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## **Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano – Book Awareness Report**

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**Project No:** 143-001-1058 KH

**Funded by:** MISEREOR

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 34 representatives from different youth organizations and organizations working towards the social welfare of children and the youth. The selection of

participants for the book awareness session was done with support of the Blantyre City HIV/Aids Coordinating office and the Blantyre District Youth 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:**

- 34 participants attended the launch
- 48 **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** handbooks distributed

**Reporting in Pictures:**



**Carol Kassam (Aids Coordinator) welcoming the participants**



**Tony Khanyepa making a presentation**



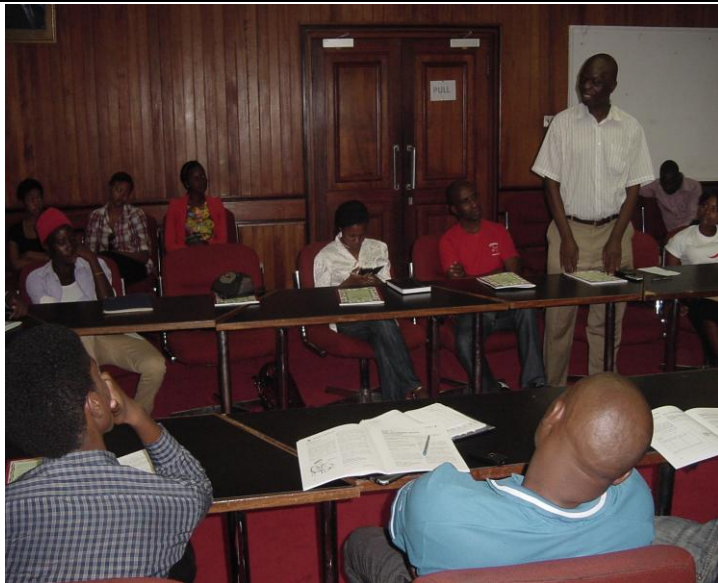
**Participants giving their comments on the book**



**A cross-section of participants**







**Daud Ngwala (Youth Officer) making a closing speech**



**Group photo**

## **Comments/Remarks**

### **Comment by a participant:**

**Solum Mtogolo- (Program manager- Centre for the Development of People)** “I would like to appreciate the approaches, topics and writing style of this book, it also has topics which are none discriminatory. As someone coming from an organization promoting the rights of the minority groups, I see that the book can be used by different sections of the society despite differences in gender, race and social issues. Am also inspired by the use of verses or scriptures in delivering of messages. Most people are eager to listen to the word of God and even in most gatherings we always start with a prayer and close with a prayer showing the passion we have for God. God has always been the centre of everything in our lives so the use of scriptures will help people to listen to the messages and use the knowledge acquired. As one of the leaders at our organization, I will make sure that I organize a meeting with my team to share with them information in the book before we take it down to our beneficiaries. We know it is not easy for youth organizations or groups to come up with such initiatives, so let us encourage and support the project because the benefits will be for all of us.”

### **Closing Remarks:**

**Daudi Ngwala (District Youth Officer)** “This book *Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano* is very important to the youths. I was informed about this book before the translation work started. As the youth officer I encouraged them that this is an important project. I have worked in many districts and I know challenges most youths face, so translating the book “My Life – Starting Now” to Chichewa was a good idea because of the contents in it. The book has different

topics which are all important for the growth and development of the youths. I would also like to thank Strategies for Hope Trust and MISEREOR for the support they give to Youth Activists Initiative Organization. Translating a book is not easy so coming up with this book is a plus to them and us all. I know that most of you here work with the youths on different projects and with the books you have received here today please try to create some time to discuss about the book, organize meetings with your fellow young people and share the information in the book. Nowadays we see a lot of young people engaging in bad behaviors which also put their lives at a health risk, let's organize activities targeting them, empower them with knowledge and skills, tell them know the dangers of early sex, drugs, alcohol, bad decision making and HIV/Aids. This handbook which is now called ***Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano*** can be used as a tool for all youth groups that are here. Tell your friends from other organizations about the book. Lastly I am happy for this project Youth Activists Initiative Organization is implementing in Blantyre, but am also happy to learn that the Catholic Health Commission have collected books for use outside Blantyre meaning the project is scaling up to other districts. Let's join hands in disseminating the information in the book. We collected some books so you can also get the books at the youth office. We at the youth office will make sure that the books should reach to as many young people as possible. I wish you all the best.”

**List of Participants:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Adonis Chipapi	Umodzi Youth Organization	Chemusa
2	Peter Dias	Umunthu Foundation	Bangwe
3	Hudson Mbwana	Banja La Mtsogolo (BLM)	Chichiri
4	Spencer Vutuza	Active Youth Association	Machinjiri
5	Heathrick Demakude	Poltrain Youth Initiative	Soche Hill
6	Annie Kanjanga	Girl Support and Participation	Zingwangwa
7	Alice Sawasawa	Chilomoni Youth Support Organization	Chilomoni
8	Medson Francisco	Chisomo Mpembu CBO	Ndirande
9	Alex Business	Centre for Religion and Public Affairs	Chigumula
10	Alice Chiwaya	Save the Poor Foundation	Limbe
11	Tony Seunda	Blantyre Youth Parliamentary Committee	Chirimba
12	H.C. Makuta	Umodzi Disability Forum	Chimwankhunda
13	Chipo Chimwaza	Naperi Youth Club	Naperi
14	Ronald Phiri	Kameza Youth Club	Kameza
15	Stanslas Mbemba	Friends of Nature	Chimwankhunda
16	Nduzani Butao	Youth- Ndirande Anglican Church	Ndirande
17	Kondwani Spada	Board member- YAIO	City Centre
18	Ester Saidi	Forum for Youth and Women Empowerment	Ndirande
19	Maureen Chitsime	Volunteer- YAIO	Namiwawa
20	Aisha Kaiche	Blantyre City HIV/Aids Office	Kanjeza
21	Solum Mtogolo	Centre for the Development of People	Nyambadwe
22	Chisomo Nkhata	Nancholi Youth Organization	Nancholi
23	Chispine Kasiya	Young Advocates	Manase
24	Mike Magola	Young Generation Movement	Ndirande
25	Peter Sosola	District Youth Office	City Centre
26	Mustapher Jafali	Ndife Amodzi Youth Organization	Mbayani
27	Flora Wyson	Bangwe Youth Network	Bangwe
28	Benadetta Chiwanda	FM 101 Radio	Limbe

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29	Daud Ngwala	Blantyre District Youth Officer	City Centre
30	Onex Chikalipo	Catholic Health Commission	Limbe
31	Yusuf Kaunda	Limbe Muslim Youth	Limbe
32	Auspicious Ndamuwa	Chisomo Children's Club	City Centre
33	Brave Idi	Polytechnic Youth Club	Chichiri
34	Carol Kassam	Blantyre City HIV/Aids Coordinator	Chichiri
35	Lauryne Sembereka	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe
36	Tony Khanyepa	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe