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## JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

<b>Vision</b>	Healthy community that can support each other in issues of HIV and AIDS, other chronic conditions and development related issues.
<b>Mission</b>	To capacitate communities to be able to participate in HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support professionally to have a knowledgeable community

## ORGANISATION BACKGROUND

Tony Waite Organisation (TWO) is a private voluntary organization (PVO 45/11) operating in Kariba urban and rural and hard to reach areas (fishing camps) where communities are separated from service providers by the large body of water in Lake Kariba. The organisation started as a foundation in 1993 following the death of Tony Waite who was working for Zambezi River Authority, he was an orphan and did not have a family or relatives around, he got infected with HIV after using and injecting drugs. He went public about his HIV status in 1991 on World AIDS day in Chaminuka Stadium in Mahombekombe, Kariba and died in Jan 9192. He left a will for orphans and vulnerable children to benefit. The organisation, 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.

ISAL & Entrepreneurship training relative being shown on how to use a backrest during H/V



## ABRREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

<b>i)</b>	<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
<b>ii)</b>	<b>DAC</b>	District AIDS Coordinator
<b>iii)</b>	<b>DDC</b>	District Development Coordinator
<b>iv)</b>	<b>EMTCT</b>	Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV
<b>v)</b>	<b>GBV</b>	Gender Based Violence
<b>vi)</b>	<b>H.A.C</b>	Harare Athletics Club
<b>vii)</b>	<b>OVC</b>	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
<b>viii)</b>	<b>PVO</b>	Private Voluntary Organisation
<b>ix)</b>	<b>PAC</b>	Provincial AIDS Action Committee
<b>x)</b>	<b>SRHR</b>	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
<b>xi)</b>	<b>TWO</b>	Tony Waite Organisation
<b>xii)</b>	<b>WCoZ</b>	Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe
<b>xiii)</b>	<b>YIS</b>	Youth in school
<b>xiv)</b>	<b>YOS</b>	Youths Out of School
<b>xv)</b>	<b>ZAN</b>	Zimbabwe AIDS Network
<b>xvi)</b>	<b>ZIHOPFE</b>	Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation
<b>xvii)</b>	<b>ZIMRA</b>	Zimbabwe Revenue Authority
<b>xviii)</b>	<b>ZNNP+</b>	Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV
<b>xix)</b>	<b>ZRA</b>	Zambezi River Authority
<b>xx)</b>	<b>ZRP</b>	Zimbabwe Republic Police

## **INTRODUCTION**

Tony Waite Organisation thrives to achieve its objectives through offering adherence support to people living with chronic, life limiting conditions with their families, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights education to adolescent girls, boys and youths. The Organisation also offers scholastic support and psychosocial support to OVC, elderly and Gender Based Violence survivors through economic strengthening projects to enhance economic freedom.

The organisation has continued to strengthen its synergies and networks through coordinating with several stakeholders like the District Social Development, Women Affairs, MOH&CC, MoPSE, Municipality of Kariba, District Development Coordinator, Nyaminyami Rural District Council, DAC, ZRP, WCoZ and ZRA. Of note is that ZNNP+ has partnered the organisation through Social Contracting to implement the Tayeyegwa HIV TB integration project in Kariba District and activities are ongoing.

## **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**

Tony Waite Organisation works closely with like-minded organisations, line ministries, and government departments, including the Department of Social Development and the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, in programme implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. During the reporting month, referrals from the Department of Social Development and community carers for psychosocial and scholastic support continued, demonstrating strong functional referral systems and effective collaboration in responding to the needs of vulnerable children and families.

## TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

Tony Waite Organisation has continued to support a total of **447 people (220M 227F)** through sustainable livelihood projects. These initiatives include nutritional gardens, poultry production, piggery, and goat rearing.

The main objectives of the Economic Strengthening Projects are to:

- **Create an enabling environment** for women to become active participants in development.
- **Reduce dependency** among women by equipping them with productive skills and resources.
- **Improve household income and nutrition** through meaningful engagement in sustainable livelihood activities.

