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Tony Waite Organisation is a private voluntary organisation which operates in Kariba Urban and rural. Kariba is a heavily dissected district with the people in rural separated from service providers due to large body of water in Lake Kariba and Tony Waite Organisation is extending its services to the areas. Tony Waite Organisation envisions an empowered, knowledgeable society where people can support each other in HIV and AIDS, non-communicable and life threatening conditions as well as other developmental issues. The organisation offers a plethora of services including Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) OVC support programs, HIV and AIDS programmes, women and new born health, women and youths emancipation projects and palliative care services. Tony Waite 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.

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 SRHR, PMTCT and GBV response programmes & ward meetings

Monthly youth clubs and support group meetings

Monitoring of livelihood projects

Kapenta fishing, processing, packaging and marketing monitoring.

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 and food assistance. As the year is coming to its end the organisation is preparing for children Christmas parties and community carers have identified orphans.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

i) To improve household income

Goat rearing Project

Tony Waite Organisation is supporting 2 goat rearing projects the one in Manhanga for women and the other in Chidyamugwamu for People with Disabilities. The thrust of the Economic Strengthening Projects is to capacitate the community to be self-reliant and become meaningful participants in development, unlike a scenario whereby women and People With Disabilities depend on donor funds for survival and development. The two groups vowed to use the proceeds of the projects for contributing towards family upkeep, paying school fees for their children and meet some of their needs. Interestingly is the fact that their goats are multiplying fast with the Chidyamugwamu project already recorded an increase by one she-kid and Manhanga project registered 4 new kids making the goats 15 from 11 in October 2020. The members are raising money for chemicals to treat their goats through contributions. The project in Chidyamugwamu has water challenges therefore; the members take turns to fetch water for the goats. They are still tendering the goats due to the fact that there are wild animals which might attack goats.



Piggery project

The piggery is continuing hitting the ground running. Mating process is continuing. Water cart has been finished and is waiting to be ferried to site early December. The chicken project is now at its initial stages with the chicken pen already constructed and at least 70 chickens have been procured and the women who has been looking after the pigs is also looking after

the chickens. The project beneficiary is preparing approximately 2 hectares of farming land so as to supplement feed for the pigs and is planning to plant maize and soya beans.

Chicken rearing projects

The organisation is supporting 2 chicken rearing projects, the one in Kariba Rural and the other in Kariba urban ward 2. Both projects are keeping indigenous chickens for they are less affected by pests and diseases as compared to broilers and layers. In addition to that the group from Kariba rural highlighted that they preferred indigenous chickens due to their incessant demand. There is improved demand for the chickens because they are not fed by Genetically Modified Foods which makes people susceptible to contemporary diseases like BP, Cancer and others. This position has been achieved from medical recommendations from medical practitioners especially for people living with BP and Diabetes who are encouraged to take indigenous foods especially wild fruits and indigenous chickens which has less fat as compared to other birds. Of note is the fact that the beneficiary of chicken project in Kariba Urban is in the process of constructing her house from the proceeds of chicken project.

The pictures below is the Executive Director during a monitoring visit to chicken project in Kariba urban



Reusable sanitary wear project

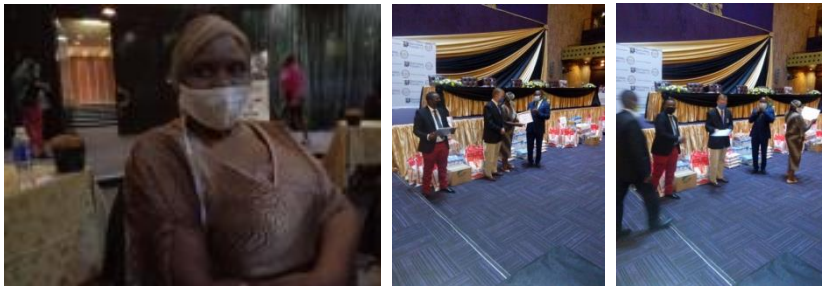
The organisation is supporting 2 sanitary wear production project in Kariba Urban. There is increased demand of reusable sanitary wear pads in Kariba urban as people became conversant with the product. Women and girls are continually knocking the organisation's doors in search of sanitary wear pads. The Programmes Officer and the Executive Director gives clients directions of use. Feedback from clients proves that the product is user friendly despite the fact that women are not familiar with placing their sanitary exposed to the sun without a towel covering it however education is continually being given to clients

3) NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

Tony Waite Organisation has received a donation worthy USD400.00 from National Foods Limited and a total of 154 (81M 73F) OVC. The donation comprised of basic food items like 10kgx10 mealie meal, 5x8 boxes of cooking oil, 2kgx70 flour, 2kgx50 sugar, 2kgx10 salt and 500gx30 sugar beans which was donated to Orphans and vulnerable children especially those infected or affected by chronic illnesses, children with disabilities and emergency relief packs. A young woman 19 years old who got married at 16 years got food items comprising of 20kg mealie meal, 2l cooking oil, 2kg rice and flour after her husband ran away from her leaving her in a shanty house without anything to eat. Making matters worse the young

women had a 2 weeks baby and 2 year baby boy whom she had planned to murder as she planned to wonder around. Due to the fact that World Vision is distributing food in Kariba urban where Tony Waite Organisation has been supporting families with food items the organisation has shifted its attention to Economic Strengthening Projects especially for People with Disabilities, women and youths both in rural and urban.

Tony Waite Organisation was selected among the 100 charities to which National Foods Limited celebrated the 100 years of operation in Zimbabwe. The organisation was selected among the 100 charities in Zimbabwe to receive the food hampers and was invited for the celebrations which were held at the Rainbow Towers Hotel in Harare. The Executive Director attended the celebrations where she received a certificate for Tony Waite Organisation. After the celebrations, on behalf of the organisation the Executive Director and the Programmes Officer received donation which comprised of basic food items like 10kgx10 mealie meal, 5x8 boxes of cooking oil, 2kgx70 floor, 2kgx50 sugar, 2kgx10 salt and 500gx30 sugar beans



OVC receiving food items at Tony Waite Offices curtsey of National Foods Limited



Children with disabilities and their guardians receiving food items at Tony Waite Offices



A family whose house was burnt down by fire receiving food items (2kg sugar, 2kg rice, 2L cooking oil and 10kg mealie meal and clothing) from Tony Waite Organisation



4) MEDICAL SUPPORT

A total of 259(112M 147F) was reached with SRHR information which led to a total of 38 (6M 32F) getting tested for HIV. The figure comprises those reached through the Women and child health project and those reached PMTCT 61(18M 43F) and 11 couples were motivated to go for couple ante-natal booking and couple testing. A total of home visits 415 (164M 261F) were contacted during the month. The trained community cares managed to offer adherence support to a total of 7(2M 5F) asthma clients, 5(4M 1F) cancer clients. Tony Waite volunteers have also managed to give TB adherence support to 4(2M 2F) individuals. Tony Waite volunteers have also managed to give TB adherence support to 4(2M 2F) individuals. Community carers have managed to reach 65 (28M 37F) with GBV information and assistance. The main cause of GBV in the community is immorality.

Below is a table of patients seen for HBC and Palliative Care:

NEW CLIENTS CATEGORY	FEMAL		TOTAL
	MALE	E	
BED RIDDEN	1	0	1
AMBULATORY	0	0	0
WORKING	3	4	7
TOTAL NEW	4	4	7
TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN	FEMAL		TOTAL
	MALE	E	
BED RIDDEN	1	1	2
AMBULATORY	3	4	7
WORKING	203	211	414
TOTAL	207	216	423
CLIENTS SEEN ON ART	203	211	414
NUMBER OF DEATHS	0	1	1
CAREGIVERS AT HOUSE LEVEL	8	22	30
FACILITATORS PROVIDING SERVICE	1	30	31
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN			
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SEEN ON ART	27	32	59
NUMBER OD ADULTS SEEN ON ART	88	179	167
HOME VISITS CHILDREN	44	52	96

