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TB AWARENESS

Bulawayo based health care activist and laboratory technician, Mrs. Regina Bhebhe, takes an active interest in the treatment and cure of Tuberculosis (TB).

“There is generally no information on TB as a disease,” she says, “Even on its transmission and prevention, such that TB2 is termed, by many, as HIV”. Her view is that the public knows little because available data has scant information. Early diagnosis is therefore impossible because victims, in most cases, cannot identify the symptoms.

For this reason, Regina has implemented the Community Based Early TB Diagnosis, Initiative and Consultancy (CBETBDIC). She says, “The aim is to continue advocacy among health care providers, politicians and within the community, for all of them to be committed in stopping the disease. This idea to form CBETBDIC has been on my mind since 2006, but I was committed with finishing the TB project at the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory under the Ministry of Health”.

In April this year, Regina showcased the CBETBDIC at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) in an effort to publicize TB issues. “The ZITF exposure was meant to promote awareness in the organization. We exhibited so that people could liaise with us on the issues of transmission and prevention”, said Regina. Communication and drug availability are key, as well as mobilizing health care providers within the communities.

This dedicated and passionate woman believes community awareness, from grass roots upwards, is imperative in the strategic formulation of ‘policy’ and the strengthening of the health care system.

We applaud her efforts and perseverance in achieving the vision of a healthier and better informed Zimbabwe!

COMMUNITY WATCH



ZDDT's National Development Officer, Simon Spooner, held an introductory meeting with Councillor Israel Mabaleka and his Community Action Team (CAT), on the 16th of July 2009.

Various topics were discussed such as 'Community Mapping', which provides the local people the opportunity to review the human and material resources available to the CAT in rebuilding their community. It also highlights the deficiencies, particularly the crisis groups within the population. 'Information Packs' were next on the agenda, and these are distributed during training. They consist of a 'Project Assessment Sheet', 'Post Project Review', 'Farming Techniques', 'Functions of a Councillor', 'Work Team Performance Scoring' and a Google earth map of the ward. The idea is to assist the CAT in establishing which projects are most crucial and cost effective in the initial phase. With this structure in place ZDDT is able to support the Councillor and his CAT with guidance and material and information support.

Once communities are seen to be actively 'restoring' their environment, it sends a positive message to those that wish to support the 'self-help' initiatives.

The meeting concluded on a celebratory note!

Shandira / Sebenzela Zimbabwe



Spooner addresses *Sebenzela* iLuvave members at the meeting



The new ZDDT & Sebenzela banners

Makokoba (Ward 7) Councillor, Mr. James Sithole, and his *Sebenzela iMakokoba* Action Team organized and participated in a recent clean up.

This time activity centered on Mukambo market, where crowds gather on a daily basis to trade. No rubbish bins or litter bags are currently available to the community, hence Mukambo market has become the central 'litter' depository for the inhabitants of ward 7.

The rubbish heap that literally covers the street, from one end to the other, consists of various types of waste from old tyres, broken kitchen utensils, paper and iron fragments, rubble and general household trash. The enormous task ahead did not deter this highly motivated Councillor and his CAT. Joining the swelling ranks, the community eagerly assisted in restoring the busy market to the standard of days gone by. The entire 'cleanup' took the CAT and volunteers 3 days. From an invisible market street, covered in debris, to a spotless bazaar of which the community could once again be proud!

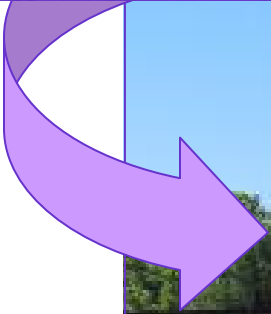
ZDDT provided tools, which has greatly enhanced the CAT' capacity. Sustainability is the key and it is essential that through the principle of ownership, the local people will continue to maintain a clean environment. Lack of resources has recently crippled the Bulawayo City Council and they have been unable to maintain the usual refuse removal system as well as the supply of bins. Through the facilitation of further funding, ZDDT aims to assist the City Council in rebuilding their capacity to once again providing a high standard of service delivery.

On a positive note, Councillor Sithole said, "Kumele sizigqaje ngokusebenzela iMakokoba yethu (we must be proud to work for our Makokoba)"! We agree wholeheartedly!



Hard at work!

Before &...



After

Social Institution Profile

The Trust has set out to profile a community institution each month...

Ethandweni White Water Sai Children's Home is a community-based orphan programme in Zimbabwe's Matobo District, 65 kilometers south of Bulawayo. It was built in 1997 by a Danish couple Bent and Birth Kristensen who, at the time, were working for the Quaker Foundation.

The home currently caters for thirty four children, between three and eighteen years of age, who have either been abandoned or are orphaned through HIV and other illnesses. Four of the nine staff members are 'mothers' who care for the smaller children.

The home relies mainly on funding and food donations from organizations and NGO's all over the world including World Vision and the German and Danish Governments. However, Mr. Lucien Oosthuizen, the current custodian, emphasized that, in his experience, unless potential donors physically visit the home and meet the children, it is difficult to attract the goodwill of others. There has been support from the Bulawayo community such as the Sri Sathya Baba Centre and local businessmen. Bellevue Spar recently donated groceries, chips and biscuits which proved a delight to the young inhabitants of the home!

In addition, Ethandweni currently feeds several needy families in the local community thanks to the benevolence of some NGOs. An instant pre-cooked food supplement called 'e'pap 'smart food', which is formulated with added vitamins, has proved popular. Should more supplies be forthcoming, Lucien confirmed the home would be able to extend their feeding programme further afield. However, Ethandweni believes in "a hand up, not a handout" philosophy and this is emphasized through their various self-help programmes. Volunteers, from within the community, assist to maintain the vegetable garden and are given produce in 'payment' for their labour. The balance is sold to raise money for the home. Another extension of this principle is the workshop equipment donated by well wishers eight years ago. The youth are instructed in various mechanical techniques and procedures, from welding to making garden forks from scrap metal, repairing scotch carts, axles, wheelbarrows and other equipment belonging to the community. The money raised goes to supporting the running costs of the orphanage and, in addition, each pupil earns about US\$60 per month for their efforts. This is a great achievement and a powerful motivator! The ideals of self dependency, discipline and enterprise are instilled in the children and, through them, put into practice in the community.

Ethandweni also offers a pre-school which does provide education for an additional 70 children from the area. "They are raised in a caring, holistic, homely, spiritually based environment", said Lucien. "This aims at bringing out their fullest potential", he went on to say. Outside the classroom, staff members and children take turns on a weekly basis to discuss the five ideals on which the home was built—love, non-violence, proper conduct, peace and truth.

Ethandweni urgently requires stationery such as stencils, jigsaw puzzles, crayons, colouring and writing books and, just as importantly, educational and story books. Clothes and foot wear are in short supply.

Beyond the immediate human need, there is a great necessity to improve their current water supply for both irrigation and consumption.

Ethandweni blends in with the beautiful landscape and the architectural layout has won International Awards for design and artistic paint work gives it a distinctly African appearance! A true home environment for those in need!

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Faces of Ethandweni...



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