



Rebuilding Hope with a Vision



2010 Annual Report



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(Nelson Mandela)*

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From the Director's Desk

The year under review witnessed community needs deepening due the dollarization of the economy, increase in death rates mainly due HIV and AIDS as well as unemployment rate. This resulted in expansion of Vision and Hope Foundation programming and increased demand for our services especially school related assistance and feeding scheme under our Psychosocial Support Program.

The on-going challenges have been with evolved projects that we hope to extend in 2011. We continue to work on a very limited budget and our work continues to grow with a lot of teams coming in for the EduSport program and more children needing genuine school, food and medical support. Regardless of faced challenges, the organisation continues due to the dedication of our underpaid staff and interns who are overworking as we are understaffed. The dream of obtaining land to construct a youth centre will be carried forward to 2011 and hoping that it will be achieved before year end.

Resource mobilization will be a priority in 2011 as demand for services keep increasing at a higher pace than the available resources to respond.

Many thanks go to our generous supporters, donors and individuals who support us in different ways. I should also like to thank the Board for their enthusiastic support and say how exciting and inspiring to work with a groups of committed people with human development at heart.



Godfrey Mungazi
Director



Vision and Hope Foundation

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 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, psycho social support and above all providing basic education to orphans and other vulnerable children. It was established in 2003 and got legally registered in 2006 as a youth welfare organisation under the Youth Act of 1997.

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

We are committed to provide meaningful support, care and to empower young people and communities to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to HIV & AIDS and other social ills of the society and live wholesome lives.

Our Hope

Our hope is vital

Guiding principles

Empowerment
Meaningful involvement
Innovation
Team work

Our Objectives

Reduce the impact and spread of HIV and other related social ills of the society among young people.

Empower young people economically, socially and culturally for them to assert their rights and resist abuse as well as helping them realize their potential in life.

Develop, gather and disseminate sexual and reproductive health, HIV and other related information to young people.

Support psycho-socially and materially the HIV and AIDS infected and affected, orphaned, under privileged and vulnerable young people.

Identify and address cultural and social issues that impede the full growth and development of young people in all spheres of life.

Programs

Vision and Hope Foundation has 3 main programs and all our projects fall in one of the programs. Following are the programs:-

- EduSport Program
- Psychosocial Support Program
- Leadership and Life Skills Development program

EduSport Program

EduSport Program has been the outstanding program as it reached more than 2000 young people this year alone. The Program kicked off in April 2009 and its main 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 life skills development. The program is married to Leadership and Life Skills Development program as many of the trainings related to this program are done under this program.



Life skills sessions with teams

Mbare Vision and Hope Junior Soccer League

The league was launched in April 2008 with 16 under 13 and 16 under 15 teams. In 2010 the league has seen the birth of under 11 teams and under 19 teams. Each team now has 5 teams of different age groups. Girls' teams have continued to participate although teams are still few. Girls are also playing netball, volleyball, basketball, handball and hockey without leagues.

Tournaments

A total of 3 tournaments were held in 2010. An under 15 tournament was held in May with all league teams participating. Before the tournament the teams participated in community work and life skills sessions. Reading material on child rights and HIV and AIDS were distributed on the of the tournament. Zimbabwe National Junior League Association Chairman and Secretary and ZIFA Technical Director Mr. Matongorere graced the tournament.

Another tournament was held in Rugare in August with the Rugare Christian League. A total of 8 teams participated on the day. Another tournament for under 17 teams in Mbare Vision and Hope Junior League was held in September 2010 at Stoddart grounds. A total of 6 teams participated on the day. The tournament was graced by the District Social Organizer Mr. Phili and his deputy.



Mr. Phili and his deputy at the September soccer tournament

Sport Equipment Distribution



Mr. Chambari handing over the equipment with Pastor Angelbrt and Mr. Mungazi

On June 7th, 2010, we distributed sporting equipment to three schools and 5 community teams. The equipment included t-shirts, track suits, basketball shorts, basketball and soccer socks, sport shoes, soccer gloves, pumps and basketballs, volleyballs and soccer balls. 69 individuals being 42 males and 27 females from Mbare Flats soccer team, Mbare community volleyball team, Mbare High Basketball team, George Stark High Basketball team, Rising Star soccer team and Hopely Zone 5 soccer team.

