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Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano – Book Awareness Report

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Organization Name: Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAI/O)
Venue of Activity (s): Kadikila Community Based Organization- Chikuli/Chileka

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 24th February 2016, Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAI/O), a Blantyre based youth organization, in partnership with Strategies for Hope Trust with funding from MISEREOR conducted a book awareness session of **Kuyitanidwa Kuchisamaliro No.8 “Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** at Kadikila Community Based Organization- Chikuli/Chileka in Blantyre. The book awareness was attended by 40 representatives from different youth clubs, Community Based Organizations, Primary/Secondary Schools, Community leaders, Media and Faith Based Organizations.

“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
- A talk on HIV/aids
- Comments

Book Awareness Outputs:

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

Reporting in Pictures:



Section of participants



A participant reading a case study in the book



Group Village Head Kadikila speaking



A participant offering a closing prayer



Participants flipping through the pages of the book





Group photo

Comments/Recommendations

Lydia Mathias (Group village Head Kadikila) “I would like to thank Youth Activists Initiative Organization for the decision to conduct the book awareness of “*Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano*” in our area. This book will help community leaders, leaders of community based organizations, youth clubs and schools in the work they do to impart knowledge and skills to our young children. The community organizations we have here in our area have passion to help the community, but they lack materials. The books given here today will help them do their work effectively. I would like to see these books being used by the organizations to help our young people who are going through different challenges because they lack information on different issues. If we are to start teaching the young people in the schools, churches, youth clubs and communities using these books, then we are going to have a changed and

productive young people who will be free from HIV/Aids, substance abuse and negative peer pressure.”

David Grant (Nkokodzi Community Based Organization) “The book “Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano” will help us a lot as community based organizations. I had a chance to attend one of the trainings organized by Youth Activists Initiative Organization last year 2015 in this same room using Called to Care Handbook No: 10. “Parenting - a Journey of Love”. They also talked about this book they have given us today. These books are good and important to us. During the training, we proposed if there is a possibility to translate these books after looking at the importance of the messages in the books and the capacity gaps by those intended to use the books. Today I am happy because one of the books has been translated to our local language and we can easily read, learn and follow instructions when teaching others. Let us make sure that we use these books at our organizations whether at schools, youth clubs, community based organizations, churches and all other forums where the youth gather. The use of Bible verses is a motivation to us because most of us always pay attention to the word of God, meaning that even if we are having our meetings using these books people will listen to us and use the information they get. Lastly I would like to thank Youth Activists Initiative Organization for translating this book and I wish this book will reach out to many young people and organizations in Malawi.”

Ginford Scoach (Teacher - Chikuli Community Day Secondary School) “I have seen that these books have good and relevant information for the young people. Though in schools we do not have a lot of time to teach social issues like the topics in the book given to us today, we will try to create time for the information in this book to be shared to the young learners. We will start using the book next week at our school where our learners are allowed to participate at social clubs once a week. The books will help the teachers too, and they can learn some skills on how to facilitate meetings with the young people. If we all start educating the young people in our community using this book, I think we are going to have an empowered young generation free from immoral behaviors. Thank you for translating this book to our local language because now even those who cannot understand English will be able to use this edition.”

List of Participants:

No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
1	Loveness Joseph	Mtwasweka Community Based Organization	Chikuli
2	Mary Frackson	Kadikila Community Based Organization	Kadikila
3	Alfred Break	Christian Development Centre	Chileka
4	Jennifer Chibowa	Mother Group - Chikuli Primary School	Chikuli
5	Thokozani Chimbalanga	Chasochera Youth Club	Chasochera
6	Regina Maluwa	Makanjira Youth Club	Chileka
7	Mercy Mudava	Kweza Youth Club	Kweza
8	Elicy George	Mabuleni Youth Club	Mabuleni
9	Kondwani Chimtandi	Teacher- Samama Primary School	Samama
10	Maria Donasi	Learner- Samama Primary School	Samama
11	Agnes Mulewa	Learner - Dzunga Primary School	Dzunga
12	Eliza Kutama	Mother Group Leader- Dzunga Primary School	Dzunga
13	David Grant	Nkokodzi Community Based Organization	Nkokodzi
14	Tereza Manjawara	Kadikila Catholic Church	Kadikila
15	Matias Fabiano	Samama Community Based Organization	Samama
16	Montfort Chipande	Teacher- Dzunga Primary School	Dzunga
17	Olipa Moyo	Teacher - Mkomadzi Primary School	Mkomadzi
18	Gloria Mapiri	Zambezi Church	Chileka
19	Ian Banda	Chigumukile Primary School	Chigumukile
20	Ruth Maluwa	MASP	HHI
21	Harry Chibaya	Department of Youth	City Centre
22	Quiteria Moyenda	Tigwirizane Youth Club	Chileka
23	Annes Stima	Kadikila Youth Club	Kadikila
24	Caroline Kanyongolo	Chikuli Youth Club	Chikuli
25	Sylvia Mtsinje	Kamowa Youth Club	Kamowa
26	Watson Kaunde	Chikuli Primary School	Chikuli
27	Phillip Chisanu	Chikoya Youth Club	Chikoya
28	Ginford Scoach	Teacher - Chikuli Community Day Secondary School	Chikuli

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No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
29	Marcus Chisanu	Kadikila Aids Toto Club	Kadikila
30	Humphrey Amon	Village Head Kumbalaza	Chileka
31	Satiel Kachepa	Chikuli Anti- Aids Club	Chikuli
32	Michael Banda	Learner - Chikuli Community Day Secondary School	Chikuli
33	Mathews Mulaka	Chikuli Youth Network	Chikuli
34	Chikondi Kagoma	Village Head Mabuleni	Chileka
35	Irene Mwatseteza	Mkomadzi Adolescent Club	Mkomadzi
36	Robert Kaliwo	Village Head Chinkhandwe	Chinkhandwe
37	Samuel Namate	Village Head Nkhumba	Nkhumba
38	Lydia Mathias	Village Head Kadikila	Kadikila
39	Shazelle Combs	Chileka SDA Church	Chileka
40	Mike Mlongoti	MBC Television	Njamba
41	Lauryne Sembereka	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe
42	Tony Khanyepa	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe