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Vision	Health community that can 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 to have a knowledgeable community

Tayeyegwa community carer Training



Minister console Mola RIDA Ferry affected 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 1992. 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.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

i)	AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
ii)	DAC	District AIDS Coordinator
iii)	DDC	District Development Coordinator
iv)	EMTCT	Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV
v)	GBV	Gender Based Violence
vi)	H.A.C	Harare Athletics Club
vii)	OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
viii)	PVO	Private Voluntary Organisation
ix)	PAC	Provincial AIDS Action Committee
x)	SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
xi)	TB	Tuberculosis
xii)	TPT	TB Preventative Therapy
xiii)	TWO	Tony Waite Organisation
xiv)	WCoZ	Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe
xv)	YIS	Youth in school
xvi)	YOS	Youths Out of School
xvii)	ZAN	Zimbabwe AIDS Network
xviii)	ZIHOPFE	Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation
xix)	ZIMRA	Zimbabwe Revenue Authority
xx)	ZNNP+	Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV
xxi)	ZRA	Zambezi River Authority
xxii)	ZRP	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, Nyami Nyami 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 volunteer
- 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 has continued coordinating with other stakeholders and line ministries in carrying out its duties in Kariba District. The organisation worked in conjunction with the Department of Social Development in profiling survivors and affected families from the Kariba Rida Ferry Disaster in both Kariba urban and Nyami Nyami Rural District Council. The organisation participated in both profiling and PSS to the affected and survivors' households. Orphans and vulnerable children identification, assessment and consideration for appropriate interventions continued through both stakeholders and trained community carers.

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.

PADARE GARDEN

The goal of supporting nutritional gardens is to improve household access to food and income if there is surplus for sale. The beneficiaries main objectives of farming is to enhance their access to food as a basic need as the larger proportion of the beneficiaries are people on life long treatment. The members continued with farming activities and the period seen the members selling vegetables to local markets, lodges, hotels, companies and the community at large. Testimonials from the garden chairperson during a monitoring and supervision visit highlighted that the members are not only producing for consumption but the idea of transforming into business units has been appreciated and members are now vying for

income on top of consumption. Women who are beneficiaries of the garden also shared that through farming they are managing to contribute fairly towards family upkeep and payment of critical bills including rentals and school related assistance for their children. The testimonials are clear picture that the project is in a correct trajectory inline in the Sustainable Development Goals particularly SDG2 Zero Hunger through sustainable agricultural practices and climate adaptation strategies.

Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL)

A total of 30 (1M 29F) are participating in Runyararo & Tony Waite Organisation Community Carers Savings and Lending (Mukando) Scheme. The gist of the ISAL is to build household and individuals with life limiting conditions, the elderly and orphans' resilience and adaptability to sheer social, environmental and economic circumstances. The organisation provides support and supervision monthly to the groups with special attention to records and record keeping, unit of purpose, conflict and conflict resolution especially to group leadership so that groups are sustainable entities towards empowered households.

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

During the reporting period, 5 infants (4M 1F) received their monthly allocation of Lactogen formula to support their nutritional needs.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

During the reporting period, a total of 134 (45M 89F) were reached with Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information. A total of 6 couples were reached with EMTCT information and encouraged ANC partner booking.

Table1: clients seen for Adherence Support

CATEGORY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
NEW CLIENTS	0	0	0
BEDRIDDEN	0	0	0
AMBULATORY	0	0	0

WORKING	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW CLIENTS	0	0	0
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
BEDRIDDEN	0	2	2
AMBULATORY	1	2	3
WORKING	66	143	209
TOTAL	67	147	214
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	1	1
NUMBER OF FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE AT HOME	3	5	8
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	0	20	20
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN	14	8	22
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	13	8	21
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN	54	137	191
NUMBER OF ADULTS SEEN ON ART	48	133	181
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	13	12	25
HOME VISITS ADULTS	68	142	210
TOTAL HOME VISITS	81	154	235

Adherence and Palliative Care

The organisation coordinates with the Municipality of Kariba, Nyamhunga Clinic & Mahombekombe clinics in community adherence support. The program is being implemented

through the trained community carers and trained community nurse. There is continued coordination and support from both stakeholders targeting clients in need of medical and psychosocial support.

TAYEYEGWA HIV TB INTERGRATION PROJECT

Project Overview

The Tayeyegwa Project aims to strengthen the integration of HIV and TB services in Kariba District, contributing to the national goal of reducing TB-related deaths by 2030. Although Zimbabwe has made significant progress in TB-HIV collaborative efforts such as near universal HIV testing among TB patients, availing TB Preventative Therapy (TPT) among eligible clients and increased access to antiretroviral therapy (ART) the district continues to face critical challenges. These include delayed contact investigations due to limited resources, low TB case notification rates, inadequate capacity for Early Health Detection (EHD), and persistent gaps in community knowledge on TB prevention and management. These challenges are caused by the uniqueness of Kariba district with many people separated from service providers by large volumes of water in Lake Kariba. To address these challenges, Tony Waite Organisation received support from National Network for People Living with HIV (ZNNP+) to the tune of USD5 000. 00 for the second cycle of Tayeyegwa HIV TB integration project. The project focuses on strengthening community systems through stakeholder sensitisation (inception), training of community carers, and targeted outreach activities. These interventions are designed to improve early detection of TB cases, enhancing referral pathways, and promoting timely treatment uptake, particularly among vulnerable populations (people on life-long treatment, people with non-communicable diseases, small scale miners among other TB vulnerable clients).

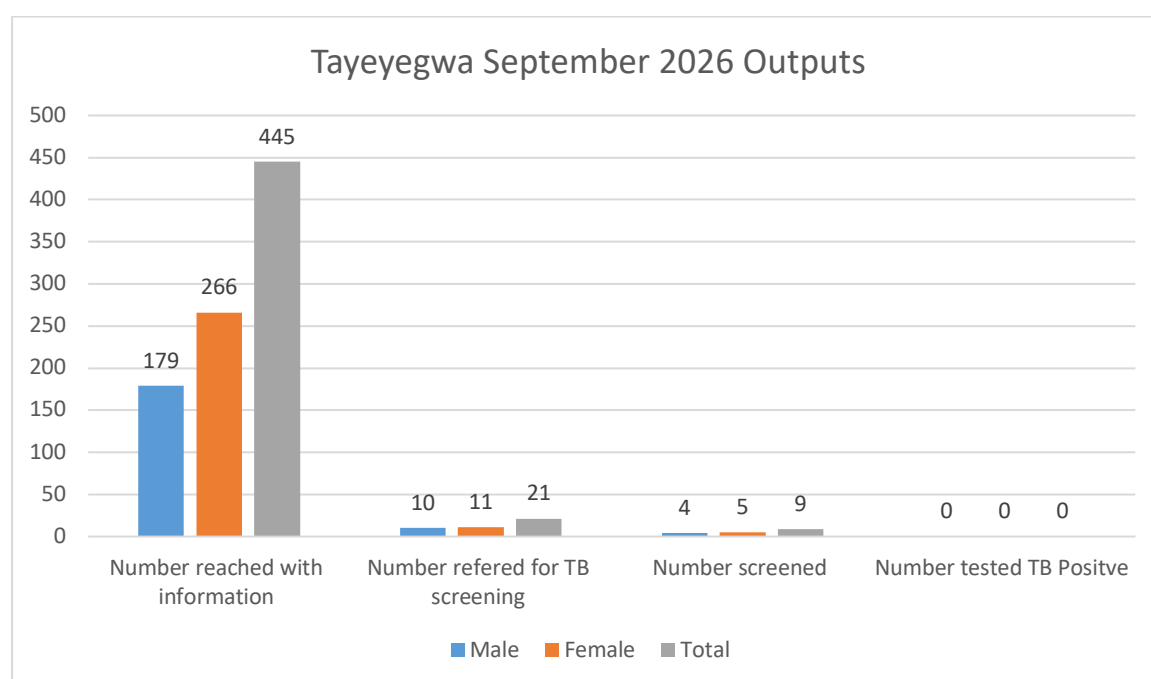
Project Goal

The project aims to reduce TB transmission and mortality while supporting sustainable, integrated HIV-TB service delivery in Kariba District.

