



DO NOT TURN A BLIND EYE'

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CATEGORY: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

INSTITUTION: GAMODUBU CHILD CARE TRUST

SADC GENDER PROTOCOL SUMMIT

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GENDER EQUALITY BY 2015, YES WE MUST!

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- ✘ In view of the scale of orphaning in Botswana and the needs of children who not only have been orphaned but made vulnerable through caring for sick parents or siblings, dropping out of school, facing stigma, discrimination and abuse, Gamodubu Child Care Trust decided that it is essential to scale up their support for OVC. At the moment there are about 55,000 registered orphans nationwide. This number excludes other children made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS. Services offered to orphans are not extended to vulnerable children. Hence the Gamodubu Child Care Trust decision to offer services . *The data was collected stakeholders around*



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED? WHY?

- ✘ Gamodubu comes in to meet the needs of the communities where the government and Nongovernmental organizations cannot.
- ✘ *Gamodubu has the high rates of death in the community, therefore this has inspired the organization (GCCT) to come up with programs to care and support the children who are orphaned and vulnerable. The data was collected through networking with relevant stakeholders and this include, chief, VDC, care givers and children including community service providers*



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

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN	EMPOWER THEM ON personal hygiene and DECISION MAKING
YOUTH	GOAL SETTING , SELF ESTEEM and peer education
GRANNIES	TO EMPOWER THE ABOVE TARGETS ON the do's and dont's on socio-CULTURAL ISSUES

DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

- ✘ ORPHANS
- ✘ DISABILITIES
- ✘ DESTITUDE
- ✘ DESERTED CHILDREN
- ✘ YOUTH



OBJECTIVES

- ✘ Prevention of further HIV infection
- ✘ Expanding care, treatment and support
- ✘ Reducing stigma and discrimination
- ✘ Capacity Building to deliver and sustain scaled up Programmes



PROCESS

- ✘ **Output 1: Prevention of further HIV infection**
- ✘ Mobilizing and sensitizing communities on HIV, STIs, TB, common illnesses, and the use of VCT, PPTCT, and ART services
- ✘ Information, Education and communication for vulnerable groups
- ✘ Developing and supporting drama, radio, television programmes and educational materials informing people about HIV and AIDS, VCT, PPTCT, ART, OVC, women, stigma and discrimination, PLHIV and other related services
- ✘ Promoting the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- ✘ Conducting households visits and community sensitization to support the uptake of PMTCT services



PROCESS

- ✘ **Output 2: Expanding treatment and Care**
- ✘ Set up and support kids club
- ✘ Formation of child care committees
- ✘ Formation of grannies clubs
- ✘ Conduct home visits for OVC
- ✘ Picnic for OVC, mentors and guardians.
- ✘ Christmas parties for OVC

- ✘ **Output 3: Reducing stigma and discrimination**
- ✘ Supporting HBC clients, families and OVCs to disclose stigma and discrimination practices and support them to refer such cases to legal and paralegal organizations
- ✘ Providing counselling to PLWHIV and CHBC clients on adherence to ART and preventing further HIV infection



WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- ✘ Kids Clubs activities are a strength to Gamodubu. Volunteers and Officials meet with Children during weekends for group counseling activities, play and learning. Of most important to note is that our Clubs service far more numbers than the target and the registered numbers. Children are attracted by the play equipment, games. It is difficult to turn down these interested children especially at the village where they do not have anywhere else to go.



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KEY OUTPUTS (MATERIALS ETC.)

- ✘ ONGOING STUDY CLUBS
- ✘ GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
- ✘ TRUST BUILDING EXERCISE
- ✘ IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION



KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

- ✘ The program made significant progress in the year 2010 in terms of formation of the long pending forums for meeting for guardians; the grannies clubs. The centre has projects like gardening and poultry and 200 members respectively. The group have met on several occasions for group counselling including the issue of livelihoods income generating activities.



CHANGING LIVES



IMAGINE AFTER THIS I WILL BE APPLYING FOR
YOUTH FUND BEING MY OWN BOSS

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LESSONS LEARNT

- ✘ Gamodubu is losing trained Volunteers to other Volunteer termed organizations that offer sizeable stipends.
- ✘ Planning was done with the community members from the surrounding areas giving them chance to own up. With the objectives and activities of the Program clearly set, the experience is different as the feeling sometimes is the desire to plan on something different that program areas feel is of priority or at least should be put differently.
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- ✘ Approaches taken to share lessons learned best practices and quality standards in the programme with the target beneficiaries, the team, and other organizations working in related fields, and to foster replication of successful elements of the programme.
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- ✘ Best practices are shared both within and outside the Gamodubu centre. An example of replication is the OVC mentorship program which was replicated to smaller areas around after having been a best practice in Gamodubu.



WAY FORWARD

- ✘ Support for OVCs is integrated and harmonized with other Gamodubu programmes.
- ✘ The initial stages of establishment of the Program are the costly ones but as the year proceeds the project is bound to cost less. With integration, the OVC program should be sustained the same way.





**'OH THEY ARE VOICELESS, LET
US ALL ABVOCATE FOR THEM'**