



Rebuilding Hope with a Vision



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The Vision and Hope Foundation (VHF)'s focus is driven by the vision, hope and mission stated below. Every effort is made to respect, promote and uphold the values that are shared by the various stakeholders.

Our Vision

We envision a society where young people enjoy their economic, social and cultural rights and walk in their full potential.

Our Hope is Vital

Our Mission

We are committed to provide meaningful support, and to empower young people mainly the orphaned and the vulnerable to protect themselves from HIV & AIDS, abuse and other social ills of the society and live wholesome lives.

Shared values and guiding principles

Values

1. **Accountability**
2. **Respect for human life**
3. **Transparency**
4. **Team work**

Guiding principles

1. **Empowerment**
2. **Meaningful involvement**
3. **Innovation**
4. **Team work**

Introduction

Vision and Hope Foundation (VHF) is a community based development organization established by youth from the Harare community to contribute towards the reduction and ultimate eradication of HIV & AIDS and other social ills of the society among young people. VHF seeks to promote the empowerment of young people through skills development, information sharing, counseling, training on HIV and AIDS prevention and management, lobbying and advocating for reproductive health and rights young people and above all providing basic education. It was established in 2003 and got legally registered in 2006 as a youth welfare organisation under the Youth Act of 1997.

**“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.”
(Nelson Mandela)**

Operating Environment

The past year has been yet another challenging one for all Zimbabweans and NGOs. On the economic front, cost of living continued to rise and has seen over 90% of the population living under the poverty datum line. The unemployment rate was remained at over 90%. Even those employed are struggling to make ends meet. The hardest hit are young people especially the orphaned and the vulnerable. The year came to close with hope. After the signing of the Global Agreement of National Unity (GNU) and the introduction of multi currency trading a couple of things improved, strikes temporarily stopped, and groceries began to reappear in the shop shelves.

Programmes

The following programmes were implemented during the course of the year.

1. Psycho social support Programme.

School fees and school related assistance

14 children were assisted with school fees in Mbare alone and we gave stationery to 38. We bought uniforms for 8 and jerseys for 10. The stationery received included 10 exercise books, a pencil and a pen each. In the previous year we assisted 134 with schools fees alone, and this year our number reduces due to dollarisation which was introduced with high prices. Again this year decided to provide all child needs to attend school including uniforms and stationery.

Feeding Scheme

Averagely, plus or minus 60 children come to the feeding scheme 3 days a week being Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They drink a traditional energy giving drink (mahewu). After drinking, they engage in life skills sessions and play different games ranging from soccer, netball, handball to name but few. A total of 38 sessions were held with this year discussing different topics. They also are taught drama skills and traditional dances.

2. Leadership and Life Skills Development Program

Youth friendly center and Information center

We received a variety of materials from United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Southern Africa AIDS Information Dissemination Services (SAFAIDS), Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council (ZNFPC) and Zimbabwe AIDS Network for distribution at the information center. We have not yet started showing the set of 52 video tapes called “Tsha Tsha” done in South Africa on youth sexuality and HIV and AIDS issues, since we did not manage to secure the television set and video equipment this year. We are looking forward to start showing these videos when we get funding to buy a television set and video equipment next year.

Over 400 people visited our information centre at Mbare Flats this year to access information and condoms. A total of 25 life skills sessions were held with youth in the year under review. A need for a computer and internet has arisen from young people themselves. We look forward to access a computer and connect to internet if funds allow for the information centre.

In June, 20 coaches were trained in partnership with Zimbabwe Coaches Association and Zimbabwe Olympic Academy on coaching basics, olympiism and leadership skills.

3. EduSport Program

The Program kicked off in April 2009. The main aim of the program is to nurture role models through sport, HIV and AIDS education, life skills training and community work. The program has three components that include sporting itself, community work and leadership and peer education training. The official launch was held on August 21 at Stoddard hall grounds. It was graced by Honorable P. Denga Member of Parliament for Mbare East, Assistant District Administrator for Harare Central Mr. Zhewe, Zimbabwe Football Association Technical Director Mr. Nelson Matongorere, Mr. Nato from Sanspun Fruit and Veggie, City Social Services' Social Organiser for Harare South Mr. A Phili and Ministry of Youth Development and Employment Creation representatives. 12 male soccer teams participated on the day and 4 female played 5 aside. The winning teams won Vision and Hope Foundation branded t/shirts, bread and orange juice.

On October 3, we held another tournament in partnership with Zimbabwe German Society and support from Culture Fund and Mr. Max Wegger who brought in sport equipment from Addidas. It was graced by the Honorable MP Mr. P Denga, Zimbabwe Junior Soccer Association Chairman and Secretary and Culture Fund Director. The winning teams won soccer uniforms, addidas sport shoes, track bottoms and towels. All the coaches got Addidas shirts and their teams got 2 soccer balls each.

Mbare Vision and Hope Junior Soccer League

The league was launched in April 2008 with 12 under 13 and 12 under 15 teams. By end of year the teams rose to 16 at each age group. 8 under 17 female teams were also formed. Girls are also playing netball, volleyball, basketball, handball and hockey.

2009 Harare Agricultural Show Exhibition

The agricultural show, which has been in existence for a while is the country's premier Agricultural event that gives various stakeholders in the agricultural sector and the general public the chance to mingle and share ideas on agro – business. It also attracts foreign direct investment; promote joint venture opportunities between citizens and foreign investors while stimulating a culture of entrepreneurship.

It gave us an opportunity to show case our programmes to all stakeholders and members of the public. A lot of interested was generated on the craft making project which had beautiful greeting cards and other wire crafts on display. It was at this exhibition were Stacey a student from Solusi decided to join us leaving were she was attached.

Recreational kits

In December we received 5 trunks of recreational kits from UNICEF. The kits included bibs, soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs, whistles, chalks, boards, notebooks and corner flags for infants. These kits improved our programming and hope they will go a long way beyond 2009.

Bicycles

5 bicycles were received in April from ZimRelief. This has improved our programming and we are grateful to the ZimRelief for the continued support.

Christmas Party

On 29th December we held a Christmas party for the OVCs supported under our Psychosocial Support Program. In all 86 children attended. We managed to get them a small Christmas present each.

Personnel

We engaged 1 student from Solusi University Stacey Mandizvidza as our Program Assistant from October and her contract will expire in April 2010. 8 community volunteers were also engaged including a University of Zimbabwe Business Administration graduate Marciline Mutuma who mainly assisted on our Psychosocial Support Program.

Conclusion

There was a significant growth in programme coverage and improvement in service delivery during the year under review compared to previous years.

Appreciation goes to the volunteers for facilitating the work of VHF within communities, implementing partners and funding partners that include Zimbabwe German Society, National AIDS Council, City Health and Social services departments, Safaids, Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council, UNAIDS, Culture Fund, UNICEF, Honorable MP P. Denga, Max Wegger and above all ZimRelief for the overall support. Also appreciation goes to private companies that include Sunspan Fruit and Veggies, Lobels Bread, Cape to Cairo and Nutresco. They all contributed towards effective service delivery.