

WITH LOVE SOUP KITCHEN REPORT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2012

INTRODUCTION

The monthly With Love Soup Kitchen (WLSK) report describes our activities during the course of each month, describing the Foundations approach to foundations-wide assessment. The report contains targeted information organised in two broad categories, programme impact and institutional effectiveness.

GOAL

One of the Soup kitchens objectives is to train local members on how to prepare healthy diets. This drive will see the decentralisation of food point collection centres in Mashonaland Central province to selected local clinics hence increasing access to food of high nutritional value to local individuals. Also improve the cost effectiveness, quality and efficiency of food distribution service

OUTCOMES

WLSK operates on a weekly basis, therefore we are finding that the number of our beneficiaries is increasing in numbers. This month saw more than 600 beneficiaries mostly children benefiting from our soup kitchen. WLSK attracted new donors, for example SPAR one of the leading retail supermarkets in Zimbabwe has managed to consistently support our initiative to achieve our goal. SPAR donated more than 100 cases of noodles and personnel to be of assistance on three occasions. Nestle, a company that deals with nutrition, health and wellness also came to assess one of our soup kitchen events.

CHALLENGES AND NEXT STEPS

1. As the initiative enters the end of the year we are still facing a number of issues including inadequate funding. To keep WLSK running every week we need funds to be able to purchase the required food needed to provide the beneficiaries with the right and sufficient food package. WE have been using money from our own pockets most of the time to smoothly run WLSK

TRANSPORT	Fuel coupons x2	60	Money was used for fuel to coordinate all WLSK activities Money used by volunteers to board public transport to and from WLSK centre
	Public transport	60	

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FOOD	Bread x20 Lentils x5 Powdered soup x8 Chicken x 4kg Cooking oil x1 Salt x 1 Seasoning x8	80 37.50 28 80 4 1 18	All food was prepared and distributed to the beneficiaries
AIRTIME		50	Airtime to coordinate WLSK operations
VENUE	WLSK Centre	Currently No fee	For the WLSK to operates in a hall at the Lutheran Church in Mbare

- By the end of the project we aim to have facilitated the empowerment of 500 youths from marginalised sections of the communities by the placement of workshops. To do this financial support is required to set up workshops and for us to do a Needs Assessment. This evaluation will be conducted by WLF staff and volunteers based on the data collected during the course of the month.

RESULTS, LEARNING AND REFINEMENT

We believe that a regular and ongoing assessment of our programme is a critical component to the measures of impact generated by evaluation. These evaluations not only reflect our success and failures, but just as importantly, on how our learning is incorporated into improving our approach in the future :To facilitate strategic decision making and strike a balance between a commitment to ongoing improvement and a focus on accountability and results.

Our goal with the soup kitchen is not only to provide healthy nutritional meals to the community but to create a sustainable lifestyle through workshop skills. Soup kitchen beneficiaries will also benefit from the two other drives we have which include One Million Pieces, where we collect clothes and Zim Clean which aims to conscientise the community about environmental awareness and hygiene. New supporters from the food retail side came on board which will probably attract more benefactors to help us sustain our programme.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Exercising Leadership

With Love Foundation (WLF) provides a philanthropic stand which saw us being nominated for a 2012 Humanitarian Award at the Zimbabwe Youth Council Awards to be held next year.

WITH LOVE AT WORK...

Feeding the elderly..



This above picture is a visual aid showing some of the Soup Kitchen beneficiaries feeding. The elderly people in Mbare , Harare central province are benefiting from the soup kitchen which gives attention to the urban poor.

Feeding Children....



The Soup Kitchen also benefits the children, priority is given to vulnerable children and orphans, children living in the streets and children living with HIV/AIDS.

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Spar supermarkets has been helpful in seeing the With love Soup kitchen vision which is to provide an immediate assistance and also help in the setting up of sustainable structures in the lives of those who are in living in dire circumstances. Spar has been donating food stuff which we gave to the children (Chips 5 boxes and Noodles 100 boxes). For the month of November 2012 Spar really played significant role. Besides the food donation they also gave us their time and employees to assist us.



November 2012 With Love Soup Kitchen elderly beneficiaries also had a workshop with Medicine Sans Frontiers (MSF) .The focus of this workshop was centred on gender based violence specifically rape. It covered the different forms of rape and how to react in the event of a rape.

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In December, an Individual Donor made it possible for WLF to hold a Christmas Party for the Children we have been feeding at the WLSK. We had special appearances from Marek Dergiman (Santa Claus), BaShupi and Genesis Dance Crew.

Spar outdid themselves again with a range of Christmas presents for the kids in the form of toys and members of Ladies Circle Zimbabwe volunteered some of their time to help us make the event the success it was.

435 children in total attended the Party and thankfully, no child left with an empty stomach and each child left with a gift from With Love Foundation and Spar.



The children were ecstatic when Santa made an appearance.



BaShupi with some of the With Love Founders and Children from the Mbare Community

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Members of the Ladies Circle of Zimbabwe



Volunteers taking down details of each child who came

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