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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): : Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre

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 30th January 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 Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre in Blantyre. The awareness session was attended by 50 people. Among the participants were 42 young adolescents (26

from the Child Reformatory Centre and 16 from the surrounding community), 2 teachers, 2 caregivers, social worker, a representative from Catholic Health Commission and a representative from Word Alive Ministries International.

Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre is a centre designed to provide education, housing, food and counseling services to young people especially those below the age of 18 who are either in conflict with the law, those abandoned, street children and other children who have failed to live in decent family set up.

“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.

Activities during the Book Awareness Session:

- Focus group discussions
- Games
- Songs
- Motivation talks

Topics Covered

- Peer pressure
- Protecting myself from drugs and alcohol

Book Awareness Outputs:

- 50 participants attended the book awareness session
- 40 *“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”* Handbooks distributed (15 for Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre and the other 25 for the surrounding communities including primary schools and churches.

Participants’ ideas and suggestions on their understanding of different issues:**(1) Definition of a Youth:**

- A youth is any person from 15 to 18 years
- A youth is any young person who can do things on his or her own

(2) Definition of a Parent as presented:

- Any person who has a child of his/her own
- A parent is any person who provides all sorts of support to children
- Any person responsible for taking care of children

(3) Needs of youths as presented:

- Parental love and care
- Security
- Friends
- Clothes
- Soap
- School uniform
- Food

(4) Challenges youth face as presented by participants:

- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Lack of parental care
- Lack of food
- Lack of security
- Early marriages

- Peer pressure
- HIV/AIDS
- Early pregnancies
- Lack of clothes
- Lack of school fees

(5) Helpful strategies that adults can adopt to help them cope with parenting youth and adolescents as presented:

- Parents should listen to the views of their children
- Sending children to school
- Providing of parental guidance to children
- Parents need to provide the needs of children

(6) Roles and responsibilities of youth as presented:

- Listening to parents
- Assisting parents with domestic work
- Going to school
- Respecting elders and fellow friends

(7) Roles and responsibilities of parents as presented:

- Providing the needs of children like security, food, shelter and education
- Showing love to children and the whole family
- Sending children to school
- Listening to the views of children
- Teaching children good behaviours

Reporting in Pictures:



Opening the meeting with a prayer



Group presentations after Focus Group Discussions



A Facilitator clarifying some points after the presentations



A participant giving his comments



Onex Chikalipo (Catholic Health Commission) explaining what the book is talking about



Leah Chuza (teacher) stamping the books given to the centre

Comments

- **Leah Chuza- (Teacher)** “The book really have good information good for the adolescents and youths. It only requires careful and skilled facilitation. I have seen the topics in this book and they are good for the transformation of young peoples’ lives. As a Reformatory Centre, we will try to use the information in the book to the maximum, at least once a week we will be organizing sessions with the youths we have here who came from different family and social backgrounds. I would also like to ask you to help us, set some time to

come and interact with the young people we have here. This should not be your first and last time. The books you have given us today will be put in our library and we will be encouraging the youths to borrow, read and use the information correctly.”

- **Dean Thengo- (Word Alive Ministries International)** “I would like to thank Youth Activists Initiative Organization for organizing this function here at Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre. I have been working in this area for over 3 years and I know the challenges young people in this area face. We also know that this is a Reformatory Centre and every time they receive young people coming from different sections of the country but as organizations we have not been able to come up with interactive or counseling sessions as our friends have done today. I would like to commend the management of this centre for allowing the event to take place here. On the information in the book, I wanted to tell you that I knew about this book in 2014 when I attended a 2 day training workshop organized by Youth Activists Initiative Organization at Nankumba Teachers Development Centre. The books are very good and useful for all of us as teachers, social workers, caregivers and the youth themselves so let us use them. Youth Activists Initiative Organization has been our partner for some time and we have been involving them on projects targeting the youth and I promise you that from today onwards we will be coming here with different activities aimed at encouraging and motivating you to achieve your goals and become responsible citizens. Lastly, I would like to encourage you to refrain from immoral behaviors that can put your life at risk. **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** handbook will help you achieve your goals.”
- **Onex Chikalipo- (Catholic Health Commission)** “For me this is my first time I have attended an event organized by Youth Activists Initiative Organization, I liked the approaches they use in dealing with young people, I liked the group discussions and the presentations made by the young people themselves. Where I work I also work on a project targeting the youth called **“Zatonse”** in Mwanza and Neno districts. Our organization has already collected books of **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano”** ready for distribution and use in our project area. The topics in the book are very useful to teachers, facilitators and young people, the information can change your life, you only need to forget your past and start a reformed and transformed life starting from today as per the title of the book. Together with Youth Activists Initiative Organization we will come again to share different information from the books that have been presented to the centre. I am also delighted to see young people from surrounding communities and I am sure that the next time we come they will make themselves available in the sessions. I wishing you also the best. May the good Lord be with you all the time.”

List of Participants:

No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
1	Onex Chikalipo	Catholic Health Commission	Limbe
2	Dean Thengo	Word Alive Ministries International- Commission for Development	City Centre
3	Leah Chuza	Teacher- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
4	Jane Macheso	Teacher- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
5	Mr Machelo	Caregiver- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
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8	Tony Khanyepa	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe
9	Lauryne Sembereka	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Nyambadwe
10	Sylvia Kalichero	Social Worker	T/A Msomba
11	Blessings Potani	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
12	Patrick Kanjere	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
13	Bliss Machika	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
14	Mathew Frank	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
15	Blessings Watch	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
16	Annie Malonda	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
17	Jack Majelo	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
18	Jessie Kalanje	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
19	Isabel Mtambo	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
20	George Mangani	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
21	Osman Lexon	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
22	Elijah Mapeto	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
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24	Sengeton Phiri	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
25	Nancy Phombeya	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
26	Agnes Kundila	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
27	Mercy Balakasi	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
28	Chimwemwe Weluzani	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
29	Marko Witness	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
30	Michael Moses	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
31	Blessings Kantiki	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
32	Judith Mangani	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba

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35	Anthen Samala	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
36	Christopher Nkhoma	SDA Church	Mpemba
37	Fletcher Nzanzi	Learner- Mpemba Child Reformatory Centre	Mpemba
38	Cicelia Maloweni	Mpemba CCAP Church	Mpemba
39	Austin Banda	Chisawani Primary School	Mpemba
40	Ben Saukile	Mpingo Village	Mpemba
41	Justin Likoma	Chisawani Primary School	Mpemba
42	Shadreck Uni	Community Youth	Mpemba
43	Innocent Kaleta	Community Youth	Mpemba
44	Chiyembekezo Frank	Community Youth	Mpemba
45	Sarah Maloweta	Community Youth	Mpemba
46	Joy Paulo	Community Youth	Mpemba
47	John Miliwa	Community Youth	Mpemba
48	Frank Ngweru	Community Youth	Mpemba
49	Joyce Saopa	Community Youth	Mpemba
50	Peter Chrisant	Community Youth	Mpemba
51	Raffik Saidi	Mpemba Mosque	Mpemba
52	Nizia Kalama	Mpemba Mosque	Mpemba