

Quarterly Review - Project Report

Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8”



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Project Background

Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIO), a Blantyre based youth organization, in partnership with Strategies for Hope Trust with funding from MISEREOR is implementing a project called “*Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8.”*” The “Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8.” project came after YAIO implemented “*Lesson for Life - Called to Care*“, the project designed to help in and out of school youth regardless of their gender; race or ethnic groups 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 lead to HIV infection. On the other hand, the project also targets opinion leaders that include; care groups, religious, parents, guardians and other people playing a parenting role.

Through the “Called to Care - Lesson For Life project”, YAIO has been using Called to Care Handbook No. 8- “*My Life – Starting Now*” which is user-friendly designed for use with religious institutions, youth groups and communities at different levels of awareness; experience in relation to Life planning and development of skills; as well as knowledge of HIV/ AIDS prevention and care.

Objectives of the project

- To improve understanding of the book content through translation of English to Chichewa edition.
- To enable participants (children and parents) to understand the challenges they face and how to deal with them.
- To help build young people’s self-esteem, which will help them feel confident and able them to overcome obstacles and challenges in their lives.
- To help young people make good decisions, like saying “NO” to sex or to the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- To provide knowledge and skills which parents need to guide them in supporting their children to grow responsibly

Summary of Project Activities – Second Phase (July to September)

During the period July 2016 to September 2016, Youth Activists Initiative Organization conducted the following activities:

1. Monthly monitoring / field visits

- 12 different organizations were visited during the monthly field visits as part of monitoring exercise to assess and learn how different organizations who received the handbook (*Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano*) during book awareness sessions and distribution activities are using the books.

2. Training of trainers

- Two training of trainers’ workshop were conducted in the month of August. Participants to the training were youth leaders, leaders of community based organizations and faith based organizations. The training was organized after getting a lot of requests from different organizations on the need for the training of trainers on

how to use Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano handbook. All the participating organizations were organizations that received and benefited from the distributed handbooks distributed during the distribution and dissemination exercise.

- On the 8th to 9th August 2016, the training was conducted at HHI secondary School drawing 18 participants (12 males and 6 females) from different youth, faith and community based organizations.
- On the 30th to 31st August 2016, the training was conducted at Chikuli in Chileka drawing 22 participants (11 males and 11 females) from different youth, faith and community based organizations.

3. Quarterly Review meeting

- On the 29th September, 2016, YAIO conducted the second quarterly review meeting at Blantyre Girls Primary Staff room to check and summarize the project’s implementation progress, provide achievements towards expected outcomes, list major breakthroughs and identify key constraints. The meeting provided a platform for stakeholders including; Community Based Organizations, youth organizations, government, faith based organizations and local citizens to share progress, review actions and determine gaps for corrections. Lessons and learning generated during the meeting will help facilitate vital decision making for better project results. Participants to the Quarterly review meeting were drawn from selected organizations including organizations which were visited during monthly monitoring and field visits. The quarterly meeting was attended by 20 people (10 males and 10 females)

4. Book Distribution

- During the period, 239 *Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano* handbooks were distributed to different organizations.

Chart of Visited Organization

Name of Month	Name of Organization
July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Save the Poor Foundation 2. Bangwe Youth Drop in Centre 3. Active Youth Initiative for Social Enhancement 4. Mpingo Youth Club 5. Beehive - Mother Theresa Care Child Centre
August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mphatso Youth Club 2. Chikuli Youth Club 3. Chisangalalo Youth Club 4. Nkokodzi Youth Club 5. Tiyanjane Youth Club 6. Kalulu Youth Club
September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catholic Health Commission in Neno

General Outputs:

- 239 *Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano* handbooks distributed to different organizations through the Blantyre Urban Youth Office and YAIO.
- 12 organizations (faith based organization, youth organizations, community based organizations, care centres,) visited.

Book Distribution Chart for the period July 2016 – June 2016

No	Organization	No. of Books
1	Blantyre Urban Youth Office	150
2	Malamulo Youth Club	40
3	Nancholi Youth Organization	28
4	Kunthebwe Youth Network	15
5	Transformative Youth Organization	6
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Lessons Learnt

- The demand for training on how to use the book is high
- Demand for handbook is going big and greater
- The use of Bible verses in the book encourages people to participate.
- Many young people are now meeting to discuss issues using the book

Quarterly meeting - Reporting in pictures



City Aids Coordinator speaking



A Social welfare department representative making a comment



Group photo

General Recommendations and Suggestions:

Through the field visits and the quarterly meeting, participants proposed the following actions:

- Conducting regular meetings with partners using the book
- Establishment of **“Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano clubs”** in primary schools
- Partnering with different organizations including the church in disseminating the information in the book
- Mobilization of resources for the project to continue even after the phasing out period.
- Extending the project to other districts in Malawi
- Training of more trainers or peer educators on how to facilitate using the book
- Printing and distribution of books
- Production of other learning materials like leaflets, radio programs, Television programs using topics from the book
- Translating other similar books targeting young people

List of Participants:

No.	Full Name	Organization	Location
1	Daud Ngwala	Blantyre Urban Youth Office	Blantyre Urban
2	Mwai Banda	Christian Value Initiatives	Chitawira
3	Effie Chise	Nthawira Catholic Parish	South Lunzu
4	Dean Thengo	Word Alive Commission for Relief and Development	Blantyre CBD
5	Thokozani Likatho	Blantyre city Council- Aids Coordinator	Chichiri
6	Elsie Makwale	Social Welfare	Chichiri
7	Maliko Alfred	Kalulu Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
8	Kilia Langson	Tiyanjane Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
9	Beatrice Mpira	Chikuli Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
10	Richard Kamvakukolera	Active Youth Initiative for Social Enhancement	Bangwe
11	Morris Njala	Chisangalalo Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
12	Moses Beyard	Mpingo Youth Club	Mpemba
13	Maxwell Chiwaya	Blantyre Synod	Ndirande
14	Jester Makwinja	Environmental Concerned Youth Association	Bangwe
15	Alice Chiwaya	Save the Poor Foundation	Soche Hill
16	Lebohang Chagomelana	Chilomoni Youth Club	Chilomoni
17	Grace Samba	Community Care Support Trust	Naotcha/Chilobwe
18	Humphrey Amoni	Mphatso Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
19	Tiyanjane Kadikila	Nkokodzi Youth Club	Chikuli/Chileka
20	Mphatso Layisani	Girls Support and Participation	Chimwankhunda
21	Joyce Tasosa	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Secretariat
22	Lauryne Sembereka	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Secretariat
23	Maureen Chitsime	Youth Activists Initiative Organization	Secretariat