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Vision and Hope Foundation/ ZimRelief e.V

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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.

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

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 2800 young people this year alone. The Program kicked off in April 2009 and its main aim 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.



First tournament supported by Zimrelief in 2009

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 8 tournaments were held to date, each with a addressing issues that affect the daily lives of young people especially the vulnerable.



Coach Trainings

Coaches have been trained on coaching level 1 in partnership with Zimbabwe Coaches Association and Zimbabwe Football Association. They also were trained on Leadership and Life skills as well as Olympiism in partnership with Zimbabwe Olympic Academic.

The players participated on more than 100 life skills sessions since the inception of the program and also been trained on Peer Education as well as Leadership and Life Skills.

Psychosocial Support Program School fees and school related assistance

The Initial funding from ZimRelief on the program assisted 16 with school fees and 38 with stationery and 60 were attached to the feeding scheme. To date 45 are having their school fees paid and 500 are receiving stationery. More than 40 have received school uniforms since the beginning of the partnership.



Tired Makwala who has spent two years out of school, trying his new uniform as he prepares to return to school

Of these children one of them have passed his O Levels last year with 4 As, 5Bs and 1C. He is now doing Form 5. 6 have passed their grade 7 with good results.

Many of these children had dropped out of school and had no dreams of seeing themselves in school again, not until ZimRelief came to their rescue through Vision and Hope Foundation.

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, 50 from Sunningdale and 350 from Hopely received stationery in February, May and September 2010.

As a school Rising Star received 2 black boards, chalks, Board dusters, reading materials on HIV and AIDS, child abuse and child rights issues and corrugated sheets.



Rising Star Primary School in Hopely

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 24 sessions were held this year discussing different topics. Also taught is drama skills and traditional dances. The programme was affected towards end of year with room reallocation.

Christmas party

3 Christmas parties were held to date for the OVC 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. In 2011 party, those who passed on their end of year exams were given presents as a way of motivating them in the form of shoes, t/shirts, jackets and dresses books.

Youth Camps

A total of 3 youth camps have been held so far. ZimRelief's three partners Vision and Hope Foundation, Glen Forest Development Centre and Shingirirayi Trust participated in all these camps. Each year 24 young people and 9 adults (facilitators) attends the camps. The camps are normally honored by the presence of ZimRelief Director and his team each year.

The topics covered included HIV and AIDS, Nutrition, Bicycle safety, communication, human growth and development, child abuse and child rights. They also enjoyed playing soccer, volleyball and other games.



Youth Camp 2010

Youth friendly 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. Television sets and DVD players were added to the information centres.

30 computers from World Computer Exchange were received with ZimRelief support on shipping and subsidized fees. We look forward to get them connected to the internet if funds permit in 2012. Over 4000 visited the information center to access information and condoms since 2008.