

MONTHLY FIELD VISITS - REPORT

Translation and Dissemination of "Called to Care Manual No.8"



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Background	<p>Youth Activists Initiative Organization (YAIIO), a Blantyre based youth organization, in partnership with Strategies for Hope Trust with funding from MISEREOR is implementing a project called <i>“Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8.”</i> The <i>“Translation and Dissemination of “Called to Care Manual No.8.”</i> project came after YAIIO implemented <i>“Lesson for Life - Called to Care”</i>, 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.</p> <p>Through the <i>“Called to Care - Lesson For Life project”</i>, YAIIO has translated and produced a Chichewa version of the handbook which is now called <i>“Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano”</i>.</p>
Title of Activity	Monthly monitoring / field visits
Objective of Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assess and learn how different organizations who received the handbook (<i>Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano</i>) during book awareness sessions and distribution activities are using the books.
Activity Details	<p>During the exercise, <i>Moyo Wanga - Kuyambira Pano</i> handbooks were distributed to the visited organizations and some selected topics were discussed especially with learners in schools different.</p> <p>The following institutions and organizations were visited during period October 2016 to March 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malamulo Youth Centre 2. Thyolo District Education Office 3. Blantyre District Education Office 4. Chilomoni Education Zone Office 5. Mulanje District Youth Office 6. Network for Youth Development 7. Phalombe Youth Arms 8. Njale Primary School

	<p>9. Mother Theresa Child Care Centre</p> <p>10. Nangafuwe Youth Club</p> <p>11. Mayera Primary school</p> <p>12. Namatete Primary school</p> <p>13. Namiwawa Primary school</p> <p>14. Sigerege Primary school</p> <p>15. Yolodani Primary school</p> <p>16. Mpingo Youth Club</p>
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 organizations visited • 110 Moyo Wanga – Kuyambira Pano handbooks were distributed to schools alone during the Monthly monitoring / field visits
Lessons learnt, observations	<p>In schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners were open during sessions making it easy for the project team to work with them • Young people were very happy with the handbooks and the contents in it • The learners are willing to use the books during free time but they still needed guidance from YAIO so that they can understand better • The demand for the handbooks is high as many organization are interested in using the handbooks
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long distances to some institutions as most of them are in hard to reach areas • Heavy rains affected the facilitators mobility
Way forward / Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To go again to monitor how the people are using the materials in their respective organizations. • To conduct frequent field visits • To expand the project to many schools

Reporting in Pictures



Group photo- Mayera Primary School



A session in progress at Mother Theresa Child Centre



A cross section of learners from participating schools