

Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano - Book Awareness Report

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Organization Name: Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIO)
Venue of Activity (s): Zingwangwa Primary School

DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8”
Name and Contact Details of Executive Director: Tony Khanyepa

CONTENT OF THE WORKSHOP

Activity:

On 19th February 2016, Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIO), a Blantyre based youth organization, in partnership with Strategies for Hope Trust with funding from MISEREOR conducted an awareness session of **Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro No.8 “Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** at Zingwangwa Primary School in Blantyre. The awareness session was attended by 30 people. Among the participants were young people, youth leaders and a teacher drawn from different communities surrounding Zingwangwa Township. The selection of participants was conducted with the support from Centre for Youth Development, Friends of Nature, Heaven Stars Women’s Football Club and Mwazona Youth Club.

“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano” is a Chichewa version of **Called to Care Handbook No. 8- “My Life – Starting Now”** which was designed to help in and out of school youth regardless of their gender, race or ethnic grouping by offering them an enjoyable way to learn about improving their self-esteem, building good relationships, making smart decisions, living a healthy lifestyle and resisting peer pressure. Additional attention is given to good communication skills, equal rights of girls and boys, avoiding bad habits such as substance abuse and sexual behaviors that leads to HIV infection. **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** is user-friendly designed for use with churches, youth groups and communities at different levels of awareness and experience in relation to life planning and development of skills as well as knowledge of HIV/ AIDS prevention and care.

Objectives of the Book Awareness:

- To distribute **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano** handbook.
- To raise public awareness of the **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** handbook.
- To inform stakeholders about the Translation and dissemination of Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro Handbook No.8 project.
- To orient stakeholders on how to use the book

Activities during the Book Awareness Session:

- Focus group discussions
- Games
- Songs
- Motivation talks
- Demonstration on how the book can be used

Topics Covered

- I have values
- HIV/Aids Prevention and Care
- Decision making

Book Awareness Outputs:

- 30 participants attended the book awareness session
- 20 **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** handbooks distributed

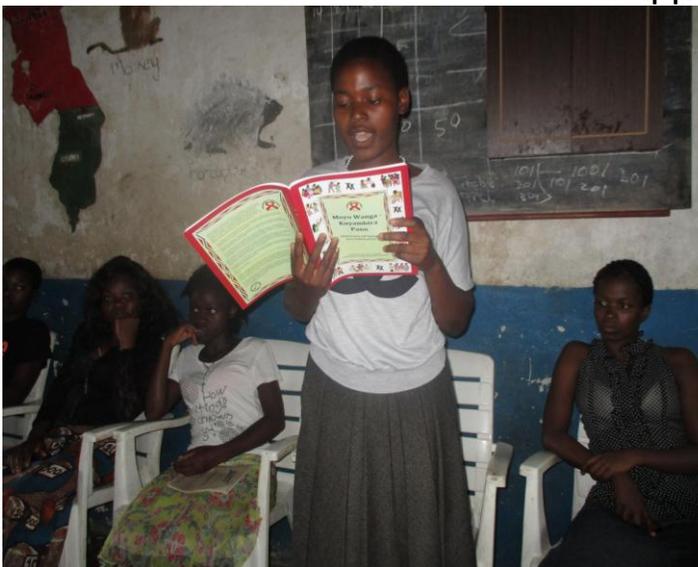
Reporting in Pictures:



Group discussions



Group presentations



A participant reading a section in the book



A participant reading a verse from the Bible



Mr Onex Chikalipo giving a talk on decision making



A primary school teacher expressing her views on the book



Group photograph

Comments/ recommendations

Mrs Kafotokoza- (Teacher) “As teachers at a primary school, most of the learners are children coming from different family set up. Many of the learners lack parental guidance on different social issues, so as teachers we also face challenges dealing with these young children. The use of bible verses and games are a plus to us because these things will motivate the learners to understand the issues easily and use the information acquired. Most teachers are not open with the children or they do not have enough skills to teach the children. Today I am glad because I have learnt some strategies which we will start using when teaching the children. It would have been important too if the parents or guardians have also accessed these books because parents have a greater role to play in raising the children. Parents are regarded as role models to the children so they need to have information and knowledge on parenting and other skills. The issues of HIV/Aids, sexual reproductive health, decision making, values, planning for the future, peer pressure are things children are supposed to learn from their parents, but in our communities most parents are not exercising their parenting roles effectively leading to a lot of children and youths engaging in bad behaviors. I propose that you should give us at least 10 books which we can put in our library for our learners and school clubs like the Anti- Aids clubs, Boy Scout and Girl Guide to access and use the information. You should continue coming to interact with these children from the school clubs we have to share information with them on different things concerning their lives”.

