



TARIRO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Empowering young people to be resilient, healthy and productive citizens



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Tariro Youth Development Trust champions the rights of young people and equality for the girl child.

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We are a youth-led and community-based organization (CBO) registered under the Deeds Registry Act (MA0001519/2015). Founded in 2015, we champion the rights of young people and gender equality through systems strengthening & service delivery, behavioral change, Research and advocacy, gender responsive programming and development & humanitarian strengthening (resilience, climate change adaptation, risk reduction and crises management).

We operate under 4 main pillars namely;

⇒ Community-based adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

⇒ Sustainable Livelihoods and Environment.

⇒ Education and Training.

⇒ Research and Advocacy.

Currently, we are operating in Zaka district under Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe.

Vision

We envision a society with healthy and productive young people

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List of Acronyms

ABYM	Adolescent Boys and Young Men
AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information Education and Communication
ISAL	Internal Saving and Lending
MHM	Menstrual Health Management
OVC	Orphan and Vulnerable Children
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
SRMA	Social Risk Management Approach
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections'
TYDT	Tariro Youth Development Trust
VMMC	Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision.
YFC	Youth Friendly Corner

Mission

To empower young people through evidence-based programs that promote resilient livelihoods and universal access to sexual reproductive health and rights.

Message from the Founding Director

It is with great pleasure to share with you our annual report. Specifically, we intend to highlight the key results achieved in 2019. In 2019, we encountered numerous hurdles in implementing our programmes on the ground. However, we managed to sail through and continue to grow as Tariro Youth Development Trust (TYDT).

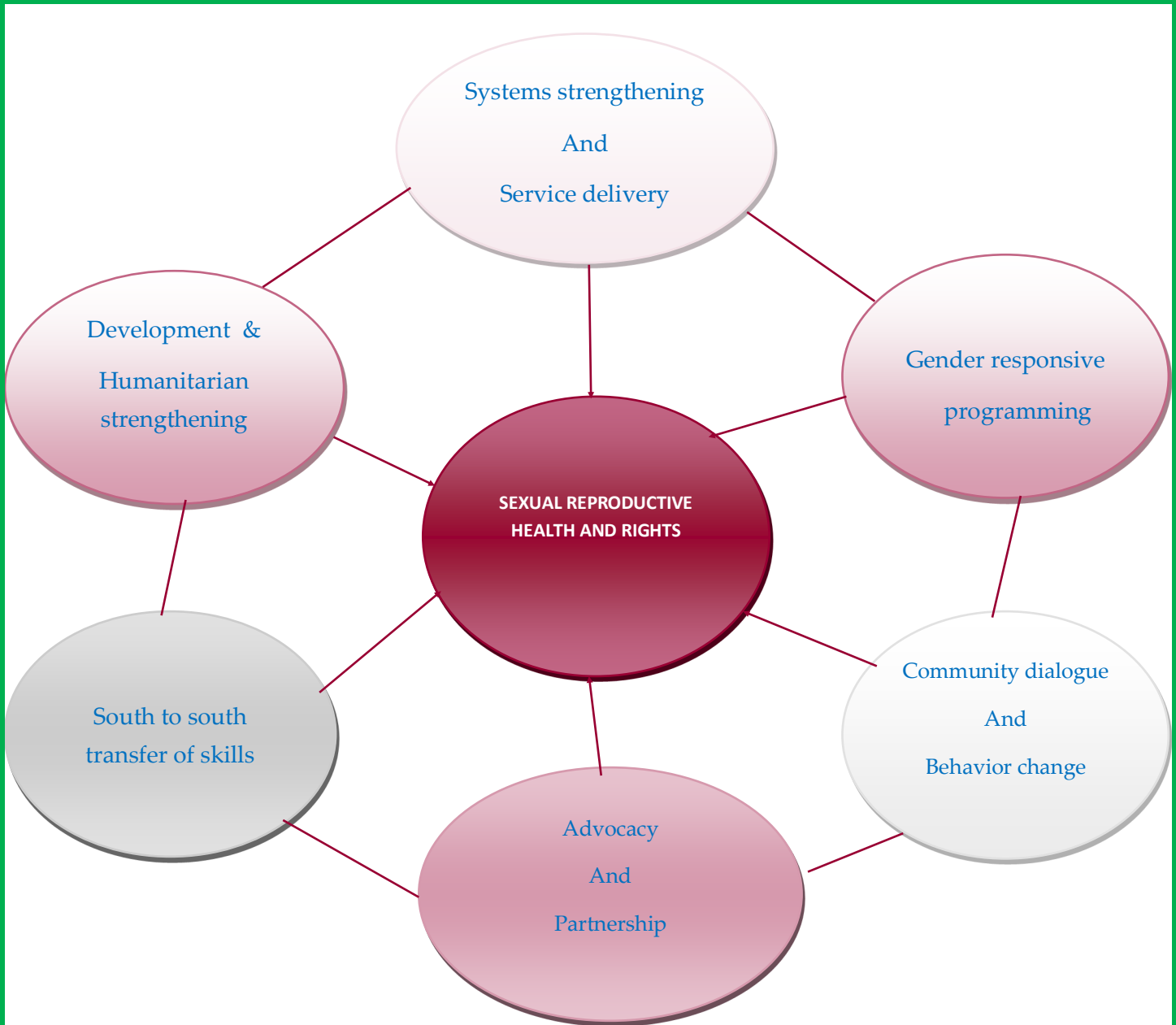
The year 2019 was characterized by surging economic and food crises. Consequently, this heightened poor sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) among young people. Young people particularly Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) adopted negative adaptation strategies. These strategies include but are not limited to prostitution, early marriages and intergenerational relationships. Consequently, this resulted in escalation of STIs including HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancies which led to high rate of school dropouts in 34 ward of Zaka district. In response, we adopted a Social Risk Management Approach (SRMA), to build young people's SRHR resilience. The SRMA integrated livelihoods, entrepreneurship, educational support and training into SRHR programming. This built young people's resilience to exogenous shocks and stresses and ability to make informed SRHR choices.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our strategic and funding partners who contributed to our cause in 2019. The contributions helped us to realize our mission. In 2020, we look forward to scaling up our activities and operational areas. We look forward to a fruitful year as we continue to strive towards a just society in which all young people are empowered to reach their full potential and enjoy their fundamental human rights on equal basis.

