



HOPE ZIMBABWE ANNUAL REPORT



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HOPE ZIMBABWE PROGRAMME
DAPP ZIMBABWE
HOPE BINDURA, HOPE HARARE

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Hope Zimbabwe works to reduce the rate of transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases targeting the entire community taking note of the different age groups and their needs. Hope encourages the community to organize themselves in a manner that makes it possible to discuss and fight HIV and other chronic illnesses that bring unrest to the people. Hope Zimbabwe encourages people to get tested for HIV, form support groups and trios and fight for survival through engaging in healthy living practices and viable economic practices. Hope reaches people in the home, at work and through community gatherings at church and for other community development meetings. Currently Hope Zimbabwe works within 2 projects, Hope Harare and Hope Bindura covering 2 urban and 3 rural districts which also include farm communities. Hope Zimbabwe reached 76 615 people through its various activities that are programmed within three thematic areas of Hope which are: (1) Health services, (2) Opinion forming and (3) Outreach activities.

Hope Zimbabwe has been in existence since 1998 when Hope Bindura was established in direct response to HIV and AIDS pandemic that was facing the country. Hope Harare was established in 2002 as a workplace program to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS in Masasa Industrial area and Mabvuku/Tafara and it has expanded its services to work with commercial sex workers. Hope has expanded HIV related service provision to include information dissemination on malaria, sexual reproductive health and Tuberculosis. Towards the end of 2015, Hope Bindura winded down its HIV Counseling, Testing and support activities after the end of the funding period.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

This report reflects on the period between January and June 2016.

PERIOD 1 & 4: FIRM PRODUCTION 1 AND 3 (Jan to Mar & Jul to Sept 2016)

Anchoring on the power of community Hope Zimbabwe worked with the community to reach a total of 40 408 people.

Health Services

Hope Zimbabwe mobilized 21 533 people for testing during these two periods through working closely with Hope Activists, community campaigns and sporting games. Referrals were made to nearby health institutions thus creating demand for services for the clinics and hospitals. As proxy-signs to an adoption of safe sex practices, 150 230 condoms were distributed (139 757 male and 8 423 female) during all Hope activities and through condom outlets established in the communities.

Outreach

The two projects which comprise this program worked hand in hand with 3 675 Hope activists who are influential in society such as caregivers, para-counsellors, office bearers community and

church leaders among other sections of the society. Activities conducted during this period with support from the activists include JIC runs, person and substance abuse, anti-child marriage campaigns and other health campaigns which promote a healthy lifestyle. Internal saving and lending activities were started and maintained with 8 clubs from Bindura. Hope supported Youth Friendly Corners in Bindura hosted 535 youth who accessed sexual and reproductive health and rights information through self initiated research and Hope initiated education sessions. Training was offered in both districts to Hope staff, youths, young mothers, adolescents and support groups on various topics such as entrepreneurship, gender, internal saving and lending, livestock management, Join in Circuit, life skills, poverty reduction, positive living inter alia. Support for the training was offered by government ministries, like the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Health and Child Care and Citizen Health Watch. This has helped to create a permanent network for Activists with strengths in different areas that work within the Hope concept. Their collective effort is for the good of the communities served by Hope. In a nutshell, Hope successfully brought together service providers and the people so that the community knowledge on various aspects improves for improved results.

Opinion Forming

28 Community dialogues were the main opinion seeking mechanism that was used during this period to reach 4 665 people, ordinary citizens, youths, women and men only groups as well as sex workers. Each group had a specific topic for focussed discussion with pre-planned questions that were guiding the moderators. Topics explored include, child marriages, sex and sexuality, illicit drug access in the community, gender based violence, sexually transmitted infections, drug adherence and voluntary medical male circumcision. Some of the points raised include the reluctance by men to volunteer for circumcision because of its restrictive nature where there will be no sexual activity for six weeks after circumcision. Women in the sex business communicated their inability to negotiate for safe sex due to their economic disadvantage and men who have the money determine the pace. Community leaders indicated that child marriages are a menace but the cumbersome process to justice discourages victims and their support system to report the cases. One of the interesting recommendations from youth was that organisations need to embrace ICT in their work with youth. Junior parliamentarians from Mashonaland province debated the issue of child marriages on national radio, showing their disapproval of early and forced child marriages.

PERIODS 2 & 5: WAVE OF CAMPAIGNS 1 (April-May & October to November 2016)

All in all, 11 147 people were reached during this period with various Hope activities covering the health, outreach and opinion forming activities.

