



Monthly Report – January 2013

Background

2012 was a successful year for us. It afforded us the opportunity to know more about the community that we are going to be working with and most importantly it gave us a platform to tap into our potential. It gave us a point of reference to measure our weakness and strengths. We faced a lot of challenges especially financially to operate smoothly and even expand our projects but due to sheer passion to see the urban poor being empowered and live a better life we sailed through. To that end, our 2013 projects calendar kicked off with great optimism and energy.

Introduction

We started our calendar with activities which we hope will make resounding impact on the expansion of our project scope despite the financial constraint. This has seen us hosting a very large turnout for the Zim Clean campaign, this may be used to predict that with more resources we can do more. We anticipate continued individual and team growth in the year 2013 through team work and inter-working with other stake holders. We also hope that our expertise will positively impact other organisations thereby increasing our level of success since we are also targeting other organisations and not only the urban poor communities.

JANUARY 2013 ACTIVITIES

With Love Soup Kitchen

In January we managed to have three soup kitchen events at our centre in Mbare. On the second one we had to invite officers from the Ministry of Social Welfare in Mbare to come and explain the requirements and also to come and see our beneficiaries. The beneficiaries had raised a concern that there was no one who was attending to them at the Mbare Social Welfare office. So from this year onwards we will be working with the Ministry of Social Welfare. This we believe will improve our service delivery hence make us more efficient and effective. We have also downsized the Mbare beneficiaries' number. The reason for downsizing is that we realised

that some of the 'beneficiaries' had not been honest enough and were benefiting without the due need for help. The beneficiaries from the Mbare Soup Kitchen centre will from this year onwards be divided into 3 categories. The reason behind grouping them is that they can intensely benefit from the workshops that have commenced which we hope will assist in empowering them with skills and knowledge. We also decided to use this criteria to remove from our list some of the well up residents of Mbare who were benefiting from the Soup Kitchen at the expense of those who really needed a helping hand. Lastly, it's for administrative purposes, grouping the beneficiaries makes it easy to manage large populations and it is effective during our monitoring and evaluation (MnE).

The beneficiaries have been grouped according to age

3-16

17-21

22 and above



Some of the children enjoying their soup and bread



A quick prayer from Reverend Nyoni before meal is served.

Zim Clean January 2013

We hosted our monthly clean-up campaign on the 26th of January under the theme 'BIG CLEAN'. The main thrust of this campaign was to bring together the different stakeholders in a concerted effort in cleaning our streets and also fostering a culture of environmental responsibility.

One Million Pieces January 2013

In January the One Million Pieces initiative started collecting clothes for the floods victims in Chivi area. With Love Foundation is there when the love is needed. Crisis intervention is one of our commitments to community development and poverty alleviation.

It is our endeavour to assist in restoring dignity and one million pieces initiative is our response to that call. On the 9th January 2013 we managed to donate some clothes to Chikurubi Prison, the clothing pieces are meant for the prisoners who at the time of release usually do not have clothes. This, therefore, is part of our crisis intervention and we hope that it will reduce the level of desperation for clothes and blankets of the released inmates.

Monthly Field Work Findings

January field work was met with quite a number of challenges. At the moment our biggest challenge is financial. This is limiting our mobility in the field and the end results in our project impact are greatly reduced. Our follow up services on our beneficiaries have been tremendously affected. To overcome this impasse we had to improvise by using public transport and personal cars. This has seen us archiving our core objectives on service delivery.