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Binga and Hwange

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1. Introduction

DHAT has been carrying out activities on disability and HIV and AIDS with persons with disabilities in Hwange and Binga. The two areas have not had any HIV and AIDS activities carried out targeting persons with disabilities.

Exclusion of persons with disabilities from principal HIV and AIDS programmes and practices is a result of stigma about disability and that persons with disabilities are asexual. To secure the active participation of persons with disabilities, it is imperative that all aspects of programming and practices are inclusive. On the other hand, the lack of knowledge about disability and its relationship with HIV and AIDS is rife among service providers.

In order to initiate Disability and HIV and AIDS programming in Hwange and Binga, a Disability and HIV and AIDS awareness workshop was conducted in August 2013 in Hwange. Later a Needs assessment for persons with disabilities was conducted in Hwange and included Binga representative in November 2013. Subsequent, feedback and monitoring meetings were conducted.

A monitoring visit was carried out by DHAT and Progressio on 11th – 12th June 2013 in Binga and Hwange to assess progress that has been made on the target groups in the two areas.

2. Purpose of the Monitoring Visit

The purpose of the visit was to assess progress on the activities conducted for the Hwange and Binga target groups.

3. Method used in monitoring

The methodology used was interviews for both Binga and Hwange participants. However, direct observations were also used in progressed made for the fowl run in Hwange

4. Data Collected – Binga

(Focal Person: Linda Mudimba, Basilwizi Trust, Binga)

(a) Number of beneficiaries (and gender proportions) in the project

Four (4) males and Four (4) females attended monitoring visit. The four males are visually impaired, three (3) females were visually impaired and one (1) female with physical disability. (There are seven (7) participants that have attended the two previous meetings of the programme)

(b) What is being monitored/ what service was rendered?

- (i) *Level of understanding by participants of Disability and HIV and AIDS activities that DHAT implemented in Binga*
- (ii) *What participants have done in their communities after acquiring information and knowledge on disability and HIV and AIDS*

- (c) Documents examined related to projects (project expenditure and income, registers)

No funds were sent to Binga for projects or programming, therefore no documents were examined.

- (d) What is the participants' level of knowledge of the programme that DHAT is undertaking with the community? Are participants clear with what the project wants to achieve?

Increased participants' level of awareness about disability issues such as rights of persons with disabilities, anti discrimination and the vulnerability of persons with disabilities to HIV infection and myths about HIV infection, care and support systems such as ART.

Yes, participants are clear with what the project wants to achieve. For example participants disseminated information after needs assessment and have started mobilizing themselves and taking positions to ensure that persons with disabilities are recognized in their communities (check (e))

- (e) Are participants' objective in interpreting and applying the knowledge acquired? What have participants learnt from the programme so far?

To an extent, participants' are objective in interpreting and applying the knowledge acquire; for example, some participants have started mobilizing other pwds to form disability committees in their communities. Community councillors have been consulted and informed about disability issues and pwds are included in issues that affect their communities e.g. water resources and borehole management.

- (f) Project performance (No. of functional equipment, No. of products produced, amount of money generated per month etc)

*Participants are contributing to meeting objectives of the project. **Objective 1:** To improve the awareness on HIV and AIDS among visually and hearing impaired persons in the targeted areas by the end of the project.*

5. Data Collected – Hwange

(Focal Person: Petros Ndlovu, Hwange Urban Arts Association)

(a) Number of beneficiaries (and gender proportions) in the project

Fifteen (15) Females and thirteen (13) Males

(b) What is being monitored? / what service was rendered?

Progress of the income generating project and assess the impact of the activities of DHAT in Hwange

(c) Documents examined related to projects (project expenditure and income, registers

- *Project cost - \$2000.00 (income generating project)*
- *Materials register*
- *Chicks register*
- *Expenditure and income register*

(d) What is the participants' level of knowledge of the programme that DHAT is undertaking with the community? Are participants clear with what the project wants to achieve?

Level of knowledge has increased. We need to equip visual and hearing impaired with HIV and AIDS information. Participants conducted meeting with local councillor on disability regarding services and disability rights

(e) Are participants' objective in interpreting and applying the knowledge acquired? What have participants learnt from the programme so far?