HOME VISITS ADULTS	120	199	319
TOTAL HOME VISITS	164	251	415

COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAMMES

Tony Waite Organisation in conjunction with the Herald carried out an impact assessment and mask making training to Gachegache fishing camp. Gachegache fishing camp falls under Kariba Rural and harbors approximately a total of 825 households whose main source of income is wild bream fishing. The area is a trading zone for wild fish traders who came from as far as Harare and beyond. Gachegache fishing camp therefore is a heterogeneous community with people of different backgrounds and tribes residing in the area. Therefore its composition just like other fishing camps gives the probability for crime and deviance a high chance to happen in the community. Therefore it is the aim of this report to give a detail of the findings through community engagement in a discussion during the COVID-19 assessment and mask making training which was carried by Tony Waite Organisation in November 2020.



CHALLENGES FACED BY PEOPLE DUE TO COVID-19 INDUCED LOCKDOWN

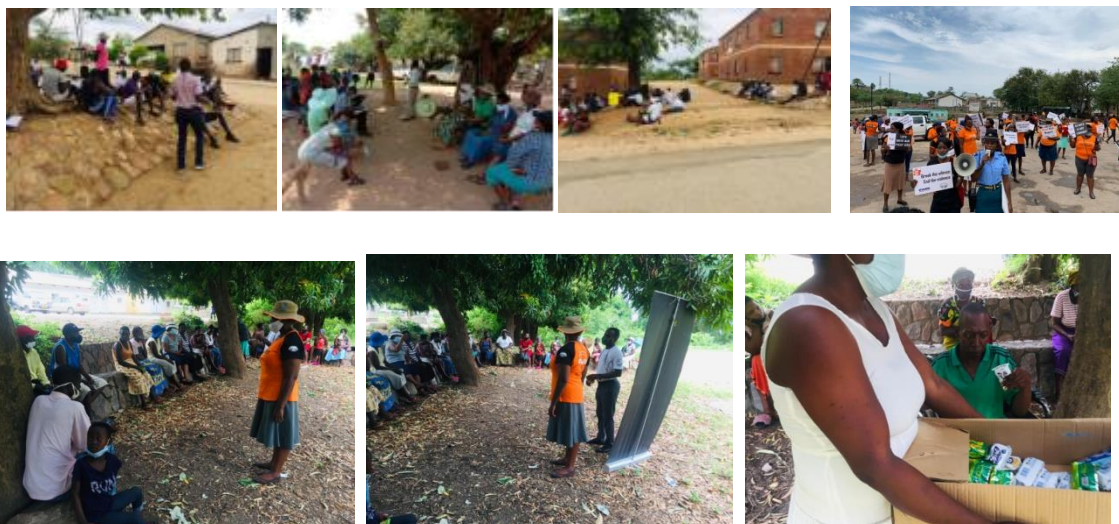
Child marriages and high crime rates were reported as the main challenges bedeviling Gachegache community. Parents who attended the meeting complained about the rise of child marriage in the community. The position was echoed by the headmaster of the local secondary school confirmed the surge in school drop outs at the school as he highlighted that at least 6 girls from the school dropped out of school because they got married or they were pregnant. Some blamed the nature of the community, its composition as many people in the community are traders and fishermen who are the main culprits as their origins are rarely known as others are usually called by their self-proclaimed region of origin or accent. When they commit a crime they often vanish in thin air and the society is left without trace of the person. Participants also pointed hunger and starvation which characterised the first days of lockdown especially between March and June whereby all the borders were closed and movement restriction were still stiff. People were left vulnerable as fishing was thwarted by Parks and Wildlife Authority; they didn't have markets to buy gill nets as they often rely on Zambia to supply the fishing equipment. People also highlighted that their society also faced a challenge of deviant group of local young men who terrorized the local people, they were robbing and assaulting men and women in Gachegache day and night. The councillor Mr Makanyaire who graced the meeting acknowledged the position and he shared the torrid experience they faced because of the gang. He highlighted that absence of a police base is giving impetus to the group to terrorize locals, he added that in an attempt to find redemption