## ISAL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

The ISAL and Entrepreneurship Training recorded a high level of community interest, with 73 participants attending (72 females and 1 male), reflecting strong engagement by women of different age groups. The training aimed to empower women with practical financial literacy, savings, and entrepreneurship skills to enhance household incomes, promote self-reliance, and strengthen community resilience. The training covered group formation and membership, development of group policies with emphasis on constitutions, records and record-keeping, and the core principles and benefits of Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL) ups. This training was arranged as an influx of women reported at the organisation due to lack of fees to pay for their children as most reported being abandoned by their husbands.

Expected outcomes from the training include ***increased participation of women in savings and lending activities, improved financial management at household and group levels, strengthened social cohesion, and enhanced capacity of women to initiate and grow small income-generating projects.***

As an immediate outcome, one ISAL group was successfully formed by women from the Roman Catholic Church, demonstrating the practical application of knowledge gained and the readiness of participants to translate learning into action.

Arrival & registration

Mo WACSMED officer facilitating and Executive Director



Through these interventions, the organisation continues to empower communities, promote self-reliance, and strengthen resilience at both household and community levels. These projects deliberately target women who have often been excluded from the development matrix due to limited access to, and ownership of, productive assets as well as lack of technical know-how in managing profit-making initiatives. To address these gaps, the organisation is supporting various small capital projects, including sewing, cosmetics, goat rearing, and chicken rearing. These initiatives aim to promote income generation, enhance self-reliance, and improve overall household resilience.

### **Strengthening Livelihoods Through Sustainable Nutritional Gardens**

The **Padare Nutritional Garden** has emerged as a model of sustainable community-led livelihood support under the Tony Waite Organisation's food and nutrition security initiative. The garden has successfully established **reliable market linkages** with reputable local hospitality businesses, including **Caribbea Bay Resort, Tamarind and Waterfront Lodges as well as Kariba Chillspot**. These market partnerships provide a **stable and sustainable market** for surplus vegetables, ensuring consistent income for members. Proceeds from vegetable sales have enabled garden members to **continue participating in Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL)** schemes, strengthening household financial resilience, promoting a savings culture, and supporting access to basic needs. Members report improved household nutrition, increased income, and greater economic independence, particularly for **People Living with HIV, the elderly, and caregivers of Orphans and Vulnerable Children**.

At **ZIHOPFE Nutritional Garden**, significant progress has been achieved through strategic infrastructure investment. The installation of a **solar-powered water pump and an electrical fence** has dramatically reduced operational costs while improving productivity and security. This development followed a period of severe operational challenges, during which the garden temporarily halted production due to **water shortages**. Previously, only members residing near the garden could irrigate using household water, while others were forced to transport water over distances exceeding **500 metres**, using wheelbarrows and buckets to water their few vegetable beds. These conditions posed **significant barriers for members with disabilities**, limiting their effective participation.

### **NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT**

A total of 4 infants (2M 2F) continued to receive monthly Lactogen formula, providing a critical nutritional support. However, food insecurity in the community remains severe, with no immediate signs of relief. Persistent household food shortages continue to undermine child nutrition, caregiver coping capacity, and overall wellbeing, underscoring the urgent need for sustained and scaled-up food and nutrition support to prevent further deterioration among vulnerable households.

### **3. MEDICAL SUPPORT**

A total of 205 (25M 180F) people were reached with SRHR information during the reporting period. The numbers were reached through the organisation's community carers and youth whatsup group. The main objective of the SRH programme is to help people make informed

