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Reporting Organization	New Hope Foundation
Project Manager	Elfas Shangwa- Zadzagomo
Project Geographical Location	<i>Epworth</i>
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Project Period and Duration	<i>10-12 December 2009</i>
Reporting Period	<i>1-12 December 2009</i>
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Funds contributed by NHF	<i>US\$1 763.00</i>
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1-BACKGROUND

1. VISIT TO CHINA BY THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

2- PREPARATION FOR CHINESE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO ZIMBABWE

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter covers all the preparations that were done by the two hosting organizations i.e. New Hope Foundation (NHF) and Health Volunteers for Africa (HVA). It includes visits to the Chinese embassy, Government officials, and venues for the opening and closing ceremonies, training and rehearsals centers and selection of peer education candidates.

2.2 VISITS TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY

The first meeting was held on. The two hosting organizations were represented by their leaders, namely Elfaz Shangwa (NHF) and Mike Mamire (HVA). The purpose of their appointment was to give feedback on their visit to China. The other four visits were centered on the delegation that was expected to travel to Zimbabwe for the pilot project. At most times the meetings were platforms for updates on the preparations in China and in Zimbabwe.

2.3 VISITS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

There were visits to several government officials by the hosting organizations. Each was visited at least three times. These officials are those in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Arts, the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Governor of the Metropolitan Province of Harare, the Health Advisor to the President and Cabinet and the Mayor of the City of Harare. The purpose was to seek permission to carry out the pilot project. It was also to explain the nature of the project, its intended benefits to the target population and to set dates for appointments with the expected Chinese delegates. Another reason was to request authorization to set up a patriotic national indigenous NGOs body. This body is to be designed along the framework of CNIE. The governor was particularly invited to be the guest of honor.

2.4 VISITS TO VENUES

The organizing team visited various schools in Epworth to identify suitable venues for the events. They also visited surrounding lodges to scout for a suitable and least expensive one as the training centre. Some of them are Mbizi Lodge, Mazvikadei Holiday Resort, Hunyani Hills Hotel and Harare Safari Lodge. At the end Hunyani Hills Hotel was chosen as it had a

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beautiful scenery, ideal conference room, adequate booking rooms and least expensive. Kubatana primary school was also chosen.

2.5 VISITS TO INSPECT REHEARSALS

The organizing team visited potential edutainment performers to inspect their acts. The schools are Maulana primary, David Livingstone primary, Mbare Salvation Army band, Glenview primary school and Kubatana primary. The acts are poetry, drama, traditional dance and music.

2.6 SELECTION OF PEER EDUCATION CANDIDATES

The existing Community Protection Committees (CPCs) were tasked to select people who were aged between 16 and 45. The potential candidates were also supposed to be fluent in the English language. Schools and universities were also informed to select some candidates. There were sixty short listed candidates. These were then interviewed and 37 were taken aboard. The details of peer educators are tabulated below:

Place	Total number	Sex		Age Range 16-21	22-30	31-40	Above 41
		M	F				
Community	12	3	9	-	8	2	2
Church	7	2	5	-	7	-	-
Secondary school	9	6	3	9	-	-	-
Tertiary/University	9	6	3	0	7	1	1
TOTAL	37	17	20	9	22	3	3

(Please see **Annexure II**)

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION

INTRODUCTION

The delegation arrived on the 8th of December 2009. On that day they handed over some material to the two organizations at the NHF office. Previously, the leaders of the two organizations had a meeting with the delegation at the Chinese embassy.

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VISITS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

On the 9th of December 2009 the chairman of the organizing team, Elfes, and the National Coordinator of New Hope Foundation, Fortunate Jowa, accompanied the delegation to see the Governor of the Metropolitan province of Harare. The governor welcomed the Chinese team and acknowledged the significance of the pilot project as well as Chinese support to Zimbabwe in general. He stressed that the Zimbabwe government was fully behind the partnership since Zimbabwe is having a look east policy. The leader of the Chinese delegation, Mr Wang, expressed his excitement at working with Zimbabwe.

The delegation also visited the Health Advisor to the President and Cabinet, Dr Timothy Stamps. The doctor bemoaned the sorry state of affairs in Epworth arguing that serious interventions are needed. These interventions should be economic, religious and socio-political. He also recommended that the partnership should network with other organizations that are operating in the same area too. Some of them are Medicines sans Frontiers (MSF- Holland) and Zimbabwe HIV/AIDS Union. Mr. Wang pointed out that HIV is preventable through education, which is why his team had prioritized the undertaking of the peer educators training pilot project.

