



*Creating an Inclusive Society*

# Country Programme Report

## Zambia

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## **1. Introduction**

The report summarizes the program visit to Zambia from 30<sup>th</sup> September 30 to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

The purpose of the visit were as follows:

- Follow up on outstanding program issues
- Seek program support in HIV, SRH and Disability Issues
- Exploring electronic media support in SRH for persons with disabilities

The organizations planned for follow up meetings were Society for Family Health (SFH), Zambia National Association of the Deaf (ZNAD). The organizations targeted for lobby for program support were American Embassy, and the Finnish and Swedish Embassies.

The activities below summarizes visit meetings outcomes and follow ups.

## **2. Activities**

### **2.1 Society for Family Health (SFH) and ZNAD Visit**

- Follow up with setting up of the mobile VCT at Zambia National Association of the Deaf (ZNAD) premises as outreach to the deaf community and open to all members of the public
- Follow up with conducting SRH (Family Planning) for persons with Disabilities in Zambia
- Follow up on customized Sign Language training of SFH outreach workers

#### **2.1.1 Outcome of the SFH/ZNAD Meetings**

- Two outreach workers (Nurses; Counselling and Family Planning services) have started Sign Language lessons
- Outreach in VCT and Family planning among persons with disabilities will commence as soon as the two nurses grasp some basic sign language to be assisted with ZNAD
- ZNAD will share with DHAT the data collected from Kanyama clinic on Cervical Cancer screening of deaf women (ZNAD facilities for screening deaf

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women in cervical cancer). A data collection tool was designed by DHAT and ZNAD

## **2.2 Finnish and Swedish Embassies Meetings**

- Telephone and email and telephone conversation with Audrey Mwendapole programs person at the Finnish Embassy in Lusaka.
- Meeting with Leena Akatama responsible for HIV and Disability at Finnish Embassy

### **2.2.1 Outcome of the Finnish/Swedish Meetings**

- Finnish embassy explained that they support the Zambia Federation of Disability Organizations (ZAFOD) in capacity strengthening of DPOs, Governance and HIV and AIDS programs
- We to Leena Akatama (Programs Officer, HIV/AIDS and Disability explained that DHAT and ZAFOD have different objectives in that DHAT directs its efforts in addressing policies, legislation, practices, programming in HIV and AIDS interventions and conducts studies to support advocacy efforts.
- Also explained that DHAT works directly with service providers and gave example of SFH, health service workers and the media in supporting advocacy efforts.
- Made a passionate appeal that DHAT should be supported based on the rationale given above and was advised to keep on checking in case a call for proposals arises that DHAT can also participate by submission

## **2.3 Zambia Governance Foundation (ZGF) Meetings**

- Exploring on programs and support that ZGF offers to civil society
- Meeting with Leah Mitaba, the communications specialist at ZGF
- The ZGF offers capacity development and funding in support of civil society development in Zambia.
- Explained to ZGF about DHAT and that we request program support from ZGF in advocacy for various issues affecting persons with disabilities especially on HIV and AIDS.

### **2.2.1 Outcome of the ZGF Meetings**

- There are funding options that DHAT can apply for at ZGF e.g. *the joint policy action support* and the *Rapid response support grant* focusing civil

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society responses to urgent and emerging policy issues. and on policy engagement efforts on issues of common interest

- Was advised that in order to receive support, registration certificate, local board and meeting records must be in place and bank statements
- DHAT complete a form that was provided on joint policy action support

## **2.4 Prime Television Station (Lusaka)**

- Exploring ways of engaging media to raise awareness on issues of disability and sexual and reproductive health
- Television and radio transmission of programmes require finances for broadcast
- Prime Television provided breakdown of costs required for live and recorded broadcast of programs

### **2.4.1 Action Taken**

- Prepared proposal for electronic media awareness campaigns and sent to Finnish Embassy
- Inquired at ZPI for possible assistance to mobilize resources for TV and Radio broadcast.

## **3.0 Follow up Assignments**

- Will follow up on progress to commence mobile VCT and family planning programming
- Will follow up on collection of cervical cancer screening for deaf persons in Lusaka
- Will follow on ZGF grants by submitting proposal