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Tony Waite Organisation is a private voluntary organisation which operates in 9 wards of Kariba Urban and peri urban. 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 PMTCT Ward meetings, Youth Clubs and Support Group meetings, Monitoring of livelihood projects, Kapenta, monitoring, packaging and marketing, Continued 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. They have continued to alert the community on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Kariba after gaining skills through training on infection control measures and mask production according to WHO standards.

See TOT trainings in progress and community activities



2. TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

Nutritional Support

The organisation continue with the feeding programme reaching a total of 81 (48m 33f) ovc including milk formula for a 6 week old orphan. Some ten households benefited from chickens donated by the assistant district development coordinator which the clients appreciated as they had relish with a difference.



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 400 (100M 300F) received SRHR education leading to a total of 27 (13M 14F) getting tested and getting their results. A total of 5 (3M 2F) got TB adherence support from trained community carers and managed to motivate 7 (5M 3F) to get TB screening and know their status and out of those who got screened, 1 female is now on treatment. 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 250 (50M 150F) with PMTCT education resulting in a total of 20 couples getting tested together and got their results. A total of 9 men accompanied their wives for ANC and a total of 10 women registered their pregnancies as soon as they realized they are pregnant in July.

Below is a table of patients seen for Adherence Support

NEW CLIENTS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL

CATEGORY			
BED RIDDEN	0	0	0
AMBULATORY	1	1	2
WORKING	1	2	3
TOTAL NEW CLIENTS	2	3	5
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
BED RIDDEN	0	3	3
AMBULATORY	3	3	6
WORKING	103	220	323
TOTAL	106	216	322
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	1	1
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	14	36	50
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	0	25	25
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	41	31	72
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	41	31	72
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	82	208	290
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	44	46	90
HOME VISITS ADULTS	121	235	356
TOTAL HOME VISITS	165	281	446

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 intends to create social media platforms where youths can be kept busy interacting sharing their experiences during lockdown. Gender Based Violence has remained a challenge in Kariba mainly due to infidelity and economic hardships mainly presented by COVID-19 induced lockdown which has seen many informal trading activities thwarted. During the month a total of 19 (8M 11F) were assisted in GBV related issues through counselling by community carers. Mitigating measures will be discussed with other stakeholders for joint program formulation and implementation.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY GROUPS TRAINING

Tony Waite Organisation joins the world in combating and flattening the curve of the spread of corona virus. In Zimbabwe cases of COVID-19 are on the rise with a surge in local transmission which has seen the country stiffening lockdown restrictions. Therefore, the organisation despite collaborating with other stakeholders in fighting the spread of COVID-19 has managed to train a total of 47 (8M 39F) of which 20 women were community carers and others were members from the community in ways of preventing the spread of COVID-19 which includes maintaining social distancing of 1 meter, washing hands frequently with soap, ashes or sanitizer, avoiding handshakes, putting on 3 layered face mask covering both nose and mouth completely among others. However after identifying that people are just putting on face masks some which are substandard and can compromise people's health the organisation facilitated a mask sewing training at its offices where participants were trained on standard face mask production as well as how to properly wear a face mask. After the trainings the trained community carers have managed to reach a total of 112 (37M 75F) in mask production and proper wearing of face masks.

The COVID-19 induced lockdown has facilitated gardening in Kariba not only in those gardens supported by Tony Waite Organisation but even backyard gardens. People have resorted to

gardening as a way of enhancing their meals as many are in informal trading which has been affected by COVID-19 induced lockdown. In all the livelihood gardens people have utilized all the land growing green leafy vegetables as well as tomatoes, onions and carrots. The local market is their main market as restaurants and hotels are closed due to COVID-19. Members in all the nutritional gardens are employing indigenous knowledge systems in preserving their produce as some are drying mixed vegetables and tomatoes (mufushwa) which they will sell during summer season when vegetable growing is usually a challenge due to plant pests and diseases. During an interview with a women a member in Padare garden with the Programmes Officer it has been established that through farming women are now active members in development as they are managing to contribute towards household income, pay for utility bills as well as fees for their children. She highlighted that through farming she is managing to send her children to school and have vegetables on every meal.

Livelihoods

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 freedom stands as a big stumbling block for women emancipation and the case has been affirmed by women in Manhanga who alluded to the fact that they are economically depended on their husbands. The project is proving to be sustainable