More to that, the team made a call on the mayor of the city of Harare, His Worship Muchadeyi Masunda, at his Town House office. The mayor indicated his support for the project by permitting the organizations to access the city council's facilities. In addition, he emphasized the importance of networking with other organizations. He also called for tangible results from the Chinese team as well as exchange programs in education and culture. Lastly he praised the Chinese people as a whole for being disciplined and pragmatic.

THE PILOT PROJECT

CHINA ZIMBABWE HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PILOT PROJECT

GOAL

To create a platform for sharing best cultural practices from both China and Zimbabwe.

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness on HIV/aids prevention to Epworth communities
- To launch the China-Zimbabwe HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership
- To equip peer education participants with facilitation skills
- To provide in-depth knowledge on HIV/AIDS issues

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THE OPENING CEREMONY: 10 December

The two Zimbabwean organizations arrived at Epworth Local Board offices at around eight o'clock in the morning. Soon afterwards they started to distribute the T-shirts, caps and other IEC material to members of the public. At nine o'clock the march commenced, heading towards Kubatana Primary school, the venue for the opening ceremony. The procession comprised children, men, women, child mothers, drum majorettes, the Salvation Army band, the Zimbabwe Republic Police details who were providing security and members of staff from NHF and HVA. Upon arrival at the venue two national anthems were sung, the Chinese and the Zimbabwean ones. The Guest of Honour was already there and after formal introductions he delivered his prepared speech. Mr. Wang also delivered his prepared speech. Afterwards some edutainment activities were performed. They are poetry, traditional dances, drum majorettes display and question and answer session. Refreshments were given out to the audience when the ceremony was closed at 1300hrs. The two organization staff members and the peer education candidates then travelled to Hunyani Hills Hotel for the training workshop. (Please find the attached programme: **Annexure IV**)

THE TRAINING WORKSHOP: 10-11 December

On day one the session began around 1730hrs. This was because soon after arrival the team had a delayed lunch and allocation of the booked rooms. Several facilitators presented their topics and the session ended at 2100hrs. Afterwards everyone had their supper. The two hosting organizations then worked on the evaluation of the day's activities. Day two started around 0830hrs and was characterized by presentations by the Chinese team. It ended around 1700hrs paving the way for a cocktail dinner that started at 2000hrs and ended at exactly 0000hrs. The members of staff of the two organizations and the peer educators checked out of the hotel on the morning of Saturday 12 December 2009.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY: 12 December

The two organizations' members of staff and the peer educators arrived at the venue at 0900hrs. The Chinese delegation arrived at 1000hrs and the business of the day began. After the appreciation and way forward speeches were delivered by Mr Wang and Bishop Elfas Shangwa, the peer educators were given their certificates. The session ended at 1100hrs and some refreshments were offered to the gathering. The Chinese team and the NHF staff then toured two projects that NHF is involved in. They are the Kuwirirana Day Care Centre and the Green Valley farm mushroom project. After that the visits ended with each team going its own way.

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CHALLENGES

Although the pilot project was successful, its smooth flow was affected by a number of problems.

1. **Limited Time:** Initially the project had been planned to take four working days. However, when they were reduced to three it resulted in the squeezing of programs. Some presentations were hurried up. For instance, during the opening ceremony the dramas were excluded as there was no time. Due to that change, the first day's training activities were conducted during the evening such that the HIV/AIDS Conceptual Analysis and HIV & Culture topics were denied adequate coverage.
2. **Electricity cuts:** Power supply outages at the hotel also resulted in unnecessary breaks during the training. The hotel's backup i.e. the generator produced inadequate electrical energy for the power-point presentations to run smoothly.
3. **Limited financial resources:**
 - When the two hosting organizations were preparing for the events they consulted various service providers for quotations. This was done in order to identify who had the least expensive charges because the proposed budget had not been approved. As a result some of the services were sub-standard. For instance the P.A. system providers were invited at the last minute and their equipment had serious hiccups at the crucial moment when the speeches were being delivered by the important guests.
 - Inadequate refreshments also caused a near chaos scenario when the gathering stampeded until the security details enforced order. At the end some of the people who had gathered failed to access the food and ended up grumbling.
 - We expected a gathering of about two thousand people for the opening ceremony. The effective march attracted more than three thousand people. So the t-shirts and caps were inadequate for the majority of the crowd to access them.
 - The limited resources affected transport arrangements negatively. A lot of bargaining for the lowest fares contributed in delaying the peer educators in reaching the training place and the venue for the closing ceremony.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adequate time of about six days for a training session is required in the future. This will enable all planned activities to be covered to their logical conclusions.
- The organization wishes for a generator for back up in the case of electricity cut emergency.
- Sources of financial support need to be considered well before a project gets into motion. This will necessitate accurate budgeting.

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