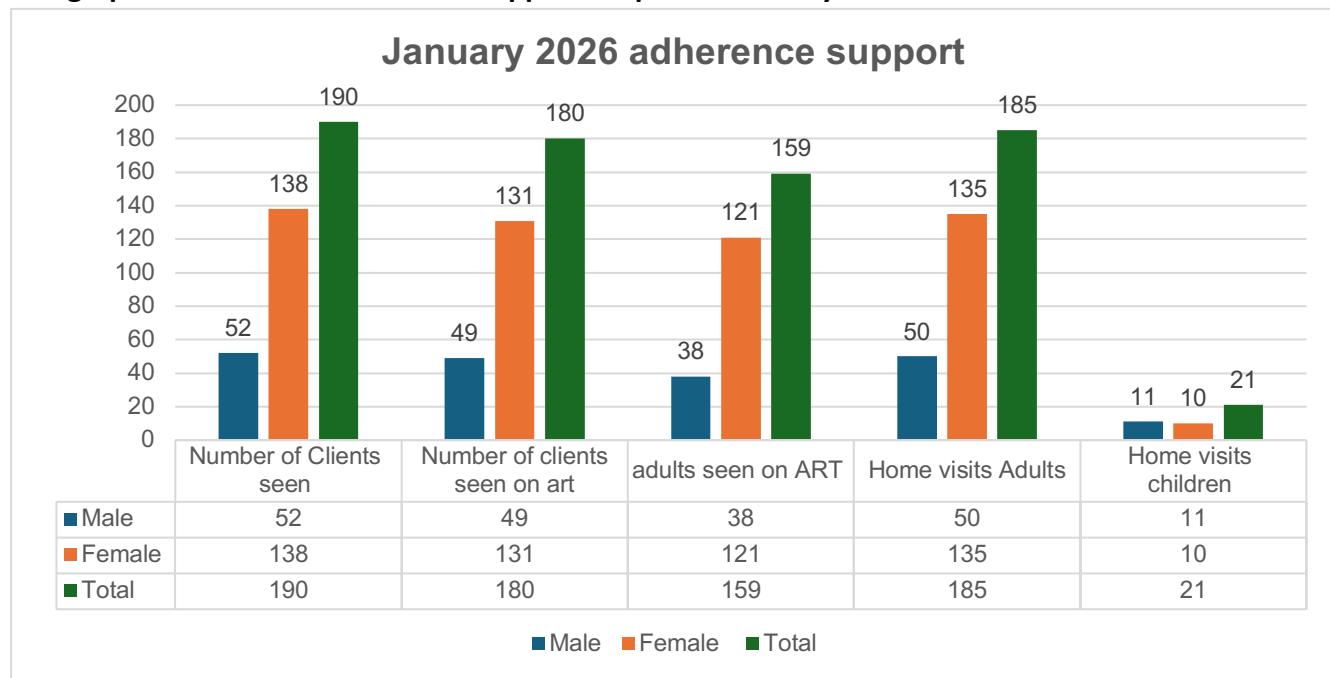
decisions, creating demand for services and linking the community to service providers. The main areas covered self-awareness, wellness & drug and substance abuse. A total of 5 (2M 3F) were referred for HIV testing and counselling at local clinics and a total of 4 (1M 3F) received TB adherence support. A total of 20 couples were reached with EMTCT education through partner support during pre- natal and neo natal stages. 15 (6M 9F) were referred for TB screening through the Tayeyegwa HIV TB integration Project. The project cycle has ended in December awaiting renewal. During the month 3 (M 1F) were given GBV related assistance.

**Table1:** clients seen for Adherence Support

CATEGORY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
<b>NEW CLEINTS</b>			
BEDRIDDEN	0	0	0
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	2	4	6
<b>TOTAL NEW CLIENTS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BEDRIDDEN	1	4	5
AMBULATORY	0	4	4
WORKING	51	130	181
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>190</b>
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	0	0
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	7	8	15
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	0	19	19
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	11	10	21
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	10	9	19
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN	41	128	169
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	38	121	159
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	11	10	21
HOME VISITS ADULTS	50	135	185

<b>TOTAL HOME VISITS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>206</b>
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The graph below shows adherence support outputs in January 2026



Although the adherence and palliative care programs have continued to operate, several challenges have affected their overall effectiveness. Shortages of essential palliative care supplies—such as wheelchairs, medications, and food—have constrained service delivery, leaving clients increasingly vulnerable, particularly those requiring prolonged and intensive care. There is also a continued need for volunteer stipends to sustain morale and ensure consistent delivery of home-based care services.

