

RESTLESS

DEVELOPMENT

THE YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Vision

That young people's energy and talents are valued and harnessed so that they take a lead role in the development process.

Mission

To place young people at the forefront of development

Our Global Strategic Goal

Our goal is: Empowered young people taking a leading role in the development of themselves, their communities and their country with the support of government and other stakeholders

NATIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

- Strategic Objective 1: Young people will have improved life skills and livelihoods.
- Strategic Objective 2: Young people will make informed decisions about their sexual reproductive health (SRH).
- Strategic Objective 3: Young people will participate in decision making processes in Zimbabwe.

PROGRAMME TITLE

**Strengthening HIV prevention and mitigation efforts
among young people in Zimbabwe**

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To enable young people in Zimbabwe to make informed and responsible choices about their Sexual and Reproductive Health to reduce HIV transmission as well as the effects of HIV and AIDS.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- **21 Livelihoods enterprises were piloted** for People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) and properly established to improve income and nutrition of family members.
- 15 chicken and goat pass on projects set up. (with 121 and 284 beneficiaries, respectively)
- **14 in-school based projects** were established, benefiting 664 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC 312 males 352 females)
- **2 regional conferences** creating a platform for over 100 advocates for action to raise key advocacy issues with the Ministry of Health, National Aids Council and Department of Social Services officials



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- **Hosted 3 regional conferences** with 496 participants sharing good practise and learnings on PLWHA and OVC livelihoods.
- **Hosted 2 National Livelihoods Conferences** in 2014 and 2015, attended by 530 representing 200 organisations
- **20 PLWHA and OVC-focused CBOs** trained in organisational development



RESULTS

- Increased school attendance
- Improved nutrition
- 21% to 14% decrease on stigma and discrimination representing 7% decrease
- Improved participation in civic activities recording an increase of 2% from 3% at baseline.

WHAT WORKED

- Stakeholder involvement at all levels
- Integrating activities into the school system – stigma from other students – ownership from school
- Working through existing membership organisations or youth groups that target ALHIV



WHAT REMAINS A CHALLENGE

- ALHIV not comfortable coming out and declaring their status
- Lack of access to information for ALHIV that are deaf and therefore no access to resources to support those living with HIV
- Parents lack of understanding of the disease lead to LHIV isolation
- Changing community perception of a ALHIV still remains a challenge
- Livelihoods for parents with ALHIV remains a challenge
- Access to medication due to long distances
- Lack of adequate resources from the government to support ALHIV