Tayeyegwa Project Objectives

- To strengthen community awareness and reduce stigma related to TB and HIV co-infection through targeted sensitisation, health education campaigns, and community dialogue initiatives.
- To build the capacity of community carers and village health workers to effectively identify, refer, and support TB and HIV clients through structured training, mentorship, and continuous support.
- To enhance early case detection and contact investigation by strengthening community-based surveillance, screening, and referral systems for timely diagnosis and treatment initiation.
- To improve treatment adherence, retention in care, and service coordination through home-based support, psychosocial interventions, and strengthened collaboration with the Ministry of Health and key stakeholders.

September 2026 Project Outputs



Community Carer Training (Community Systems Strengthening)

Training and continuous capacity building of community cadres is a critical component of **community systems strengthening**, as it equips community-based actors with the knowledge, skills and confidence required to identify, refer and support people at risk of HIV and TB. Trained cadres improve the link between communities and health facilities, promote

early identification of TB symptoms, support contact investigation and referral, reduce delays in accessing services, and contribute to continuity of care. Under the Tayeyegwa HIV-TB Integration Project, implemented by Tony Waite Organisation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) supported by the ZNNP+, three new community cadres from Kariba Rural were trained to support TB contact investigation and community-level HIV-TB interventions. Community cadres who had previously been trained from Kariba Urban also received refresher training to strengthen their existing knowledge and update their practical skills.

The training was facilitated by the **MoHCC District TB Coordinator and Environmental Health Technician**, who covered key aspects of the integrated HIV-TB response. Major topics included **TB signs and symptoms, TB screening and identification of presumptive TB cases, TB contact investigation, referral and linkage to health services, infection prevention and control, HIV-TB co-infection, treatment adherence and follow-up, confidentiality and appropriate handling of client information, community mobilisation and health education, and documentation and reporting of community TB activities**. The training also emphasised the importance of identifying contacts of confirmed TB cases and ensuring that they are appropriately screened and referred for further assessment. The cadres were oriented to their roles in strengthening collaboration between households, communities and health facilities.

The goal of training community cadres in the TB program is to build a competent community-based workforce capable of supporting early TB case identification, contact investigation, referral, treatment adherence, and follow-up, thereby helping reduce TB transmission, illness, and deaths. More broadly, the HIV-TB integration approach seeks to improve access to comprehensive, people-centered HIV and TB services; promote early diagnosis and treatment of both conditions; strengthen referrals and linkages between community and facility services; improve treatment adherence and retention in care; reduce HIV-associated TB morbidity and mortality; and address the common social and health-system barriers affecting people living with HIV and TB. The intervention contributes to Zimbabwe's broader national vision of ending AIDS and TB as public health threats through strengthened prevention, early diagnosis, integrated treatment, and community participation.

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facilitating on training

District TB
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facilitating

RGN Bwakura
facilitating

Programmes Officer
evaluating training



Community Leadership and Community Sensitisation

Tony Waite Organisation (TWO) is implementing the Tayeyegwa HIV-TB Integration Project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) supported by ZNNP+. The goal of the project is to strengthen community-level HIV and TB prevention, early identification, referral and linkage to care in Kariba Urban & Rural. The project is guided by Zimbabwe's national HIV response goal of integrating HIV services into broader health and community systems to improve access, continuity of care, prevention, treatment and overall health outcomes for people living with HIV and affected communities. As a critical first step, TWO conducted a sensitisation meeting with local leadership, reaching 14 stakeholders (9M 5F), included were Councillors, Village Heads and representatives from Kanyati Clinic. Engaging local leadership before implementing community interventions was significant in securing community ownership, strengthening accountability, identifying appropriate community entry points and ensuring that activities are aligned with local priorities and structures. The involvement of these leaders also created a strong platform for mobilisation, referral and follow-up of community members requiring HIV and TB-related services.

Following the leadership engagement, community sensitisation sessions were conducted across Wards 11 and 12 of Kariba Rural. The session at Makande Youth Centre reached 57 participants (30M 27F), while the Kudzanai Ward 11 session reached 219 participants (78M 141F). The final session, conducted at Chitete, reached 155 participants (66M, 89F), giving a combined reach of 431 (174m 257f) community participants.

The outreach demonstrated the strength of community structures when supported by effective coordination among Councillors, trained community cadres and Village Heads, who played an important role in mobilisation of community members to assemble at different meeting points. The meetings provided an opportunity to address persistent myths and

misconceptions that can delay HIV testing, TB screening, treatment initiation, and adherence, thereby promoting informed health-seeking behaviour and reducing stigma.