Health Services

Hope worked with 4520 Hope activists during this period where 16 839 people were mobilised for HIV testing with referrals being made to local health institutions. Mobilisation was done in different arenas which include church gatherings, community/village meetings, organised group campaigns, solidarity marches, workplaces and schools. 330 new condom outlets were established and these and already existing outlets as well as other Hope Activities distributed 88 400 condoms (72 550 male and 450 female). This showed improved knowledge on HIV and its prevention.

Outreach

Hope Zimbabwe has for a long time engaged adults in support groups for people living with HIV, leaving children and adolescents with HIV and AIDS to the mercy of their relatives. Of late Hope adjusted its lenses to focus intensely on the children and adolescents, as it is a gap in the whole country leading to the formation of seven support groups for 74 children and adolescents living with HIV whose group activities are coordinated and supported by Hope outreach officers and nurses from the nearby clinics. This means that the children and adolescents with HIV have adequate moral, psychological and medical support. 550 youth visited the 3 youth Friendly corners in Bindura district where they engaged in indoor games, education sessions and club meetings. A poetry and Art Exhibition was done in Mabvuku challenging drug, child abuse and crime and it was attended by 2504 people. 1600 children from Bindura and Harare were given clothing items during various occasions. 2878 people participated in different campaigns organised by Hope in the different working areas, covering topics on abuse, ART, child marriages, illicit drug dealing and sexual reproductive health and rights.

Opinion Forming

Hope conducted 56 opinion forming meetings with a total of 1405 people of various age groups representing both sex, where they discussed issues around early and forced child marriages, gender based violence, child abuse, substance abuse and sexually transmitted infections. These people were met at churches, schools, village meetings and targeted group meetings. Hope realised that communities are a hive of information with local solutions to local problems for example, they requested for a ban of some local gatherings where drugs and dangerous alcohol are sold cheaply and are in abundance. Discussions led to some of the themes for campaigns and determined the target group and organisations to include in support of the campaign. For example the campaign against drug abuse was informed by these meetings and that bought in the participation of Zimbabwe Republic police and Ministry of Health in Harare. Similarly, dialogue on child marriages resulted in the buy in of government and non government institutions in Bindura especially during the solidarity march and the mock wedding that expressed the ills of child marriage and available solutions.

PERIODS 3 & 6: EXPLOSIVE ACTION 1 and 2 (June and December 2016)

Hope Zimbabwe respects the supremacy of the community and therefore works with community members for sustainable change and results. This means that the success of Hope program is anchored in the participation of the activists and the people in the community and during this period, 24 060 people were reached through Hope activities during the two explosive periods.

Health Services

4 720 Hope activists mobilised 10 500 people to opt for HIV testing during the explosive period. Of this number 292 were successfully tracked to have accessed HTC at local health centres and from mobile testing services. 67 860 condoms (63 000 male and 4860 female) were distributed from 555 condom outlets which were distributed across the communities where Hope works.

Outreach

Hope intensified its work with youth and trained 196 peer educators among them 100 young mothers who are aged between 15 and 24 years and 95 youths who became advocates for sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) among youth. Additional group of 100 sex workers aged 19 to 23 years participated in SRHR lessons that were organised by Hope Zimbabwe. 14 campaigns were conducted with 5716 people for the purpose of educating communities on the

need to protect their environments and keep them clean, and to promote service demand for ASRH for the local health centres in support of Zimbabwe's health goals. 38 Join in Circuit Runs were conducted with 1200 youths, improving their knowledge on ASRHR.

Opinion Forming

15 opinion forming meetings were conducted covering issues pertinent to the community such as child marriages, nude parties, drug and alcohol abuse, pool parties, community and home based care, sex and sexuality targeting people in different fora such as churches, council meetings reaching 1126 people. A youth group of 15 members has been enrolled by Hope to engage in monthly ASRHR debates.

