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**Monthly Report – February 2013**

## FEBRUARY 2013 OFFICE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

The month of February 2013 proved to be both exciting and challenging for the organisation. After great anticipation and optimism, With Love Foundation managed to engage in workshops. The organisation has also managed to impact positively in areas which are out of Harare. For sustainability of our programmes the Organisation has embarked on fundraising activities meant to boost our financial muscle. Our projects continue to grow in both quantity and quality. We endeavour to continue providing quality services to the most vulnerable and marginalised person in a dignified way. Our motto **“building lives one day at a time”** has now become living reality.

As part of our service delivery, we will continue working and assisting other stakeholders in every way possible that we can.

However, on a saddening note, our success in the month of February was limited primarily by lack of a strong financial backbone. Our staff members have a great zeal to do more but the financial situation is greatly limiting them.

## ARTS AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS REPORT CALENDAR

Pilot Project: Area - Mbare

Target- Children of school going age but not attending school

Period -4 YEARS

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>AREA OF FOCUS</b>	<b>NO OF PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>Resources Used</b>	<b>Value</b>
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Arts and Craft	16 children from the age of 4 years to 15 years.  8 males and 8 females.	Fuel Refreshments Admin	3x \$10 16x\$0.2 \$100  <b><u>Total - \$133.2</u></b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Arts and Craft	22 children  From the age of 3years to 15years	Fuel Refreshments Admin	1x \$20 26x \$0.2 \$110  <b><u>Total- \$135.2</u></b>
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Arts and Craft	12 children  From the age of 3years to 16	Fuel Refreshments Admin	1x\$20 15x\$0.2 \$50  <b><u>Total- \$73</u></b>
February 21th	Arts and Craft	12 children From the age of 4 to 15	Fuel Refreshments Admin	1x\$20 15x\$0.2 \$50  <b><u>Total-\$73</u></b>

### **Field Findings for the workshops**

When the Arts and Craft workshops were introduced we noticed that the attendance was high. 16 beneficiaries rose to 22 beneficiaries then the figure fell to 12. Our average attendance number is 15.5 which is even higher than the last two workshop attendance. The reasons for the decrease can be explained by quite a number of factors which I will discuss below.

Our average expenditure for a one day Arts and Craft workshop is \$103.6. This amount is even higher than the last figure that was used to host the last two workshops. At this point, we believe your attention has already been drawn to the phenomenon which we are currently experiencing, 'DECREASE'.

The number of children attending the Arts and Craft workshops does not correlate with the amount being spent to facilitate a successful workshop. This, therefore, means that in our endeavour to provide and facilitate quality Arts and Craft workshops some children are withdrawing their presence due to lack of resources at the workshops. The basic resources required for the workshops are paint brushes, paint, markers, pencils, painting books and mixed flour. At the moment we are operating from a constrained financial base. We are not in the position to purchase every resource needed for workshop so the children share available resources in terms of shortage and in terms of unavailability there improvise.

Apart from that, we are offering freezits as refreshments at the workshops due to lack of funds. Some of these children spend the whole day on an empty stomach and the refreshments we are offering may not be an ideal incentive. Funds permitting, we would have been offering something that's more appetising, of high nutritional value and at least reduce level of hunger and energises te children.

### **Recommendations**

There is a serious need of resources for the workshops to continue positively impacting the children from the Mbare community. Even though the staff members from With Love Foundation have gained a lot of experience especially on how to improvise, there is still great need for a financial injection.

For the children to be highly motivated there is need for exposure especially on individuals who have made it in this sector for instance Dominic Benhura. It will be to their greatest advantage if they can have a day where there taken to an arts and craft exhibition and also get the opportunity to talk to those in the Arts industry.

Since these children come from vulnerable households which in assumption are affected by hunger, we must at least offer a meal. This will keep them energised hence high concentration levels. At the moment we are not offering any meal at the workshops due constrained financial resource base.

There is need for the organisation to purchase necessary tools for the wood and stone carving lessons. The practical aspect of the arts and craft workshop to a larger extent more attention. Maybe companies that manufacture hardware and tools can donate.

### **Arts and Craft Pictures**



The children in the above pictures are some of the beneficiaries of the Arts and Craft workshops in Mbare. They are of school going age but are currently not attending school due to lack of finance for school fees. Most of the children are orphans and members of child headed households.

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

We managed to successfully host four soup kitchens in the month of February. The success can be accredited to the sheer determination of With Love Foundation in assisting the needy and empowering the marginalised. The lack of finance is still a limiting factor in our operations. We are highly rendered immobile to mobilise resources for our projects and for doing our monitoring and evaluation exercises (MnE).

### **Pictures**



**Pasta Donation re packaged and distributed to beneficiaries**





## One million pieces

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February With Love Foundation through the one million pieces initiative managed to make a donation to the Masvingo disabled community. Over 500 pieces of clothes were donated. This donation included baby clothes, adults' men, adult women and teenage clothing for both female and male. Plates, cups, shoes and non-sticky frying pans were also donated.

The cost for the clothing donation was close to a \$1000.

## PICTURES



In a wheel chair is Simbarashe Mbengegwi, who is the Special Councillor for the disabled in Masvingo province. He played a crucial role in mobilising the disabled community members of Masvingo. The Masvingo disabled community include the deaf and dumb, the crippled, the blind, those living with mental conditions and challenges.



## **ZIM CLEAN**

On THE 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, With Love Foundation hosted a clean-up on Chiremba road, starting from the traffic lights at corner Chiremba and Glenara road.

The clean-up campaign is aimed at raising awareness environmental cleanliness and participation in nation building.

## **Pictures**



## **Fundraising Activities**

### **Pillow Fight**

On the fundraising activities, the organisation has managed to start making preparations for the 'largest pillow fight' event to be hosted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2013. The proceeds of this activity will go to finance the With Love projects including the purchase of Mobile Soup Kitchens and a Mobile Library.

### **Sponsored walk**

Another fundraising activity is the sponsored walk which is currently being organised. We aim to raise \$1000 from this event. It's going to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013

## **Overall Monthly Recommendations**

The financial situation still needs more attention, there is need to do more fundraising activities and working with the different stake holders so as to mobilise different resources and expertise.

### **SUMMARY**

Despite the financial challenges being faced by the organisation, February was a month of success. Through improvising, the organisation managed to meet all its monthly obligations and also expand to positively impact areas outside Harare.