

GLEN FOREST DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

END OF YEAR ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2008

ATTENDANCE REPORT

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
1. Study group	198 students
2. ECD	67 children
3. Red Cross	Nil
4. Bicycle Repairing & Maintenance	8 students
5. Bricklaying Course	5 students
6. Women's Club	16 women
7. HIV/AIDS workshops	40 students per workshop
8. Dressmaking	25 students & 1 trainee

GENERAL ACTIVITY REPORT :

Study group – Classes went on well with a total averaging 198 students each term. Among the students were three bursary students; each from form 2; 3 and 4. The one in form 4 also got his examination fees paid by the centre. Externally ZimRelief has paid for three student's scholarships on Examination fees at Ordinary level while two students benefited at Advanced level. Performance of the beneficiaries can only be rated when the ZIMSEC Examination results have been published . We also had one orphan whom we paid for in form two who is now in form 3 . He lives at Mr Harvey's place – Glen Forest.

From the survey conducted, it was discovered that most of the students at the centre are vulnerable children living with either grand parents or single parents. Most students are either paternal or maternal orphans, among them are also a few double orphans. There are also child headed families. .

June 2008 examinations ZIMSEC results are not yet out. This is because of the maladministration of ZIMSEC .

Students did very well in preparing for the soccer, netball and volleyball matches against formal secondary schools namely Parirewa High, Pote Secondary; Zimbiru Secondary ; Tsatse Secondary and Munyawiri Secondary. There were many won matches compared to the last years. We compliment our students for attempted efforts. Above all, credit goes to athletics who came first to lift up the Glen Forest flag. We have a very talented road runner – Religion Tenzi, an orphan , she challenged the long distance trackers and she was to participate in the nationals but the whole programme for schools got disturbed politically.

ECD – The activities were carried out very well with children coming from the farms and mining area. The number of children has been averaging 67 and only went higher when parents released there children because of hunger in their homes. We still have a task to educate mothers on the importance of sending children to school. Staff worked very well with children at their hearts.

Women's club attendance has gone down due to women being engaged in activities bringing quick money since the situation countrywide is very bad. About four sponsored workshops by Kunzwana Women's Association were conducted at this centre. The centre was used as a cluster for training women different skills in the micro-projects. The only problem we had was that the facilitators were keeping most funds in their pockets and not spend on the proposed budget for the workshops. On discovering this, the matter got addressed by KWA itself. That was a positive move indeed than let donor funds be misused like that.

Dressmaking was not functional until late October when we employed a new trainer after Everjoice had resigned from employment during the first term of 2008. Thus there is nothing to report in terms of this activity . The new trainer started preparation for the 2009 training programme.

For the first time in history, having achieved a 100% pass rate in ***Brick and Blocklaying*** Examinations of 2007. We were let down by HEXCO an examination board for the tertiary courses in not registering students during 2008 in National Foundation Certificate courses because of internal problems within the examining board. Our students in building will only be examined in 2009 when the situation improves we hope.

The ***Red Cross*** classes only took place for the junior students who got trained but were never examined by the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society because of the higher charges the instructors demanded from Glen Forest. This issue needs readdressing since we have done quite well in these courses in the past.

WORKSHOPS

I found myself benefiting from various workshops organised by CIDA through Kunzwana Women's Association. At st Lucia Park, I attended a five day workshop on financial administration. At Imba Matombo and Zimbabwe Lodges, there were Capacity Building workshops again for five days. I also attended conferences organised by NANGO and ZAN.

I was really equipped with several ideas and skills which I am sharing with the Glen Forest staff. To be organised for the community to benefit and the staff will be the Capacity Building workshop.

Phineas and Gift went for a week's training workshop organised and funded by Mercy Corps. They represent membership of Child Protection Committee of the Glen Forest ward 6 together with other 12 trained colleagues from other areas within the ward.

Sabbina also went to Macheke for a workshop lasting a week in which she learnt how to make paraffin using plastic papers, how to make sugar using sugar cane and how to build an abaloo. She also shared her knowledge through conducting another workshop at the centre to give a feedback to the staff and administration.

DONATIONS

We have received donations of clothes which we have generously distributed to the poor children and students at the centre. Ruth Kalbermatten did this wonderful job. Thanks to her.

Peter Yves also donated some clothes from Belgium for the children and they were very impressed as they were warm clothes for winter seasons.

The Diplomatic Spouses Association has also very generously donated stationery for the students, wool for the jerseys which got knitted and distributed to the children.

Thanks to the local donors for their continued support in providing tomatoes, beans and transport – Mark Mckinnon; potatoes, maize and cabbages – Fox; potatoes; cabbages, cucumbers, butternuts, broccoli and poles – Clark; vegetables – Derek.

European Union has supported us heavily with donations of text books for all classes, forms 1 – 4; we have received garment making tools and material for sewing uniforms. We have also received building tools. Please accept our most sincere thanks.

We also thank the stakeholders who worked tirelessly with the EU coordinating team which are the School Development Committee; Ministry of Education and Goromonzi Rural District Council

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Not forgetting other individual private persons, we mention that keep up the good spirit upon us.

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