Samson Muzenda (Founding Director)



OUR STRATEGIES



We use the above 6 strategies to promote positive adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health and rights. Our strategies are derived from our approach-Social Risk Management Approach (SRMA). The SRMA is likened to an "onion theory" of tackling social ills by peeling off the surface causal factors. In this case, SRHR is the core of the onion. To reach the core, there is need to peel off layers from the surface on the onion. Therefore, we tackle the layers through application of the above strategies to ensure young people are resilient, health and productive citizens.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Sustainable Livelihoods and Environment (SLE)



A. Smallholder-Poultry rearing for Vulnerable youth

Funded by the US Embassy through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), 70 youth (70% females and 30% males) were supported to set-up a poultry rearing project in groups of 10 members, translating to 7 groups. Under this activity, 7 poultry houses were constructed and all groups were supported with feed, vaccines and all crucial supplies. In addition, they were trained in poultry management and basic financial literacy. The aim of the activity was to build youth economic resilience particularly AGYW aged 15-30 years so that they can make informed SRHR choices. The long-term goal was to prevent STIs including HIV/AIDS through livelihood support. Resultantly, 90% (63) youth reported increased household income from \$50 to \$100/month and improved food security. 92% had increased knowledge in HIV/AIDS, SRHR and their rights with reduced HIV prevalence by 5% in the target area.

B. Internal Savings and Lending (ISALs)

In 2019, we formed 12 ISALs with 15 members per group translating to 180 youth between 15-30 years (126 AGYW and 54 ABYW). These youth had a collective base of \$1,689 USD, supplementing the family incomes substantially. These youth were trained on basic ISAL concepts, leadership, constitution and bookkeeping to ensure efficient keeping of group records. Apart from trainings, we supported these groups with all books of accounts, ball pens and files to keep their records safe. Monitoring visits to the groups was conducted with our 12 community based volunteers who were capacitated and provided ISAL manuals to monitor and support the groups. These groups invested their savings into Income Generation Activities (IGAs) i.e. poultry rearing, small gardens & businesses. This increased household income and access to basic social services such as food, education, health including sanitary products for AGYW who participated in the project.