he has approached Magunje police which is responsible for policing the area however it took long time for them to get assistance until a certain woman who was afraid of her life contacted Women's Coalition Coordinator for Kariba Chapter Ms Nyaradzai Munyaradzi who then contacted Ms Vengere the Executive Director for Tony Waite Organisation and the then Chairperson for Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe who then negotiated with the District Development Coordinator who then helped to facilitate the establishment of a police base at Gachegache Fishing Camp. The residents hailed the establishment of the police camp as it helped to deter crime in the community. Women who used to trade in the area highlighted that COVID-19 induced lockdown left an indelible mark in their lives as they have used the capital for family upkeep as they did not have other sources of money, therefore, there is need to reinvest. In addition to the challenges faced women added that they are lacking as well as well as well sanitary wear to an extent that the bigger proportion of them are using rags which are sometimes fall down which is humiliating, one woman added that sometimes girls miss out school days during their period due to lack sanitary wear therefore they were appealing for the organisations to provide sanitary wear for girls as it challenge in the area.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Tony Waite Organisation has joined the World in commemorating the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence with the theme: **Orange the World- Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect.** The organisation has managed to hold meetings in 4 wards of Kariba Urban reaching to a total of 177(37M 140F). Male attendance was a challenge during the campaign. There was consensus of ideas in all the wards pertaining to the nature of Gender Based Violence in the community. Violence related to financial management has been reported the worst in the community with women complaining that men are not giving them enough financial support because they are engaging in extra marital relationships where they are wasting money. Women also added that the dexterity of looking after the children is becoming too difficult for them as they lack finances for family upkeep as many of them used to depend on cross border trading which has been affected by COVID-19 induced lockdown. Women also added that lockdown on its own is a new form violence against them as it has deprived them of their businesses as travelling restrictions locked them indoors which led to the downfall of their businesses which they are supposed to reinvest in if they are to rejuvenate them. The fact that a larger percentage of men were not going to work, with schools and borders closed during lockdown made women more susceptible to GBV as they had to spend much of their time with men whom they were not used to stay with as they spend much of their time at work. Men however highlighted that Gender equality, equity and parity are the main causes of GBV to many married couples. They based on the fact that as women are empowered they no longer observe household rules which are normally imposed by men as a way of controlling their families (this is based on the fact that men are the heads of the family). Men related much of their arguments to the bible where they borrowed the phenomenon that 'husband is the head of the family' and women are there only to help men not to lead them. Therefore men were of the notion that women should engage in indoors household chores, child bearing and rearing for marriages to be sustainable. They added that the fact that women are hard to control due to change in laws has caused the marriage institution to face a plethora of challenges which culminates in family breakdown which has

become a contemporary challenge. However the organisation has encouraged the community to adhere to peaceful living, raising well cultured and responsible children who become productive citizens in the future. The Executive Director also highlighted that socialisation of children is not a single spouses duty but both parents should support each other in enculturation the norms and values into the children as leaving the burden to teach children to women only has become a snare of GBV as women will bear the blame whenever a child misbehaves but when a child is good behaving fathers take the praises. The Programmes Officer also emphasized that women should seize every developmental idea which comes their way for them to be Active Participants in development. If women continue to be passive recipients of development they are more vulnerable to GBV as men take advantage of being financial providers to their spouses to abuse them. The Programmes Officer also added that people should be aware of the referral pathway so that they can be effectively assisted at the event they are survivors of GBV. He highlighted that in Kariba there are many organisations working with women including GBV survivors these include Tony Waite, Musasa, Women’s Coalition, Women Affairs, Social Development and Victim Friendly Unit.