Augustine Lari (Zingwangwa Youth Network) - “The meeting today was just good. I was especially interested on how the facilitation process was being conducted with bible reading, focus group discussions, games and comments made by participants. I never realized that talking about matters of life could be so exciting, informative and educative. Though Youth Activists Initiative Organization came here for book awareness, they also demonstrated to us on how we can use the book. I think the youth leaders who are here and all the youths coming from different sections of the community have learnt a lot from this event. I hope with the strategies we have learnt today will help us to be able to use the books in our organizations and with the community we are serving. We are lucky that Youth Activists Initiative Organization decided to come to orient and distribute the books to us, it was a welcoming idea but we also need to use the books with others so that the messages get to many. As you all know, it is not easy for youth groups to come up with such initiatives, translating a book and sharing it to other social groups, as such we need to commend them for the work they are doing. These books will be of great importance to us the youths, teachers, caregivers and all the people dealing with young people in the communities. At our organization, we will start using the book as soon as possible and one of these days we will invite Youth Activists Initiative Organization to come and see how we are using the book”.

Onex Chikalipo- (Catholic Health Commission) “Today we have learnt a lot of things, in the focus group discussions we talked about a lot of things let it be HIV/Aids, peer pressure, values and decision making. All the issues discussed today are in the books you have received called *Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano*. The messages in the books

are very important to you for the rest of your life. Study the book and use the message, if you use the message you will become a responsible youth and people will be looking at you as a role model in your community. The information in the book will help you achieve your personal goals. The information will help you know on how to deal with peer pressure, how to prevent yourself from HIV/Aids, how to make good decisions, how to protect yourself from drugs and alcohol and how you can prepare for your future. I can see a lot of you are young and you have the whole world ahead of you, this is the time to make good choices and see what the future holds for you. Yes, you have parents or guardians who you look up to but you also have a role to listen to them, engage in productive arguments and together do things that can promote the well being of yourself and your families. *Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano* handbook will help you achieve your life ambitions. The book has also come in a language you can easily read and understand so it is your chance to utilize the opportunity you have. You can study the book on your own, with your friends but you can also discuss it with your parents and guardians. As you know it is always difficult to convince parents or guardians on different issues more especially if they have been raised by the youths, but if you show them the book and share the information with them they will be able to understand and get convinced on the relevance and importance of the messages. At my work place, I work with the youth and I love working with them and I know challenges they face and most solutions to the challenges they face are in this book called *Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano*. Therefore, this is very a important book to the youths, and with the use of games, case studies and verses it will help you grow mentally, spiritually and physically. It has been a pleasure interacting with you today and I wish you all the best. God bless you”.

List of Participants:

No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
1	Onex Chikalipo	Catholic Health Commission	Limbe
2	Mrs F. Kafotokoza	Teacher- Zingwangwa Primary School	Zingwangwa
3	Augustine Lari	Zingwangwa Youth Network	Zingwangwa
4	Stanslaus Mbemba	Friends of Nature	Chimwankhunda
5	Chiku Ngunda	Centre for Youth Development	Kanjedza
6	Tisunge Nakhuluma	Heavens Stars	Chinyonga
7	Patrick Erick	Mwazona Youth Club	Chimwankhunda
8	Neema Undulu	Friends of Nature	Chilobwe
9	Ruth Kausi	Friends of Nature	Mkolokosa
10	Mphatso Matete	Friends of Nature	Naperi
11	Treazer Divala	Mwazona Youth Club	Soche
12	Natalia Jere	Girl Guide- Zingwangwa Primary School	Zingwangwa
13	Patricia Tasiano	Mwazona Youth Club	Chatha
14	Kingfrey Mapulanga	Mwazona Youth Club	Nacholi
15	Chimwemwe Chitsulo	Boy Scout- Zingwangwa Primary School	Zingwangwa
16	Brandina Kalambala	Friends of Nature	Naotcha
17	Christina January	Friends of Nature	Soche East
18	Deborah Saiti	Heaven Stars	Zingwangwa
19	Linda Namuku	Heaven Stars	Nancholi
20	Slyvia Katanje	Heaven Stars	Sunny Side
21	Cecillia Nkunda	Heaven Stars	Njamba
22	Rachel Sikenala	Heaven Stars	Soche East
23	Glory Kaunda	Heaven Stars	Tikumbe
24	Mercy Mzumara	Heaven Stars	Green Corner
25	Maureen Bob	Centre for Youth Development	Mandala
26	Thandie Dickson	Centre for Youth Development	Ndirande
27	Taona Gonani	Centre for Youth Development	Ndirande
28	Tony Tepani	Centre for Youth Development	Manase
29	Tiwonge Msusa	Centre for Youth Development	Njamba
30	Tania Kambalame	Centre for Youth Development	Ntonda
31	Sanudi Malinda	Caregiver	Zingwangwa
32	Maureen Chitsime	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Namiwawa

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