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GENDER EQUALITY BY 2015, YES WE MUST!

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- Teach on children's rights sensitizing the community to respect children's rights. I also teach on HIV&AIDS encouraging people to test as it is an entry to care, treatment and support. I identify the victims talk to them, scaling the depth of the case then refer them to the station.
- My motivation is to see people getting help in the community I live in and seeing children getting knowledge, help, reducing stigma and discrimination and the decrease of HIV/AIDS related deaths.
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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED? WHY?

- My background draws a long way back, but I started growing from Edladleni, from my willingness to help contribute in my society by cooking for the children known as “bantwana Bendlunkhulu” funded by Children’s Cup. I had a vision to see children who are Orphaned and Vulnerable Children as I also have vulnerable children personally are my responsibility. After a couple of months later we formed a group mobilized by Amicaal called Lihlombe Lekukhalela (Shoulder to Lean on) for children who are being victimized in different aspects of life. The Amicaal team took us for various workshops and trainings empowering us on the basic rights of the child as well as rights for adults and women. We are also taught on gender equality and the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.

HOW IS THE PROJECT CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE 28 TARGETS OF THE SADC PROTOCOL?

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
PROTOCOL TARGET	
Article 15-19 Productive Resources and Employment, Economic Empowerment	
Article 20-25 Gender Based Violence	
Article 27 HIV/AIDS	

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DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

- At first I was targeting children, but due to expansion of the job I also focus on adults as well. This is because you cannot make a decision for a child without his/her parents or guardian's consent as it is against the law.
- Moreover, I am targeting the community at large to share the information sensitizing on children's rights

OBJECTIVES

- To see my community growing educational, psychological on gender news
- Abolishing Gender Based Violence in communities and in the society at large
- Building a rapport trust with victims make them feel welcomed, not being rejected and contributing in the community by teaching on peace building strategies
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PROCESS

- I started from Edladleni where we were cooking for the children to find food when coming back from school. As we continue doing our duties volunteering still, we are taken for workshops teaching more on the rights of children, the linkage of HIV/AIDS and Gender Based Violence and Gender equality, Tuberculosis and Epilepsy. I then moved from cooking to being a secretary as we had recruited more people who noticed our outputs and wanted to be part of us in helping the community. I was a in the Neighbourhood care point as a Gogo centre. Afterwards we formed the Lihlombe Lekukhalela group.
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WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- Provide specific examples

Photograph/s showing changes

KEY OUTPUTS (MATERIALS ETC.)

Photograph/s of
people/
processes/results

KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

CHANGING LIVES

- Tell a short story of someone whose life has changed because this project/process

Photograph/s of the changing lives

LESSONS LEARNT

- I get to advance my knowledge more on rights of the child as well as rights of adults living with the children in respective communities. I gained expertise on respecting the rights of the child especially the girl child. I became gender sensitive and the different roles to be played by males and females. My knowledge on HIV&AIDS expanded as I was taken for a workshop on counselling, Tuberculosis and Epilepsy.
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WAY FORWARD

- Yes it can be replicated in the country or even regional as people can copy the good practise and apply the knowledge in their respective society. The project can continue if more people can be empowered more on child protection rights and other categories linking in my project. Stability of donors to fund the project. It is to seek for donations from local sponsors supplying us in food rations and construction companies to construct shelters for the needy children out there.