



## SHINGIRIRAI TRUST ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED SINCE 2007

Shingirirai Trust has noted five major achievements since 2007 through the support from Zim Relief.

The first and most appreciated achievement is the purchasing of the Head office in local area. This has witnessed Shingirirai being recognised by the entire community and other stakeholders outside the community and even some of the international stakeholders as it has brought dignity through having a fixed facility for the operation of the administration responsibilities.

Apart from using it for administration activities, it has brought down the costs of hiring venues for training workshops and the smaller group meetings. The running of income generating projects under the same roof has made it easier to monitor and interesting for the members as they carry out their activities independently without time limits.

The second is the increased number of orphaned and vulnerable children who have benefitted from the Early Childhood Development programme where around 2000 OVC have gone through a holistic development encompassing physical, intellectual, social, health and moral aspects of development and successful transition into primary schools.

The third is the life skills training workshops which have assisted around three hundred young people in exploring issues that affect them and are now able to make positive decision making and are equipped with strategies to cope with crisis/issues regarding their own lives. This reduces drug abuses in the community and there is a sense of responsibility.

The fourth is the vocational skills training workshops, around one hundred young people have been trained in skills in which they can secure income. Four income generating projects are running at the moment these are bottle top weaving, board printing, jewellery making and paper production which is noting young people with improved livelihood options, which we hope will reduce drug abuse and unemployment amongst the young people.

The holding of youth camps is a process of supporting the orphaned and vulnerable young people through a process of healing and empowering by breaking patterns of isolation and building a sense of belonging and improving their levels of confidence and as they always experience these due to the loss of caregiver or poor parental guidance.

Apart from the above mentioned activities 2012 noted the need of supporting the early childhood development graduates with educational assistance and to date ten have been assisted with fees.

It has also noted the importance of gender sensitivity and has introduced the training of men and this year 12 men have been trained in tin roof tile production for verandas and small markets roof to provide them with skills to secure income. **On behalf of Shingirirai Trust I would like to express our sincere gratitude towards all the assistance that we have received from Zim Relief which has made us survive even in the very difficult situations like 2008. We entirely look forward for a continued partnership. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ZIM TEAM MEMBERS.**

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