A total of 250 young people were reached with livelihood support in 2019. Out of the total, 175 (70%) were AGYW and 75 (30%) were ABYM. With 70% of AGYW participated in our livelihood scheme, this marked a crucial milestone in promoting gender equality and women's participation in economic spheres. Interestingly, our interventions target AGYW as the main beneficiaries. This is because they run the highest risk of HIV infections and the ones who suffer physically and socially.

2. Education and Training

A. Educational support for OVCs

Supported by Lirhanzo Children's Home, a total of 300 OVCs (200 girls and 100 boys) in both primary and secondary schools of Zaka district were supported with school stationery. The school stationery included exercise books, mathematical sets, ball pens, pencils and 30cm rules. Apart from stationery, 4,567 community members were reached with 2 campaigns aimed at mobilizing parents and the communities on the rights of the right to education for children and importance of educating the girl child.



B. Donate a pad to keep a girl child in school.

In 2019, we responded to "period poverty" by distributing sanitary pads to 500 girls in both primary and secondary school. This reduced school absenteeism due to lack of access to sanitary pads. Previously, girls did not attend classes during menstruation which lowered their grades. Worryingly, others ended up dropping out of school. Distribution of sanitary pads was accompanied with Menstrual Health Management (MHM) education including how to use a sanitary pad. The educational component reached 3,689 girls. Girls' received information on MHM, about biological facts and practical ways of managing blood flow in hygienic and discrete way. To counter taboos which surround menstruation, 1,319 boys were engaged to change and influence others to change their perceptions towards menstruation hence reducing stigma. 94% of girls who received MHM education reported improved knowledge on managing their menstruation

C. Skill development/vocational skills education

Given that 69.6% people in Zaka district live under poverty datum line (PDL) compounded by high unemployment, it is only natural that skills development would be an important sector of interventions in the development sector. In light of this, we trained 30 youth (18 females and 12 males) in floor polish making using local resources. The training was provided by 2 local females who volunteered to impart the skills to young people. However, as an organization, we are planning to construct a youth vocational training Centre where youth in Zaka district will be trained in different Technical and Vocational skills. Fortunately, land has already been donated by the Headman and Dzoro community.



3. Community-based adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health and rights

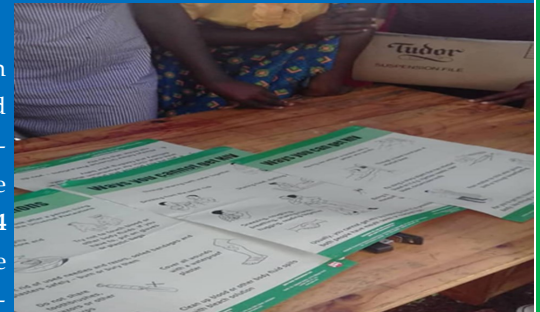


A. Health clubs

A total of 13 clubs were established in schools and communities of Zaka district. The aim was to create safe spaces for girls and educate young people on their rights and SRHR issues. 299 young people (187 AGYW and 112 ABYM) were reached through the clubs. 12 young people (7 boys and 5 girls) were trained as peer educators to run these clubs with support from TYDT staff and volunteers. Peer educators facilitated different sessions to their club peers. These sessions included HIV/AIDS, life skills, child marriage and human rights, among others. The clubs also engaged in dramas, poems, music and dance, conveying messages on the dangers of child marriage and other risky sexual behaviors.

B. Youth-Friendly Corner (YFC) at Machiva clinic.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, we established a youth friendly corner at Machiva clinic to provide youth-friendly SRHR information and services. Using the YFC, 231 young people (132 females and 99 males) received counselling. Young people who received counselling included but not limited to those living with HIV/AIDS, GBV victims and drug abusers, inter-alia. Moreover, 2,304 young people (1,169 AGYW and 1,135 ABYM) both in and out of school visited the YFC to access SRHR information and services. In this case, 2,731 Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials on STIs including HIV/AIDS, MHM and child marriage were distributed to young people. Also, 145 phone porches with messages on stopping Gender Based Violence against AGYW in Zaka district. Apart from that, 30,245 condoms were distributed using the YFC to reduce the rate of STIs including HIV/AIDS in Zaka district. 451 young people who visited the YFC were referred to access comprehensive SRHR services which included Voluntary Male Circumcision (VMC), HIV testing etc. Resultantly, 96% young people who visited the YFC reported improved knowledge and skills in SRHR and reported improved access to SRHR services.



