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## **JUNE 2022 MONTHLY REPORT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Tony Waite Organisation is Private Voluntary Organisation which operates in Kariba district in Mashonaland West Province. The organisation' mission is to create a knowledgeable, empowered community where people are able to support each other in HIV and AIDS, non-communicable diseases, pandemics and other developmental issues. The organisation therefore coordinates with other stakeholders and partners in Kariba and beyond in program formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation which help in the effectiveness and efficiency of programs as there is diverse perspectives invested which facilitates programme sustainability. Tony Waite Organisation therefore, works hand in glove with the community through its trained community carers who provides adherence support to people living with life threatening conditions including HIV and AIDS, Cancer, TB, Asthma and diabetes among other chronic conditions as well as Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).

### **PROJECT TARGET**

The organisation envisions a holistic and robust service to the community whereby men and women, boys and girls have equal access to services despite gender or ethnicity. The Organisation through the Gender Transformative Approach ensures that different gender groups have equal access to productive resources and it seeks to address norms and values which have placed women and girls at socio-economic disadvantage and susceptible to economic deprivation and HIV AIDS, Gender Based Violence among other social evils. Tony Waite also implements programs using the community systems approach whereby the already existing community structures are utilised for program relevance and sustainability. The organisation also employs the Actor Oriented Approach in its programme and projects implementation so that projects and programme beneficiaries rationality is considered. The main focus of the projects are mainly to enhance people's income and engage them as active participants in development as well as enhancing their access to services and information which will impact their life skills.

## **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 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. 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. During the reporting period the trained community carers mobilised community members who were facing challenges in acquiring identification documents as the registrar had outreach services during the reporting period.

### **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 as well as the bread baking project. The main objectives of the Economic Strengthening Projects is to

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

#### **Goat rearing project**

A total of 4 goat rearing projects in Nyaminyami Rural District are being supported by Tony Waite Organisation benefiting a total of 32 (5M 27F). Among the beneficiaries are 10 (4M 6F) People with Disabilities in Chidyamugwamu, women from Manhanga and Siakobvu. People with disabilities in rural have continued 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 bought 8 goats to kick start the project in September 2020, presently, the group has 25 goats and the group was also trained in ISAL to help themselves while the goats multiply. The members have sold 2 goats and used the funds to buy chemicals for the

goats and to pay for the person whom they have hired to tender the goats. The organisation has also continued supporting a total of 3 goat rearing projects for women one in Manhanga and 2 in Siakobvu. Women commented the projects for engaging them as active participants in development.

### **Chicken rearing project**

The organisation supports economic strengthening projects with the aim of engaging women as active participants in development as well as eradicating economic dependency by women. A total of 5 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 are being supported and monitoring is continuing with the one in Siakobvu, Munamata Village. Members of the project in ward 2 of Kariba urban are selling eggs, chicks and cocks as they are constructing their houses.

### **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 income and nutrition. Members of Padare and ZIHOPFE nutritional gardens are selling vegetables like tomatoes, carrots, spinach, lettuce and cabbages to the local market and green mealies. It is important to note that the project is archiving its goal as members are managing to access nutritious vegetables and are having surplus for sale. They are managing to meet household costs like water and electricity bills as well as paying school fees for their children. It is prudent to highlight that some members of nutritional gardens are people living with life limiting conditions therefore need for nutritious food. See pictures below during the Padare garden visit.



### **3. NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT.**

Tony Waite Organisation has continued coordinating with local stakeholders and referrals for food assistance continued. A total of 3 triplets have continued to benefit from the Lactogen formula.

### **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 300(45M 255F) were reached with SRHR information during the reporting period. The main areas covered by the organisation includes maternal health, social norms affecting women, girls and youths, adolescent access to services and teenage pregnancies as well as drug and substance abuse. The agenda of SRH is to help people making informed decisions. From the total reached a total of 30 (5M 15F) 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 59 (17M 42F) 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 36 couples were sensitized on partner bookings. Community carers have managed to reach 14 (6M 8F) with GBV information and assistance.

**Table1: HBC 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	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL NEW CLIENTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BED RIDDEN	1	0	1
AMBULATORY	0	1	1
WORKING	53	99	152

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>154</b>
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	0	0
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	35	96	131
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	0	14	14
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	13	17	30
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	13	16	29
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	37	111	148
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	20	23	43
HOME VISITS ADULTS	85	106	191
<b>TOTAL HOME VISITS</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>234</b>

#### **KAPENTA LINKAGE PROJECT**

The organisation has continued with the Kapenta fishing processing and marketing project employing a total of 22(18M 4F) employees. The number includes both full time and part time employees. Rig maintenance and repairs continued during the period under review. During the reporting period the organization managed to supply N Richards and individuals with dried kapenta. However due to scarcity of fish during the month trading in fish was low however there are plans to increase volumes in the subsequent months.

#### **5. PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

A total of 112 (40M 72F) were reached with SRHR information through the organisation's WhatsApp group and youth meetings. 24(7M 17F) adolescent boys and girls continued to utilise the organisation's premises as youth corner. Among the topics discussed are adolescent development, including puberty, menstruation and personal hygiene. A total of 17 adolescent girls who attended the meeting and highlighted the need for sanitary wear received sanitary pads from the organisation. Tony Waite Organisation has continued to help a mother of triplets by providing lactogen formula for the kids.