Key Myths and Misconceptions Addressed

Myth/Misconception	Key Message Provided During Sensitisation
TB/HIV can be cured by traditional medicines or other remedies	Participants were informed that there is currently no cure for HIV, but TB has a cure however ART effectively suppresses the virus enabling People Living with HIV to live healthy lives, and reduces the risk of transmission when viral suppression is achieved.
A person who looks healthy cannot have HIV or TB.	HIV and TB can occur without obvious symptoms, particularly in the early stages. Testing and screening are therefore essential, rather than relying on physical appearance.
TB is always hereditary or caused by witchcraft.	Participants were educated that TB is an infectious disease caused by bacteria and can spread through the air when a person with infectious TB coughs, sneezes or speaks. It is preventable and treatable through appropriate medical care.
Starting ART or TB treatment makes a person permanently sick or weak.	Communities were encouraged to understand that early treatment and adherence improve health outcomes. Temporary side effects may occur with some medicines, but clients should seek advice from health workers rather than stopping treatment on their own.

Below are the community leaders' inception meeting and community sensitisation meetings in Pictures

Makande community leaders sensitisation meeting



Makande community sensitisation meeting

Arrival & registration	Ward 12 Councillor welcome remarks	TB coordinator facilitating	Ward 11 vote of thanks
			

Makande community sensitisation meeting



Kudzanayi Community Sensitisation meeting

TB Coordinator facilitating discussions	Discussions underway	Part of congregation	Ward 11 councillor vote of thanks
			

Chitete community sensitisation meeting

Chitete community assembly point	Section of the congregation	Community member sharing TB experiences	Cnlr representative vote of thanks
			

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Following the RIDA Ferry Tragedy which claimed 97 confirmed deaths and 67 surviving the accident the organisation with the Department of Social Development and Ministry of Health and Child Care continued with profiling, assessment and psycho social support. Below are pictures during food distribution in Mola.

Ms Vengere during food distribution at Sibilobilo



Team distributing food in Kalundu



Gift of Givers handing out food items Mayovhe



DDC address mola RIDA bereaved community while teams arrange for food distribution



However, continued assessments and psychosocial support are a prerequisite for the bereaved and affected families as cases of family violence and conflict are of note following the Ferry disaster as people are now facing the realities of losing their loved ones and children, therefore there is need for continuous support and monitoring of the situation until communities are totally healed from the scars of the tragedy.

SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT

17 (7M 10 F) got their fees paid

Gunguwe primary school can not hide the joy as it is now an exam centre after the installed Chub has been inspected by ZIMSEC and school can now keep exam papers for week while awaiting delivery to Musamba cluster. Grade 7 Scholars for 2026 has an opportunity to have their school registered as exam centre and thankful for the donation from Tony Waite Organisation supported by Breman Germany through Lindani Mlambo.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- On-job training and supervision continued to all departments by the Executive Director

- Programmes and Finance Students intern continued to get orientation and supervision in their respective departments.
- Board meeting

COORDINATION

The organisation continued with stakeholder coordination. During the reporting period the organisation attended the following meetings Akwande Tuvule development Hub feedback meeting, Zimbabwe Kapenta Producer's Association and National Employment Council wages negotiation meetings. Coordination with District Development Coordinator and Department of Social Development towards RIDA Ferry survivors and affected families Psychosocial Support continued during the month.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Adherence Support program
- Monitoring of livelihood projects.
- Kapenta fishing, processing, packaging and market monitoring
- Tose Pamwe programme (Peer and champion training)
- PSS & Bereavement support for survivors and affected households of the RIDA Ferry Disaster
- Training community based counsellors to sustain PSS for affected grieving families as grief is a process that takes time to heal.
- Training of women in ISALs and smart climate change as there is life beyond the disaster and sensitize community leadership and stakeholders on mitigation measures being done by the organisation post disaster.

Challenges

- Lack of 4x4 offroad vehicle for program implementation and monitoring in Kariba rural

Success

- Renewed partnership with ZNNP+ to implement Tayeyegwa HIV TB project

- Involvement in the survivor profiling in Kariba Urban and rural essential for gaps analysis and mitigation
- Meaningful coordination leading to sound program design. Implementation monitoring and evaluation

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