C. Sport for development

Sport is one of the innovative strategies used during 2019 to reach young people with SRHR information. The strategy was used as a vehicle for attracting young people to come together and receive life skills training and Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Games like soccer, netball and volleyball were organized to bring young people together and teach them SRHR, HIV/AIDS and life skills such as team building, communication and decision making. Through this approach, 1,453 young people in ward 25, 30 and 32 of Zaka district were reached and equipped with the skills and knowledge to make informed decisions regarding their SRHR. Through engagement of parents in forming local driven sports committees, they were empowered (63) to be changing advocates of negative social and cultural practices like child marriage leading to negative SRHR outcomes of young people.



In summary, 4,946 young people were reached with SRHR information and services. To break down this total number reached, 299 were reached through clubs, 1,516 sport and recreation and 3,131 through a Youth-Friendly Corner.

4. Advocacy and social mobilization

A. Advocating for the Government of Zimbabwe to adopt the SADC Model of Law on eradicating child marriage and protecting children already in marriage.

With financial and technical support from Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA), 4 Members of Parliament (MPs) of Zaka district were engaged to lobby them to vote “YES” for the adoption of the SADC Model of Law. The SADC Model Law was briefed to the MPs. This ensured the MPs understood and buy in their votes towards the adoption of the SADC model of Law in the parliament. The activity was conducted under the Civil Society Strengthening (CSS) project implemented by Plan International in partnership with WLSA and Justice for Children in which TYDT is a beneficiary of this project.



B. Social marketing events.

4 ward opening days/Community Mobilization Awareness Campaigns with young people were conducted in Zaka district. A total of 6,342 people were reached directly with information on SRHR and child marriage messages. The campaigns engaged community leaders, local authorities and parents to create an enabling environment where young people can enjoy their rights particularly the girl child. The campaigns included multi-sectoral information and service from partners such as National AIDS Council, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Amnesty International, Victim Friendly Unit etc. The services offered included VMMC, HIV testing and counselling and family planning, among others.

C. Community dialogues on SRHR and child marriage issues

20 dialogues were conducted in ward 32 of Zaka district with parents, traditional and religious leaders advocating for the abolition of traditional practices that affect the rights of the girl child and block young people in accessing SRHR services. In total, 515 people were reached in partnership with the Victim Friendly Unit department and educated on the rights of young people and laws which protect them. This strengthened community SRHR competence and knowledge on the rights of young people.



TYDT is a member of the Girls Not Brides (The Global Partnership on Ending Child Marriage) and the Gender Based Violence Prevention Network.



<https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/members/tariro-youth-development-trust-tydt/>

<http://preventgboafrika.org/member/tariro-youth-development-trust/>

<https://terredeshommes.it/lotta-ai-matrimoni-precoci-ropa-da-veri-uomini/>



5. Participation in district, provincial and national events



In 2019, we participated in the World AIDS Day Campaign. The Campaign was held at Mucheke Stadium in Masvingo town. During the event, we distributed 4,301 IEC Materials on STIs including HIV/AIDS. The aim was to improve young people's knowledge on HIV/AIDS. Improving young people's HIV knowledge is critical in fighting against HIV/AIDS. In addition, during the event, young people were also reached with SRHR information.

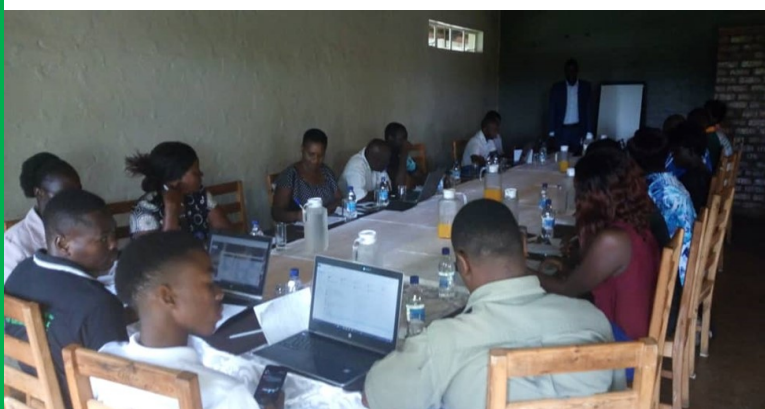
At district level, TYDT participated in environmental clean up campaigns held in Zaka district. The campaigns were led by the Environmental Management Agency (EMA). Participation on these events also complemented TYDT's goal of building environmental sustainability. This is because there is an intricate relationship between the environment and SRHR.