Some participants (number??) now understand about HIV and AIDS, TB, ARTs and some are now peer educators(number?? visit their friends and educating them on HIV and disability issues.

(f) Project performance (No. of functional equipment, No. of products produced, amount of money generated per month etc)

- *Poultry project equipment: 9 poles, 4 planks, 30 metres chicken fence, cement, 10 chicken feeders.10 metres cable, 3 water buckets, 8 bulbs. The project is expecting 250 chicks on 18th June and 20 starter mash and finisher and ESB Stress pack chemicals*
- *Currently pwds are relatively acknowledged and attitudes are changing in local community. This is a result of the first workshop and subsequent meetings on disability*

6. Summary of findings/Observations – Binga

(a) Is the project being implemented according to agreed plans/expectations?
Yes/No Why

*Yes, this far participant are relatively responding to the demands of the project
The information acquired by participants in Binga enabled them to form
grassroots village committees on disability and HIV and AIDS.*

(b) Are their any challenges in the manner in which the project is implemented?

*Yes, no so far there has been no follow up activities to strengthen what the
participants have been able to do.*

(c) What measures are required to address challenges?

Need to mobilize resources to initiate follow up activities

7. Summary of findings/Observations – Hwange

(a) Is the project being implemented according to agreed plans/expectations?
Yes/No Why

*Yes as per agreed plan and objectives of supporting pwds in HIV and AIDS
psychosocial support through income generating activities. The coordination of
the Disability and HIV and AIDS programme by Hwange Urban Arts Association
has been effective in the facilitation of programme implementation*

(b) Are their any challenges in the manner in which the project is implemented?

*Yes, no so far there has been no follow up activities to strengthen what the
participants have been able to do. However DHAT has started supporting pwds
through a livelihood project.*

*Potentially may experience electricity supply some times, and water shortages
when project takes off.*

(c) What measures are required to address challenges?

*Payment of rentals on times and engage Hwange Colliery Estates Department
every month.*

*Technical support in their livelihood project and need to mobilize resources to
initiate follow up activities*

8. Recommendations

- ❖ Hwange and Binga Groups require support to strengthen their skills and livelihood activities. There is an opportunity for the benefactors.
- ❖ Training in Business skills (poultry music, community/human relations, proposal writing and Monitoring and Evaluation, organizational structures (for the Hwange DPO and Village Committee for Binga visually impaired persons)
- ❖ Need to intensify advocacy for disability inclusive HIV and AIDS interventions at community level in Binga and Hwange
- ❖ Need to raise awareness about disability and HIV and AIDS issues in the communities to include *hospitals, police and chiefs* of Hwange and Binga

9. Next Visit Follow – up Issues

- ❖ Management of funds and skills of running the project
- ❖ Follow up of the use of IEC materials in their groups and community
- ❖ Sharing and learning on Disability and HIV and AIDS among participants in communities

10. Appendices

10.1 List of Participants – Binga

Name	Organization	Gender	Telephone Number	Email Address
Blessing Munkuli	Basilwizi	M	–	–
Lancy Mwembe	Community	F	–	–
Mowa Munkuli	Community	M	–	–
Monica Zulu	Community	F	–	–
Funasi Munkuli	Community	M	–	–
Robert Munkombwe	Community	M	–	–
Rashiwe Munkombwe	Community	F	–	–
Sophia Mugande	Community	F	–	–
Edward Munkombwe	Community	M	–	–
Linda Tumune Mudimba	Basilwizi	F	–	–

10.2 List of Participants - Hwange

Name	Organization	Gender	Telephone Number	Email Address
Robson Sibanda	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
Rosemary Maketo	Hwange Org for Disabled	F	–	–
Evelyn Bebulo	Hwange Org for Disabled	F	–	–
Catherin Nyathi	Hwange Org for Disabled	F	–	–
Moreen Bhebhe	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
Moreblessing Shoko	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
Petros Ndlovu	Hwange Urban Arts Association	MF	–	–
Maria Mwansa	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
Nicolas Ncube	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
Wyne Moyo	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–
David Dube	Hwange Org for Disabled	M	–	–