NUTRITIONAL GARDENS

Tony Waite Organisation is supporting 4 nutritional gardens with a total of 142 (67M 75F) beneficiaries. The organisation supports the garden members with monitoring and evaluation of the farming activities, facilitating farming related preparation, provision of seeds, irrigation equipment and maintenance of the garden fence as well marketing the produce to local stakeholders and customers. During the period under review the garden members were busy harvesting onions and tomatoes. It is important to note that the garden beneficiaries are employing the Indigenous Knowledge Systems preserving their vegetables as they are preparing mufushwa mixed with tomatoes and onions for use during the summer season as weather conditions will not be favourable for vegetable growth. In all the gardens vegetables are no-longer healthy and therefore the members are preparing land for maize, pumpkins and okra. During a monitoring visit at Padare Garden and ZIHOPFE members are applying the Pfumvudza Concept in land preparation for maize planting. Pfumvudza approach has been tried and tested and has some fruits to admire, it is a type of intensive farming whereby a

small piece of land is utilized, very high inputs are used and high yields are expected. In this case the Government of Zimbabwe through the AGRITEX Office has educated farmers to seize the concept so that they don't waste much of their energy on a large piece of land harvesting very low yields in return. Therefore, farmers were promised seeds and fertilizers which are yet to be delivered to them to date. One female members highlighted that she is already using her own selected seeds from her stocks which she is not sure whether it will germinate or not, or whether it will resist plant pests and diseases or not. At Padare garden the Chairman Mr Chawagona has planted maize on a big proportion of land and is expecting a bumper harvest early in January 2020 as he has planted an early maturity variety. At ZIHOPFE and Charara garden the members are all observing the Pfumvudza concept.



KAPENTA PROJECT Catches during the month were very low. Poor catches are linked to bad weather especially violent winds and higher temperatures. The fact that the economy is supporting multi-currency system is making the Kapenta business to face a plethora of challenges. Refuelling at Glow Petroleum below



Kapenta linkage grant signing

'Trouble comes in the night but joy comes in the morning' it has been day break for Tony Waite Organisation after long wait for the kapenta linkage grant which the organisation has applied so as to diversify the Kapenta Project. Kapenta catches are falling in basin 4 and 3 therefore there was need for the organisation to diversify the project so as to sustain itself. The Kapenta Linkage Grant is mainly focused on diversifying the Kapenta project into buying and selling fresh and dried fish and Kapenta as well as maintaining the dried kapenta product. The organisation will construct a solar powered blast freezer and a storage freezer where the fresh fish and kapenta will be frozen . The products will be delivered to market by a refrigerated truck. Market analysis has been contacted and the team is continually broadening the market horizons through the use of social media. The grant signing ceremony was conducted online due to COVID-19 restrictions and it was attended by the Organisation's Board Chairman Mr Chirengende, Mr Mapfumo and Mrs Phiri and Tony Waite Organisation staff members who took turns to read through the grant agreement so that there is no clause which remains unveiled in obscurity.



5) TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AND SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT

COVID-19 induced lockdown has led to closure of schools and school fees has been paid only for a student at Bulawayo Polytechnic College.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Consumption of lactogen and growth monitoring for 2 males is continuing.

Support and youth groups has continued to meet at the organisations' office

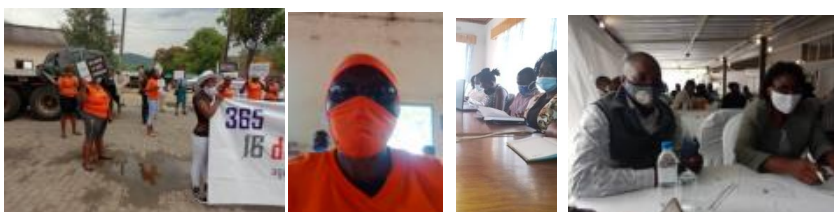


A woman whose husband ran away receiving food donations from Tony Waite Organisation some of the items like soap and mealie meal were form WCoZ Kariba chapter. The women narrated a torrid story of suffering after her husband left her with two children a 2 year old boy and a 2 weeks baby boy. She narrated that she has planned to take away the life of her 2 weeks old baby and herself because she had failed life.. However after receiving the food items it was all smiles as she was relieved of her pressure..

