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WITHLOVE SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

With Love Soup Kitchen is a weekly pilot project still based in Mbare. We have 230 beneficiaries now officially registered through the local council. Registration took place at the local Mbare city council hall and therefore we have been using the register to account for those who benefit from the Soup Kitchen. Food packs, healthy wholesome soup and planned workshops are some of the benefits, which the Mbare recipients receive from our Soup Kitchen

ACTIVITIES

A successful two day workshop was done this month, Medical San Frontiers (MSF) is an international medical humanitarian organisation that assist people based on needs, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. They are committed to bringing quality medical care and awareness to those affected in emergencies, disasters, wars and abuse. Pearls, Heels and Dreams (PHND) where also present for the workshop, they advocate for the emancipation of women and are motivational speakers.

The Minister of Youth Development, Indigenisation and Empowerment of Zimbabwe took time to come to the Soup Kitchen on the 19th. Other organisations came through that day including Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network (ZWRCN) which promotes women's rights and empowerment.



Mr Kasukuwere with the With Love Team at the Soup Kitchen also gave a helping hand.



Mr Kasukuwere enjoying the With Love wholesome soup





Despite facing challenges financially our With Love Arts and Craft programme is still on going every week. This programme was born out of the need to try and give the young boy or girl child who is not able to go to school due to the lack of financial income in their households an opportunity to attain life skills. Graphic design, painting, sculpture making are a few of the skills which will help in creating a sustainable income generating project not only for the young individuals but for the community





RESULTS, LEANRING AND REFINEMENT

Using the With love Soup Kitchen as our entry point into the community we have managed to establish other programmes which will enable the Mbare community and any other community to develop empowerment networks and to obtain livelihood sustenance skills training. These initiatives include the arts and culture project, community garden, livelihoods training and an after school club which is not currently running yet. For this initiative we require the assistance of educational teachers who will give any vital assistance to the young ones. It is our intention to also provide the basic educational materials such as books and computers to support them in their learning course.

With the aid of funding most of With Love initiatives would be up and running and our biggest goal is not only to focus on Mbare but other areas in Zimbabwe where people are in dire living circumstances.