*Below are the pictures of the adolescent boys and girls engagements and sanitary wear donations from a local female radio presenter.*

## **TWO youth corner Sanitary donations Adolescent girls receiving sanitary wear**



### **6. SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT**

Tony Waite organisation envisions a knowledgeable community where OVC among other groups also have access to education. The organisation has also managed to coordinate with Makande Councilor and Primary and Secondary school heads to enroll 30 (15M 15F) school dropouts back into school have their fees paid by BEAM and while the organisation is working on securing uniforms for the children. It is important to note that COVID-19 pandemic has left an indelible mark in the community through exacerbating poverty which is indicated through school dropouts due to teenage pregnancies, early child marriages as well as drug and substance abuse.

### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- Staff meetings
- Volunteer meetings
- TWO board meeting

### **FACT REORIENTATION OF NATIONAL NETWORKS ON 95 95 95 PRIORITY SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS AND SCALE UP REALISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUITY WORKSHOP**

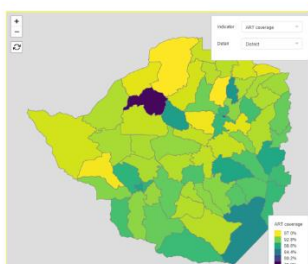
The Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT) received a funding from Global Fund to implement the Community Systems Strengthening Project responding to the HIV pandemic. The project seeks to engage the community at all levels of decision making from program designing, implementation, monitoring and evaluation so as to improve community involvement in HIV programming. FACT is implementing the project with high degree of stakeholder engagements so as to get multifaceted ideas in programming which culminates in sustainability of the program. During the month the organisation was invited to attend the Reorientation of National Networks on 95 95 95 targets so as to review progress made so far in reaching the triple 95 targets. The 95 95 95 entails that 95% of People Living with HIV know their HIV status, 95% of PLHIV are on treatment and 95% on treatment have suppressed virus. According to presentation by I Taramusi from Ministry of Health and Child

Care the Zimbabwe has managed to surpass the targets on the 1<sup>st</sup> at 95.6% and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 95.6% targets and there are still challenges on achieving the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 93.2% target that is having people on ART with virus suppressed. From the presentations from National AIDS Council the overall ART coverage stands at 91.1%. Adults ART coverage stands at 94.1% and 71.8% for children as at December 2019. The highest ART coverage was reported in Hwange and Mazowe which stands at 97.1% and Gokwe North has the lowest art coverage at 76.4%. HIV prevalence has been reported to be rampant in Tsholotsho at 21.9% and possible reasons being of migrant families as men search for greener pastures in neighboring countries leaving their women behind leading high promiscuity, prevalence has also been reported lowest in Binga probably due to cultural beliefs which strongly regulate community sexual behaviors. The present stakeholders concurred on the fact that the target of reaching ZERO NEW HIV INFECTIONS BY 2030 entails high stakeholder coordination in HIV programming therefore networks should be strengthened towards the vision 2030.

**Graph 1: ART Coverage by district**

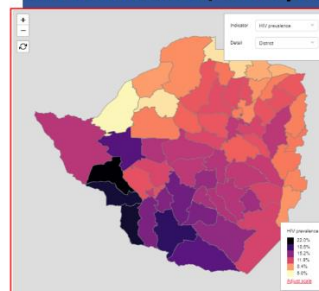
**Graph 2: HIV prevalence by district**

**ART Coverage by district**



- Overall ART coverage – 91.1%.
- Adults – 94.1% Children – 71.8%
- The highest ART coverage was recorded in Hurungwe and Mazowe at 97.1% while the lowest was recorded in Gokwe North (76.4%).
- All districts accept for Gokwe North has an ART coverage of more than 81%.

**HIV Prevalence (15-49 years) by District**



- Highest prevalence was recorded in Tsholotsho – 21.9% and the lowest in Binga – 5.3%

Source: <https://bit.ly/3MQ2Gvm>

*Below are the pictures of the workshop.*



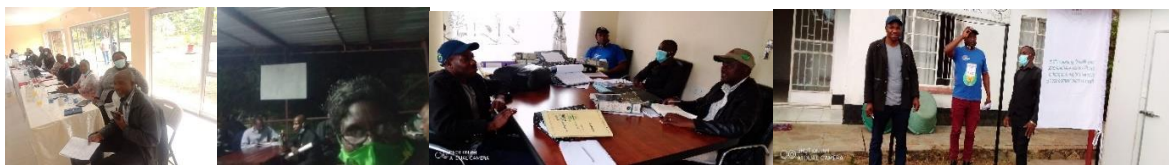
Tony Waite board meeting with ZKPA also held.

**7. TO IMPROVE COORDINATION:**



Tony Waite organisation continues with stakeholder coordination in program design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting. During the month the organisation got an opportunity to be assessed by National AIDS Council assessment team with the goal of potential Social Contracting. The agenda of the visit was to evaluate the organizational programming, vision, mission, registration status as well as to have an appreciation of the financial management by Tony Waite Organisation. The organisation also participated in the NGO forum, district MIPA, AfricAid inception meeting, District launch on drug and substance abuse and national development strategy 1, Pastaka CEEA meeting, DAAC, zkpa FEEDBACK meeting, ZAN chapter, Zimbabwe Media Commission stakeholder engagement as well Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe engagement meetings during the reporting month.

NGO forum Zimbabwe media commission stakeholder engagement NAC social contracting



### 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 we 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.
- The organisation was visited and assessed by PVO board and were pleased with the way the organisation is run
- Continued coordination with Lake Harvest for fish heads supply benefiting OVC households and Adults on adherence support with HIV also benefited.
- Continuous supply of milk Formular to triplets and 2 other orphans
- NAC social contracting assessment

### 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.
- Delays in installation of 3 phase by ZETDC to get the cold chain system working becoming expensive as the organisation continued to outsource blasting services at a cost.
- Scarcity of fish and poor kapenta catches affecting the Kapenta Linkage Project.

### 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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