6) TO IMPROVE COORDINATION:

The organisation coordinated with other stakeholders in different meetings and colloquiums. During the month the organisation was involved in different meetings like the DAAC stakeholders meeting, DAC meeting. The Director is also a member of the Kariba COVID-19 Task force. The Director also attended the ZAN Annual General Meeting and a plethora of online meetings. DAAC Stakeholder, NANGO AGM and CERSHAR meetings.

16 Days of Activism against GBV WCoZ March. NANGO &ZAN AGM



Advocacy meeting for People with Disabilities.

The Programmes Officer attended the Advocacy Meeting for People with Disability and the Media which was sponsored by National AIDS Council at Zimbabwe Institute of Public Administration and Management. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss if there is any work being done by government, Civil Organisations or the Private sector in assisting People with Disability. The meeting was attended by representatives from different NGOs in Mashonaland West Province and People with Disability as well as government departments like Ministry of Women's Affairs Small and Medium Enterprise Community Development, Social Development Department and Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council. During the presentations from the District AIDS Coordinators it was discovered that little or no work is being done to assist People with Disability in Mashonaland West Province to an extent that the Social Development Department does not have the correct statistics of People with Disability in Mashonaland as this was noted during the presentation by the Provincial Head for DSW. HIV and AIDS, TB and other chronic statistics in Zimbabwe does not depict the number of People with Disability meaning that they are not included in many programs. It has also been discovered that PWD's voice is muted, they are not involved in policy formulation and even implementation therefore programmes which are propounded to address their challenges are not Actor Oriented therefore they are never effective in alleviating their challenges. PWD appealed to present stakeholders to assist them and especially involve them during policy formulation and implementation so that the development approaches which are formulated to address their challenges are effective. The presentation from Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education steered controversy as it highlighted that education in Zimbabwe is inclusive whilst many classroom blocks does not have ramps to accommodate learners with disability, in addition to that stakeholders also expressed their worry over placing of children with disability in special classes holding other factors constantly. Distribution of special schools for learners with disability was another aspect which was a point of discussion, stakeholders highlighted that in Mashonaland West there is Jairos Jiri only where learners with disability can access brail implying that resource allocation for learners with disability are scarcely available. The media houses highlighted that they are eager to work with PWD however the group is not coming up, however stakeholders in tandem with the PWD highlighted that the challenge with media houses is that they often exaggerate facts to suit their interest therefore people are no longer interested in working with them. ZNFPC representative Mr Dongo made his presentation on Family Planning and PWD where he highlighted that there is not family planning method which has been specifically for PWD. The media houses however reiterated that that they don't exaggerate facts but they rather present what people tell them. During his closing remarks the Provincial Manager for National AIDS Council Mr Nyamurera hailed the good work being done by Tony Waite Organisation in alleviating poverty through economic strengthening project (goat rearing project) for People With Disability in Kariba rural as stakeholders present highlighted that they haven't done anything significant for people with disabilities. He encouraged present stakeholders to recognise people with disabilities in their communities and involve them in their programming for they are marginalised.

See pictures below during the meeting



CANCER EDUCATION AT CARIBBEA BAY HOTEL

Tony Waite Organisation as one of the stakeholders joins by invitation by Caribbea Bay hotel on its monthly staff meeting also holding belated October cancer month on causes, prevention and management of cancer. The staff were also reminded to adhere to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines as covid 19 is still with us so it is important to wash hands frequently, wear mask covering nose and mouth also maintaining social distancing.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Staff meetings with kapenta supervisor and fishermen also rig net repair



SUCSESSES

Outreaches to rural with COVID-19 education and mask making training
Kapenta Linkage Grant has been approved and signed.

CHALLENGES

Need for a 4x4 vehicle to access rural terrain and funding for integrated SRHR outreach services for hard to reach areas

There is need for food items as vulnerability is increasing due to COVID-19 induced lockdown.

7) PLANNED ACTIVITIES

C& HBC, monthly PMTCT Ward meetings, youth Clubs and Support Group meetings, monitoring of livelihood, Pig project and Manhanga construction project, anti early child marriage campaigns, Kapenta fishing processing and marketing monitoring.

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