Piggery project

Monitoring of the piggery project in Mupedzapasi village in Hurungwe District is continuing however its virtual due to COVID-19 induced lockdown movement restrictions. To date the beneficiary had sold 10 pigs at USD50 per each pig still at infancy stage in order to buy maize while it is still cheap soon after harvest to supplement his stock from his harvest also noting restriction of movement to market hit was feasible to sell to farmers within who also wanted pig rearing. Breeding is underway and there are expectations that another pig might deliver anytime in summer. The beneficiary has also managed to buy bricks and chicken mesh in

preparation of expanding the piggery project to chicken project and materials for building the fowl run is expected to commence as soon as lockdown is eased. There have been continued linkages with the veterinary officer Mr Muzvarwawoga who assess the state of pig stales and feed and vaccinations of the pigs once per quarter. However the main challenge at the moment is water as the reservoir which is close to site is an intermittent one which usually dries up before the rains and people have to travel for more than 10km to find water. To ease the challenge the beneficiary has constructed a cart which will be used to ferry water to wash and clean pig stales as well as drinking for the pigs as they require much water to facilitate digestion. However the Programmes officer has advised the beneficiary to sink a well at the site so that water challenges may not continue hindering project success. **See pictures below**

Small pigs feeding breeding process veterinary Officer vaccinating the pigs



Tony Waite Organisation has continued to support vulnerable groups of people in Kariba Urban and peri urban in livelihood gardens with the gist of enhancing their nutrition and or household income at the event there is surplus for sale. The organisation's mission is to create an empowered healthy community where people living with chronic illnesses have improved access to quality treatment care and support services. The organisation is therefore supporting 4 nutritional gardens namely Padare Garden in Mahombekombe, ZIHOPFE in Nyamhunga and 2 gardens at Charara one for one at school. people living with HIV and the other

Reusable sanitary wear project

Reusable sanitary wear project is one of the projects hitting the ground running. Demand for reusable sanitary wear pad is increasing as people are getting a better understanding of the product. During the month the beneficiaries of the project have managed to receive 30 meters

of fleece cloth and water proof from the organisation to produce reusable sanitary wear pads at a charge. They have therefore managed to produce a total of 100 reusable sanitary wear pads. The beneficiaries have added a male member in their group to help them with machine repairs as they used to lose their profits to machine repairs. The programmes officer is continuing to market the product to other stakeholders and partners in Kariba and abroad. This has made other organisations outside Kariba to request for training of trainers in the production of reusable sanitary wear pads which has been delayed by COVID-19 induced lockdown which is restricting movement

KAPENTA PROJECT

The Kapenta Fishing Processing and Marketing project has continued despite a myriad of challenges being faced. The biggest challenge affecting the project is climate change, breakdowns and bad weather all leading to poor catches. Change of climate has left many Kapenta fishing companies in agony as they continued hoping for pick season to arrive however it continues distancing itself. Since time immemorial basin 4 usually records best catches in winter but since 2018 to date winter catches remained very low with better catches recorded in spring thus August and September. During the month many fishing nights were lost due to breakdowns and bad weather. Bad weather has seen some operators 'rigs being carried off the waters by heavy winds and some were drowned. The challenges facing kapenta fishing project are further exacerbated by the multi-currency system, the organisation rely on formal markets like N Richards which pays in RTGS after 10 days where by the RTGs is eroded due to inflation. However holding other factors constantly the organisation is continuing fishing despite poor catches and breakdowns. And during the month the organisation has managed to employ a total of 21(12m 9f) of these 5 were women in Kapenta packing with . ***See pictures below***

Fishing rigs



Common catches in July



Kapenta drying



Kapenta packing



In coping with the World Health Organisation's standards and guidelines in relationship with the novel corona virus causing COVID-19 Tony Waite Organisation Executive Director has donated a total of 13 face masks for Admin staff and fishing crew. The organisation makes sure that each boat and drying racks has a sanitizing point and each fisherman has a face mask well put on.

5) TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AND SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT

The organisation envisions an educated society where all disadvantaged children are given a chance to access basic education. A total of 230 (157M 79F) are continually being supported by the organisation through payment of fees and school equipment in Kariba urban at schools like Nyamhunga Primary and secondary respectively, Mahombekombe Primary and Secondary respectively as well as Nyanhewe Primary schools. One female student studying for a Diploma in Electrical Engineering is being supported at Bulawayo Polytechnical College.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

3 male maternal orphans are continuing getting 10 lactogen each per month and 1 male infant is getting 3 nan per week from the organisation. Consumption of lactogen and growth monitoring is being conducted by a nurse from Musambakaruma Clinic and trained community carers.

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 an organisation. The Executive Director is part of the COVID-19 monitoring taskforce in Kariba and a number of meetings were held.. During the month the organisation has been involved in a plethora of virtual meetings by NANGO, WCoZ, and Kapenta employer and employee negotiation. WCoZ awards were held with director leading a team of adjudicators and graced by the assistant DDC and local Magistrate



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Staff meetings.
- Programmes Officer Monitoring Evaluation Assessment and Learning of the Kapenta Fishing Project.
- Pastel training for the Finance Officer.
- External Audit

CHALLENGES

- Need for a 4x4 vehicle to access rural terrain and funding for integrated SRHR outreach services for hard to reach areas
- Bad weather affecting kapenta fishing at Chalala.

7) PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Adherence Support, monthly PMTCT, GBV and Covid 19 Ward meetings, youth Clubs and Support Group meetings, monitoring of livelihood Projects.

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