EFFECTS OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- ♣ Hope Zimbabwe contributed to the country's different health goals by reaching out to 75 615 people with information related to HIV, AIDS, Malaria and TB
- ♣ Hope Zimbabwe helped the community to reflect on the perpetuating factors for HIV, AIDS, TB and malaria and then empowered them to unite in dealing with the experienced and possible effects of these diseases.
- ♣ 25106 people were mobilized for HIV testing with some instances having mobile testing services which were organised for by Hope Zimbabwe. In that way, Hope has created demand for HTC services for the local clinics and hospitals.
- ♣ Anchoring on the power of community, Hope organised for opinion forming meetings where different groups expressed their views concerning a number of issues which include child marriages, gender based violence and condom use. No section of society was ignored and response actions like campaigns and lessons were designed to respond to gaps that were identified by the community. That instilled a sense of program ownership
- ♣ Hope managed to bring the community together and involved various NGOs, government departments, church and political leaders to discuss child marriages through community dialogues and a mock inter-generational wedding.
- ♣ People on ART supported each other on drug adherence through utilizing TRIOS.
- ♣ Youths aged 15-24 years of accessed HIV/AIDS information through JIC Runs, the Youth Friendly centre, youth clubs, road shows, campaigns and support groups for youth and children on ART.
- ♣ Youths age 15-24 years increased the utilization of reproductive health services at local health institutions through referral from Hope.
- ♣ The campaigns conducted by the Hope Outreach Officers and activists through group gatherings and door to door mobilization increased the number of people tested for HIV through Hope effort.
- ♣ Young mothers and youthful sex workers were included in the programme through training as peer educators and as PLA.
- ♣ The Condom outlets provided the people of all age groups with an opportunity of practicing safer sex through the accessibility of the condoms which were made available nearer to the people.

ATTACHMENT 1: PRODUCTION FIGURES

ACTIVITY	PLANNED 2016	ACHIEVED 2016	DIFF
PEOPLE DIRECTLY REACHED	76 000	75 615	-385
PEOPLE MOBILIZED FOR HIV TESTING	34 290	48 8872	+14 582
PEOPLE ORGANISED IN PL GROUPS	2600	4535	+1935
TRIOS FOR ARV ADHERENCE SUPPORT	610	1 354	+744
HOPE ACTIVISTS	16 428	12 915	-3513
MONTHLY ACTIVISM	3 572	5717	+2145
YOUTHS AND CHILDREN IN HOPE ACTIVITIES	6 446	10 672	+4226
PEOPLE TRAINED UNDER HOPE PROGRAM	1 300	3193	+1893
CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED	202 000	206 490	+4 490
PEOPLE IN OPINION FORMING ACTIVITIES	3 120	5 727	+2607
OVC SUPPORTED	168	1 600	+1 432

Comments

The majority of targets were surpassed as a result of the significant involvement of Hope activists, allowing them to take the lead. It is however noted that the number of activists worked with was not up to the target planned because Hope Bindura has reduced its geographical delimitations leaving out other areas that were reached through New Life and New Start.

ATTACHMENT 2: PROGRAM IN PICTURES



The child bride who acted out the ills of forced early child marriages



Youth Friendly nurse during a support group meeting for children



Youth in sport as a way to engage them in ASRHR dialogues



Part of the team which participated in the Harare stop substance and drug abuse campaign



Traditional leaders participate in a meeting on sexual reproductive health in Bindura



Opinion forming meeting with youth at Hope Harare

ATTACHMENT 3: RECOMMENDATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

All Correspondences should be addressed to:

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Ministry of Youth, Indigenization
and Economic Empowerment

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Bindura District

17/11/16

The Manager Hope Humana

Bindura

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR HOPE HUMANA

The above matter refers:

We find great pleasure and appreciation for the work and programmes that we conduct together with Hope Human. Hope Humana is an organisation which is dedicated and hard working in all its programmes. To mention a few, we partner with hope on the following programmes

- ❖ I am precious campaign to end child marriages with our Junior members of parliament and junior councillors
- ❖ Peer educators training
- ❖ Hope also promised to provide youth Interact centre in Bindura
- ❖ HIV & AIDS awareness in most Bindura wards.
- ❖ Training youth on tsotso stove in ward 8 rural.

Once again we thank Hope Humana and also urge to continue with such spirit in all future programmes

Thank you

Yours

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All communications should be

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15 November 2016.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/ Madam

**RE: RECOGNITION OF HOPE HUMANA-HARARE'S WORK IN MABVUKU/
TAFARA/CALEDONIA DISTRICT.**

The above matter refers:

The Ministry of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development- Mabvuku/ Tafara District acknowledges ,with sincere gratitude and honest praise , the work being done by Hope Humana-Harare in the areas of Positive Living Trainings; Self Reliance Projects involving the infected and the affected and Condom Distribution among other development programs. Hope Humana has on many occasions shared platform with the Ministry in spearheading community awareness, campaigns on developmental programs.

The organisation is also credited on the computer literacy training program which they have carried to government staff in 2016.

The ministry therefore do not hesitate to recommend Hope Humana for the good work they do, to any other organisations that wants to work with them. We also want to take this opportunity wish them wellness in their future endeavours.

Yours Sincerely



Sakubende R. Mrs. 0772913103

(District Head Mabvuku/Tafara District)