Organizational Development

As an emerging community-based Organization, TYDT grappled with organizational, technical and administrative challenges. However, through its partners, TYDT 's organizational capacity was strengthened in a number of different functional areas as indicated below:

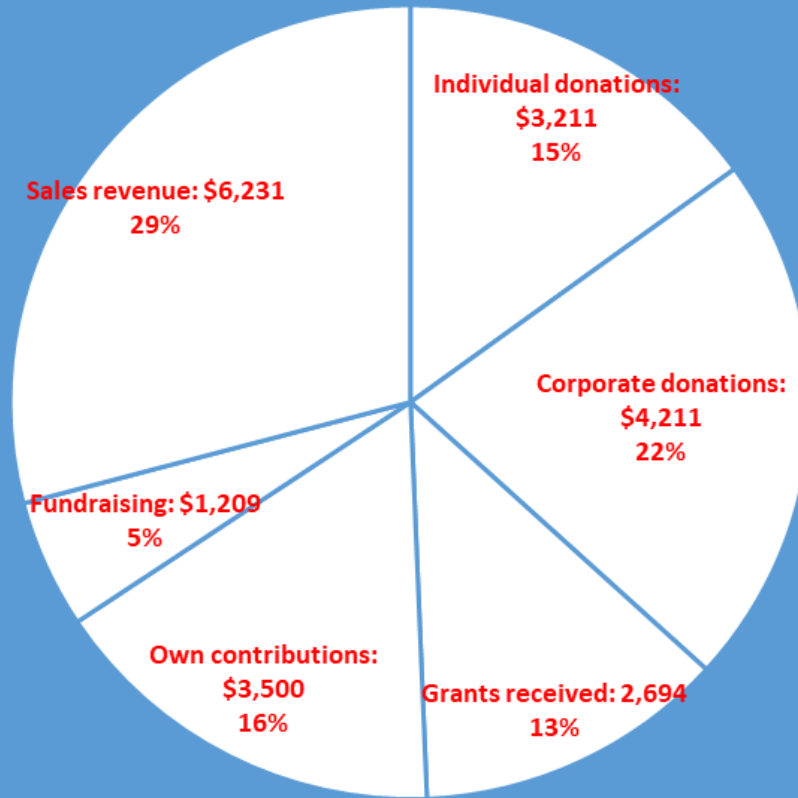
Dates	Location	Title	Funded by
30 January 2019	Holiday Inn Harare Hotel,	CRC/GNB Reflection & learning session (community mobilization, advocacy/policy analysis on child rights and gender equality.	WLSA & Plan International
13-15 June 2019	Holiday Inn Bulawayo Hotel, Zimbabwe	Proposal writing and Resource Mobilization	Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust (YETT).
14 June 2019	Crown Plaza Hotel, Harare	Consultative workshop on the implementation of the concluding observation and recommendations of the African Committee of Experts for the Rights & Welfare of the Child	Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) and Plan International
26 July 2019	Amazing Village Guest Lodge, Masvingo	Advocacy & accountability, research & evidence generation, communication, coordination	My Age Zimbabwe
30 July- 1 August 2019	Palm Tree Lodge, Chiredzi	Policy engagement to promote children's rights and gender equality	WLSA and Plan International
9 August 2019	Alpha Cottages, Masvingo	CRC/GNB reflection and learning session	WLSA and Plan International
17-18 October 2019	Elshaddai (Go Luck Lodge), Chiredzi	Financial Management and components of project cycle including advocacy	WLSA and Plan International
18 -20 Nov 2019	Palm Tree Lodge, Chiredzi	Resource Mobilization and strategic plan	WLSA and Plan International.



