

6th Phase Project Report

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



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<p>Organization Background</p>	<p>Background of Youth Activists Initiative Organization Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIO) is a non-profit making organization, which was formed in 2003 as a movement for youth activists. YAIO got registered under the Trustees Incorporated Act, Cap, 5:03 in 2013. The organization is also registered with the Department of youth. Since its establishment, the organization has been implementing different community development projects aimed at empowering young people with information and skills on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), Human rights, Education, Career Guidance and conflict management issues. The organization uses a <i>lesson for life approach</i> which it developed, an approach which creates a platform for young people and community to discuss issues affecting them in groups and come up with solutions to the issues through engagement and dialogue with stakeholders.</p> <p>Vision Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A society where young people are valued, respected and included in decision making processes. <p>Mission Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To undertake research and disseminate information on issues that affects and threatens the lives of the young people. <p>Objectives of the Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advocate for the rights and welfare of the young people • To empower young people with knowledge and information on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and services. • To promote equitable access to quality education services for young people. • To raise awareness on the effects of climate change. <p>Prioritized Thematic Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights and governance • Health • Education • Climate change <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and research • Open forums • Radio programs • Career guidance sessions • Peer education trainings
<p>Project Background</p>	<p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve understanding of the book content through translation of English to Chichewa edition. 2. To enable participants (children and parents) to understand the challenges they face and how to deal with them 3. To help build young people’s self-esteem, which will help them feel confident and able to overcome obstacles and challenges in their lives 4. To help young people make good decisions, like saying “NO” to sex or to the misuse of drugs and alcohol 5. To provide knowledge and skills which parents need to guide them in supporting their children to grow responsibly. 6. To have 6,000 handbooks translated, produced and distributed
<p>Summary of Activities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monthly Field visits 2. Quarterly Review meetings 3. Book Distribution
<p>Activity Details</p>	<p>Monthly Field visits</p> <p>The activity was aimed at assessing and learning how different organizations who received the handbook (Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano) during book awareness sessions, training of trainers, monthly field visits and book distribution are using the handbooks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the period March 2018 to June 2018, the following organizations were visited: AQUAID, Stephanos Foundation, Tikambe Youth Organization, Association for Progressive Women, Sigerege Primary School, Gawaza CBO – Lunzu, Maloya CBO – Mudi, Chigaru Youth Network, Lundu Youth Network, Njamba Secondary School, Kapeni Youth Network, Give to Grow (Girls of Destiny), Mimosa Youth Network (Mulanje), Chingazi Youth Club (Phalombe), My

	<p>Tsogolo, Chirimba, Girl Power Club, Manja CDSS- (Chitawira), Chambe Youth Network (Mulanje), Umunthu Foundation – Bangwe, Matondo Youth Club – Nankumba, PACT private School and Mbayani Youth Forum (Mbayani)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The monthly field visits provided a platform to discuss in depth the issues in the handbook and it’s relevant to its users especially youth serving organizations. 14 organizations namely: AQUAID, Gawaza CBO, Maloya CBO, Lundu Youth Network, Njamba Secondary School, Give to Grow (Girls of Destiny), Mimosa Youth Network, Chingazi Youth Club, My Tsogolo, Girl Power Club, Manja CDSS, Umunthu Foundation, Matondo Youth Club and PACT private School were oriented on how to use the handbook. 26 monthly field visits were conducted 22 organizations were visited <p>Quarterly Review meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Quarterly meeting was conducted during the 6th Phase on the 19th June, 2018. The meeting provided a platform for YAIO to share with stakeholders such as Community Based Organizations, youth organizations, government, education institutions, faith based organizations and the media on the progress and achievements of the projects. <p>Book Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano handbooks were distributed to different organizations
<p>Activity Outputs</p>	<p>Monthly Field visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 monthly field visits were conducted 22 organizations visited <p>Quarterly Review meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Quarterly meeting was conducted during the 6th Phase on the 19th June, 2018. <p>Book Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 42 handbooks distributed during the 6th Phase of the project monthly monitoring visits and book distribution.
<p>Lessons learnt, observations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people and secondary school learners are very happy with the handbooks and the contents in it and are willing to use the handbooks during free time but they still needed guidance from YAIO so that they can understand better Many social groups including youth clubs, youth organizations, community based organizations, faith based organizations, schools and government departments are willing to have access to the handbooks

	<p>and use with their targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demand for the handbooks is high amongst different stakeholder thereby creating a bigger opportunity to scale up the project to many communities and districts. • Most primary school learners are more confident to use the handbook with their peers as well as forming clubs outside of the school premises especially in their communities for they easily relate to what happens in their everyday lives.
Partnership and Networking	<p>YAIO collaborated with different partners (organizations) during the 6th phase of the project namely: District Education Office, District Councils, Youth Offices, Social Welfare Offices, District Aids Coordinating Offices, Community Based Organizations, Schools, Faith Based Organizations, the Church, Youth Groups and the Media.</p>
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of adequate funds to help the organization reach out to many communities to fulfill the demand as many youth groups/ clubs and community based organizations in rural areas need our physical presence to help them understand the issues in the handbook better.
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly field visits were conducted as part of monitoring exercise to assess and learn how different organizations who received the handbook (<i>Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano</i>) during book awareness sessions, training of trainers, monthly field visits and distribution activities are using the handbooks. Those stakeholders that needed YAIO support were supported accordingly and oriented on how they can further use the handbooks and the information effectively.
Conclusion and Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The messages in the handbook is helping young people in making informed choices on issues affecting their lives such as peer pressure, substance abuse and HIV/Aids. • Production of other learning materials like newsletters monthly or quarterly, radio programs, Television programs using topics from the book could help to reach the large mass. • Collaboration with like-minded organizations in other districts such as district youth offices, social welfare offices, youth organizations, community based organizations, faith based organizations and education offices will help reach out to many communities. • Training of more trainers or educators on how to facilitate using the handbook. • Translation of the handbook to other local languages. • Printing and distribution of handbooks to many communities.