The distribution was graced by Vision and Hope Foundation Board members Mr. Max Chambari and Pastor Angelbert Mutoti as well as the Deputy heads from the benefiting schools.

Psychosocial Support Program

School fees and school related assistance

40 children were assisted with school fees in Mbare of which 12 were females. 11 of them were in Secondary school. A total of 100 children from Mbare received stationery in February, May and September 2010. In September 230 from Sunrise primary school in Hopely also received stationery. The stationery received included 10 exercise books, a pencil and a pen each.



Rising star Head receiving corrugated sheets from Vision and Hope Director

As a school Sunrise received, three big school green boards, 10 boxes of chalks, Board dusters and Ex/books all this was part of our Psychosocial Support Program which aims at assisting these children and prepare them with appropriate skills by providing school stationery. Also received are reading materials on HIV and AIDS, child rights and child rights issues.

All from Mbare received satchels and school jerseys. Of these 18 also received school uniforms.

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 this year discussing different topics. Also taught is drama skills and traditional dances.

Christmas party

A Christmas party was hosted for the 150 OVCs attending PSS to have fun and appreciate the festive season. Most guardians volunteered on the day in different ways ranging from cooking, serving, telling stories and playing with children. Since Christmas is time of giving and sharing children were received presents ranging from shoes, t/shirts, jackets and dresses.



Children eating at the Christmas Party

Leadership and life Skills Development Program

Youth Camp 2010

Vision and Hope Foundation organized and facilitated a youth camp in which also Glen Forest Development Centre and Shingirirayi Trust participated. The camp was held on 18/ 19 September 2010 and 24 youths and 9 adults attended the camp. The camp was honored by the presence of ZimRelief Director and his team.

The topics covered included HIV and AIDS, Nutrition, Bicycle safety, communication, human growth and development, child abuse and child rights. A video on the history of HIV and AIDS in Zimbabwe was screened in the evening. They also enjoyed playing soccer, volleyball and other games.



Participants in a session at the youth camp

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), UNICEF and Zimbabwe AIDS Network for distribution at the information center. The running of the center is interrupted by the coming in of the City of Harare employ into the rooms utilized. Visitors reduced as compared to the previous years as he is conducting his business in the rooms. Hence the needs for a separate youth centre. Over 200 visited the information center to access information and condoms. A total of 20 life skills sessions were held with soccer teams' players and coaches. A need for a computer and internet has been noted again this year. We look forward to access a computer and connect to internet if funds allow for the information centre.

Coach Training

18 coaches received a refresher course on the implementation of our EduSport Program. The training included Peer Education and Leadership.

Meeting the Care Givers

In November a consultative meeting with care givers of the OVC in our program was held to make them understand our programs and encourage them to volunteer in various ways. Also to raise their concerns and give advice in making the programs interesting for the children. During this meeting, a need for a pre-school was raised as there are children who are below five and has to compete in getting a school place with those from better families. Also a call for affording vocational training for those not in schools coming from child headed families.

Personnel

A student from Solusi University Stacey Mandizvidza continued as Program Assistant till April 2010. Marciline Mutuma also continues to July 2010. In March we engaged Allen Kamuzangaza as the Program Officer and a Community Development student from CCOSA Benhildah Majaya as the Program Assistant.

Conclusion

The need to access land and construct a youth center continues to grow as the City of Harare has now commercialized their community centres. Also it has been realized that there a great need to establish a in areas like Hope 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.



Children at Sunrise Primary School in Hopely



Innocent Ribelto a beneficiary who died being a master of Ceremony at the Stationary distribution in Mbare



Children feasting at the Christmas party



Leadership session during Coach Training



Inscriptions at Hopely school distribution by Mr. Mungazi and the school head



Drama skills sessions



Soccer tournament in October



Participants of the Youth Camp