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Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano – Book Awareness Report

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Organization Name: Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIO)
Venue of Activity (s): Blantyre City Council- Main Committee Room

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 4th 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 book awareness session of **Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro No.8 “Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** at Blantyre City Council- Main Committee Room in Blantyre. The book awareness was attended by representatives of different Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs). The selection of participants for the book awareness

session was done with support of the Blantyre City HIV/Aids Coordinating office.

“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano” is 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. **Called to Care Handbook No. 8- “My Life – Starting Now”** 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 raise public awareness of the Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro No.8 **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano.**
- To inform stakeholders about the Translation and dissemination of Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro Handbook No.8 project.
- To distribute the handbook

Activities during the book awareness:

- Book presentation
- Speeches and comments

Book Awareness Outputs:

- 33 participants attended the book awareness
- 40 **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** handbooks distributed

Reporting in Pictures:



Tony Khanyepa (left) and Carol Kassam (Right) making their remarks



A cross-section of participants

Onex Chikalipo speaking



Group photograph

Comments/Remarks

Sheik Kawinga- (Muslim Association of Malawi) “This seems to be a very important book for us religious leaders. As religious leaders we need to avoid jealousy when disseminating the contents of this book, the trend of jealousy is only contributing to the retarded flow, adaptation and effective usage of important messages and information which would contribute to the tangible national development. The information in the book will help a lot of our children to grow into becoming responsible citizens if we are to deliver and share the information in this book to them. I will share the messages in this book to my fellow leaders at our institution so that they should be able to use these books in different meetings and forums.”

Onex Chikalipo - (Catholic Health Commission) “As you can see that the book targets the youth and leaders of different social groups, there is need for all of us as leaders of Community Based Organizations and Faith Based Organizations to be on the forefront in disseminating the contents of the book. Catholic Health Commission is also leading the way in the dissemination of this book. We have already collected books which we will be using in Neno and Mwanza districts. Therefore, I commend all of you here to be patriotic, hardworking and promote integrity which

are the best catalysts of maintainable and sustainable development socially, economically, politically, academically and spiritually. I am sure if we are to use the books accordingly then we are going to have a productive society.”

Closing Remarks:

Carol Kassam- (City Aids Coordinator) “I would like to thank you all for coming to attend this important event after getting an invitation. Youth Activists Initiative Organization presented to you an HIV/Aids book they translated which is targeting the youth but can be used by the youths themselves, community based organizations, churches and all people interested in youth and children affairs. Community Based Organizations and Faith Based Organizations represented here today and those not represented have a great role to play in disseminating the information in this book. The book will benefit you as an individual and those you work with and work for in your catchment areas. As you might be aware that the government does not have a lot of resources for HIV/Aids programs, as such we rely much on other organizations like you in addressing most challenges people are facing in relation to HIV/Aids. Most of you too do not have funding for your projects but it does not mean you cannot do anything to support your communities. I think from the books given today you can start using them, having different sessions and empowering the youths with the contents of the books. This book is easy to use, you can read or study and follow the instructions given and become able to deliver the messages. You can also link up with Youth Activists Initiative Organization anytime and they can help you with facilitation. I would also like to congratulate Youth Activists Initiative Organization for deciding to translate this HIV/Aids Handbook. They have done a good job and we need to support their work. By allowing them to have their activity here for free it means we recognize and appreciate the work they are doing. The City council will support this project till its very end and lets all join hands in supporting this innovative project. If a lot of stakeholders are involved in the dissemination of the information in this book then we are going to have reduced cases of HIV and Aids in the City and entire nation at the same time having a productive young generation.”

List of Participants:

No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
1	Fatima Mauluka	Genesis Manja Othandiza	Chilobwe
2	Mary Banda	Kachere Chemusa CBO	Mbayani
3	Pastor Ruth Namadzi	Olowe FBO	Machinjiri
4	Rev. Father Msiska	Badilika Foundation	Llmba
5	Henry Bamusi	Bangwe HIV/Aids Support Initiative	Bangwe
6	Ellen Napala	Students Christian Organization of Malawi (SCOM)	Chichiri
7	Pastor Chimwemwe Mtuwa	Rejoice Christian Ministries	Chichiri
8	Sady Nkwate	Chikondi Cholinga	Ndirande
9	Jamula Lire	City Interfaith Aids Committee	Chichiri
10	Peterson Kamanga	Seventh Day Adventist Church Secretariat	Sunnyside
11	Fred Nkunga	Gawanani CBO	Ndirande
12	Godknows Maseko	Step Kids Awareness (STEKA)	Nyambadwe
13	Maureen Chitsime	Volunteer - YAIO	Namiwawa
14	Kazembe Manjolo	Caring for People with disabilities (CAPDI)	Bangwe
15	Pastor Kingsly Ntwana	Chairperson-City Interfaith Aids Committee	Soche
16	Elicy Katsabola	Social welfare officer	Soche Hill
17	Ethel Inadi	FRENASO	Ndirande
18	Fostino Chanunkha	Noah's Ark Orphan Care Centre	Zingwangwa
19	Christina Hamuza	Holistic Care	Chilobwe
20	Veronica Sembereka	Catholic Women Organization	Catholic Institute
21	Kestings Mlozowa	Chimwemwe CBO	Nancholi
22	Stella Kambalame	Ndirande Church of God	Ndirande
23	Aisha Kaiche	Blanytyre City HIV/Aids Office	Kanjeza
24	Bennie Msuku	St Colamba CCAP Church	Chinyonga
25	Prophet Marcus Chavula	Enru Limited	Chilomoni
26	Alumando Josaya	Manyowe Assemblies of God Church	Manyowe
27	Mary Sungani	Samaritan Trust	Mtonda
28	Onex Chikalipo	Catholic Health Commission	Limbe Cathedral

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29	William Chidule	Tiwasunge CBO	Ndirande
30	Daphine Khanje	Angoni Lonjezo CBO	Ndirande
31	Norah Nasiyaya	Upile CBO	Chimwankhunda
32	Carol Kassam	Blantyre City Aids Coordinator	Chichiri
33	Sheik J. Kawinga	Muslim Association of Malawi	City Centre
34	Lauryne Sembereka	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe
35	Tony Khanyepa	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe