother to Brother (B2BM) which seeks to address SRHR issues affecting adolescent boys and men. Zimbabwe among other SADC nations is facing considerable SRHR challenges including:

- High rates of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- High rates of unintended adolescent girls and young women pregnancies
- Low contraceptive uptake especially by adolescent girls and young women

These challenges are taking place also in the face of:

- High rates of violence against women such that according to UN 2023 report among every 10 women 3 of them are survivors of Gender Based Violence.
- The lowest political participation women meaning that they are excluded from policy formulation may even affect them directly
- Strong patriarchal social and religious influences which peripherises women's rights and interest

In the face of aforementioned challenges Tony Waite Organisation has conducted an initial baseline survey with a sample of 68 (22M 46F). The results of the baseline established that there is need to encooperate boys and girls in SRHR programs so that they learn and understand issues together which helps in sustainable programming. Topics like menstrual hygiene, decision and decision making, sex education, drugs and substance abuse were seen as critical as they are issues affecting youths as a group.

## Arrival and registration

## DR opening remarks

PO facilitating



## **KAPENTA LINKAGE PROJECT**

The organisation has continued with the Kapenta fishing processing and marketing project employing a total of 14(11M 3F) employees. Fish marketing continued during the reporting period. The organisation is planning to offer fish blasting services at a cost for project sustenance as well as hiring out refrigeration services at a cost as demand for refrigerated trucks is increasing due to sprouting courier services in Kariba which transports fresh products from Kariba to other towns and cities.

## SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Among the 19 (10M 9F) who were supported with education support in 2023 among them were 2 female Ordinary level students who had completed and one of them is aspiring to advance to A level after passing with flying colors and the other one will be repeating after failing to pass. 2 (1M 1F) were in grade seven and has successfully completed their primary level and both have enrolled for form one. School related assistance has been given to 6 (3M 3F). They were supported through stationery and uniforms.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Community carers training on Cholera prevention and referral pathway
- Staff meetings
- The organisation had an opportunity to attend social contracting assessment and capacity building from National AIDS Council.

## COORDINATION

Tony Waite organisation continues with stakeholder coordination in program design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting. During the reporting period the organisation attended the following meetings Nyaodza Sub catchment meetings where she has managed to coordinate with the Minister of Environment, WCoZ membership meetings, District Drought Relief Committee coordination meetings and trainings for graduate interns under the Department of Social Development. The organisation also assisted with coordination for the Pamozi for Energy Project (the one renovating the Kariba Dam plunge pool) perception and closeout survey contacted by Global Gateway under European Union. The organisation assisted the consultants through provision of community leads and linked them with communities for focus group discussions.

## Global Gateway Consultancy team with TWO team at the organisation's offices



## SUCCESS

• The Executive Director Ms Vengere managed to visit and have a meeting with European Union officials in Harare getting insights on the type of projects they fund and their priorities.

## CHALLENGES

- Lack of volunteer incentives
- Lack of 4X4 vehicle to reach hard to reach areas in Kariba Rural

## **Planned Activities**

- Adherence Support program
- Monitoring of livelihood projects
- Kapenta fishing, processing, packaging and market monitoring
- SRHR and S2S programs
- Fees payment and uniform procurement

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