Despite these constraints, the organisation has continued to support patients using its limited available resources and through strengthened coordination with health partners. The organisation coordinated with Kariba District Hospital to access essential palliative care equipment for bedridden clients, a backrest for a bedridden client to ease sleeping position challenges and improve comfort availed. Coordination with Providence Health also continued, with the organisation facilitating access to wound care medications, ensuring continuity of care for clients with chronic and complex conditions. These efforts have contributed to improved quality of life by addressing both the physical and psychosocial needs of patients within the community.

#### **KAPENTA LINKAGE PROJECT**

Kapenta fishing activities during the month were severely affected by adverse weather conditions. The period was characterised by persistent heavy winds and intermittent rains, which resulted in rough lake conditions and dirty water. These challenges led to the loss of several fishing nights as rigs were unable to safely access the lake. Strong winds negatively affected net setting and hauling, resulting in very poor catches. Overall kapenta production for the month continued to decline.

## **SCHOLASTIC**

A total of 20 OVC (7M 13F) received school-related assistance during the reporting period. Of these, 12 children (4M 8F) had their school fees fully paid, while 8 children (3M 5F) received enrolment support, enabling them to register at different grade levels. This support ensured that the children were able to access and enjoys their fundamental right to education, contributing to improved school attendance and retention.

## **PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

### **Success story: Coordinated Response to ART Default Linked to Harmful Religious Practices**

**Background:** Tony Waite Organisation, through its ongoing coordination with the Department of Social Development, community structures, and local leadership, identified a case involving a child who had defaulted on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART). The default was linked to caregiver beliefs in spiritual healing, where the child's grandmother an adherent of the Johane Marange Apostolic sect administered holy water obtained from the Marange Shrine and discontinued the child's medical treatment.

**Identification and Referral Pathway:** The child's health deteriorated following ART default, prompting concern from siblings who alerted a community carer providing adherence support. The community carer promptly escalated the matter to Tony Waite Organisation, activating the established HIV and child protection referral pathway.

**Coordination and Response:** Tony Waite Organisation coordinated with Nyamakate Clinic and engaged the Ward Councillor in the area where the child had been relocated. Through joint efforts, the child was successfully traced and taken by the department of social development and placed in a safe place and receiving medical assistance.

**Outcome and Impact:** The case demonstrated the effectiveness of a multi-sectoral approach involving community caregivers, local leadership, health facilities, and department of social development. Strengthened coordination ensured continuity of care, protection of the child's right to health, and renewed adherence support.

**Key Learning:** The case highlights the importance of community-based surveillance, timely escalation, and strong referral networks in addressing ART default cases influenced by harmful religious and cultural practices.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Staff meetings

Joint proposal writing

## **COORDINATION**

The organisation continued to actively coordinate on HIV and other development-related issues with key stakeholders and like-minded organisations. During the reporting month, the organisation participated in ZKPA meetings in preparation for permit renewals.

Tony Waite Organisation (TWO) is an active member of several networks and membership organisations, including the Zimbabwe AIDS Network (ZAN), Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ), Zimbabwe Kapenta Producers Association (ZKPA), and Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Zimbabwe (HOSPAZ). Membership in these platforms enhances the organisation's networking and referral linkages, enabling engagement with other like-minded actors across multiple sectors. These coordinated platforms contribute to improved programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and long-term sustainability, ensuring that interventions remain responsive, evidence-based, and aligned with national and community priorities.

## **CHALLENGES**

- Lack of 4X4 vehicle to reach hard to reach areas
- Lack of consistent funding towards volunteer stipends leading to lethargy

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

- Adherence Support program
- Monitoring of livelihood projects.
- Kapenta fishing, processing, packaging and market monitoring
- Tose Pamwe programme (Peer and champion training)
- Scaling up of Tayeyegwa HIV TB Integration Project volunteer training, community awareness outreaches & TB contact investigations.

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