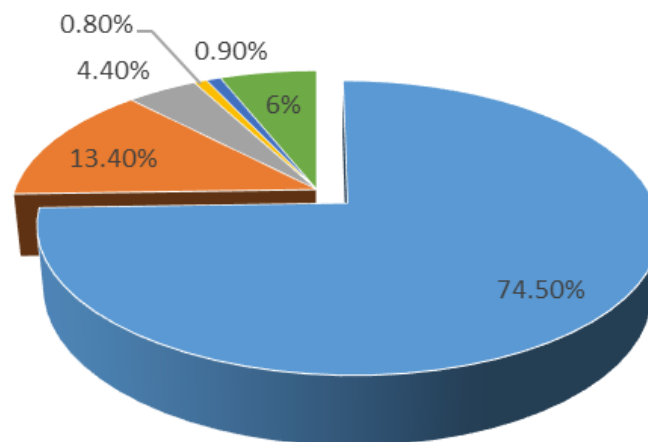
Tariro Youth Development Trust is a beneficiary of the Civil Society Strengthening Project (CSS). The CSS project is being implemented by Plan International in partnership with WLSA & Justice for Children funded by the European Union and SIDA. The aim of the project is build capacity of 60 CSOs to effectively implement their programs and advocate for the rights of children and promote gender equality. It is a 3 year project and it came during the time TYDT was grappling with technical and administrative challenges. As a result, the project helped us to grow as a CBO and improved our capacity in all angles.

2019 Financial Report

REVENUE



Expenses



- Program services
- Administration
- Professional development
- Equipment & supplies
- Advertising
- Travel expenses

2019 Financial statement in place.

Partners



Partners who supported us!

- ⇒ United States of America Embassy-PEPFAR
- ⇒ Liranzho Children’s Home .

Strategic Partners

- ⇒ Plan International
- ⇒ Women and Law in Southern Africa
- ⇒ My Age Zimbabwe
- ⇒ Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust
- ⇒ Shamwari Yemwanasikana
- ⇒ Divine Foundation Trust & For Youth by Youth
- ⇒ Accounting for International Development (AFID)

Coalitions/Networks

- ⇒ Gender Based Violence Prevention Network, Girls Not Brides, Girls Not Brides Coalition Zimbabwe, Young Innovative Leaders, VioNet Zimbabwe, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change Zimbabwe, Child Rights Coalition Zimbabwe.

Government Ministries and departments

- ⇒ Ministry of Health and Child Care, Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Public Service, Labor and social Welfare, Ministry of women Affairs and Zaka district council.



Change stories



Rosaline (Right)-Tariro Youth Development Trust brought light and hope to my life. I lost both of my parents when I was still 5 years. As a result, I had to grow under the care of my grandmother and grandfather. Unfortunately, they later took me off from school to herd cattle and work on the farm when I was in form 3. I lost hope and the only way to escape this tragedy was to enter into marriage. I could not mind that I was 16 by then, instead, I saw marriage as a safe haven for me. My teachers tried to intervene so that I will come back to school but my grandfather was hostile. Instead, the only option he gave was for me to attend classes whilst herding cattle. In this case, I had to go to school with cattle and herd them whilst attending classes. Later on, TYDT intervened and they engaged both of guardians. They taught them about children's rights and the importance of education. Fortunately, my guardians agreed that I had to proceed with my education. On top of that, TYDT supported me with all school stationery, and school fees. I am now attending class with others. Next year I will be writing my Ordinary level exams and my life goal is to become a Doctor.

Felix-The poultry rearing project helped me and my family through increasing household income and food security. My grandmother is old (82 years) and my mother is living with HIV/AIDS. As a result, we had no food and money for me to go to school. However, after participating in the poultry project implemented by TYDT funded by the US Embassy, we now have enough food and I can be able to pay for my school fees. My mother is now adhering to her treatment (ART) since she is now having enough food to eat.



Bridget (left)-Participation in ISALs helped me to have a reliable source of income. We also started enterprises as a group and I am now contributing to the household income. This reduce pressure on my husband and no violence now. I am now respected!



Thanksgiving

Thank you to all our donors, strategic partners, volunteers and supporters!



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