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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Response Network Zambia is targeting Kazungula and Zimba district as implementation area and Kalomo district as follow up area for 2018. Zimba demographically covers parts of Kazungula and Kalomo districts of Zambia.

### 2.0 STAFFING

- Currently there are 17 full time paid staff. The Country Director paid by Response Network (Norway), and 16 local staff.
- One staff in charge of communication resigned in June 2017 for personal reasons. A replacement has been found to fill the position of communication officer.
- The Programs Manager also resigned in September 2017 as he was recalled to Ministry of Local Government to take up his position as DACA. He has since been replaced by the new Programs manager, Mr. Ronald Simuchembu. The previous programs Manager is however now engaged on consultancy basis.
- 1 staff under the DAPP program has been re-engaged to continue implementation of Kids Athletics, while the other staff under the Mitigation of HIV/AIDS impact among vulnerable children program (Self-help Action Groups) has since stopped work as the project ended on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- There have been 25 volunteers engaged by the project, who live in the villages which we are targeting.
- 2 participants on the FK – SMISO – Hope project from Norway were placed with Response Network for 18 months until August 2018, Similarly Response Network also sent two participants based in Tromsø, Norway. One participant was recalled on Code of Conduct abrogation and has since been replaced by another participant who will be leaving in March until August 2018. The objective of the SMISO Hope program is to raise awareness on gender based violence (GBV), Incest and child sexual abuse and approaches on how to take care of survivors of the same.

- 2 students from University of Tromsø (UIT ARCTIC University) of Norway under placement program placed in Zambia to conduct their academic practical's. The focus is on Mental Health, period of placement is from January to April 2018.

### **3.0 ORGANIZATIONAL GAPS AND CHALLENGES**

#### **3.1 Operational**

- High maintenance costs of motor vehicles and motorcycles due to terrain and distance from Livingstone to implementation areas.
- High fuel costs due to distance from Livingstone to implementation area

#### **3.2 Partnership**

- Competition in some instances, with other organizations that give hand outs and pay heavy allowances e.g. CBR within the target communities.
- Working with Government departments whose staff demand for high allowances to attend partnership meetings.

#### **3.3 Human Resources**

- Salaries rather on the lower side due to limited funding
- Need for better technical expertise among staff

#### **3.4 Resource Mobilization**

- Need for Resource Mobilization expertise
- Need for resource mobilization plan (being worked on)
- Need for Organizational Income Generating Ventures yet. (Being worked on).

### **4.0 ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AND RESULTS**

#### **4.1 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

After conducting village sensitization meetings Goal Orientated Project Planning workshops and Child sexual abuse and violence awareness meetings, 1557 people were reached out (809 male and 748 female) inclusive of 31 persons with disabilities in the year 2017. This was against the total target of 1,180, most of the activities have been conducted. This programme is co funded between Norwegian Association of the Disabled (NAD) and Academic Work of Sweden.

The goal of this project is to alleviate poverty through rights based self-help approach among the marginalized in the target communities.

This year the program will be implemented in Zimba district, with high emphasis on disability so as to ensure relevance of the program to NAD requirements.

#### **4.2 DAPP-ZAMFAM SOUTH CENTRAL**

This programme is funded by USAID through Development Aid from people to People (DAPP) and the goal of this program is to improve living standards amongst marginalised people (women, youth, children and disabled) and vulnerable households and children in the target communities of Livingstone with the objective of increasing resilience among households that are infected /affected by HIV/AIDS. Several activities were initiated by community action groups by engaging into Save and borrow groups and kids athletics as a mode of knowledge disseminate on HIV/AIDS issues. Children from the same households are also empowered through the Schools through Anti HIV/AIDS clubs.

So far we had 1,181 beneficiaries (524 men, 657 women inclusive of 17 persons with disabilities have been reached out. The program came to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

This year we are only continuing with one segment of the program which is kids Athletics as the Savings Action groups program has been discontinued. The Kids Athletics program will be implemented in all 45 schools that are under the DAPP Livingstone target scope.

#### **4.3 Sports Programme**

This programme is funded by NIF and the main goal is a holistic approach to quality, inclusive, safe and responsible sport in rural communities of Zimba and Kazungula districts of Zambia through self-help approach. Further the sporting activities that are commenced are trained to align and affiliate themselves to the local, district and National sports councils and associations.

Following village self-help sensitizations and trainings, a total of 2,476 participants (1607male and 869 female inclusive of 45 persons with disabilities (29male & 16female) were directly reached out. This resulted in self-mobilization of sports activities in the target community, and the outcomes have been documented. This accounts for 69.6% implementation.

This year (2018) the program will be implemented in Kazungula district. Village centres to be considered are Mambova, Sikaunzwe, Kasensa and Mutwanjili.

#### **4.4 Community Schools buildings**

This programme is funded by Academic Work of Sweden, and Joint Country Programme (JCP), (previously called Norwegian Church Aid), and its goal is to supplement communities that have started self-help community schools with building materials.

In 2017 two communities were beneficiaries of 1 x 2 classroom blocks in Simusunge where the roofing has been done and they remaining with plastering to complete the structure. At Nanyati the structure is roofed and being plastered remaining with flooring and painting.

Under Academic Work, a 1x2 classroom block was put up, 1 x classroom extension at Siakasipa, 1 x classroom start up pack at Malanga and a staff house at Chilubwa. All the above projects are in there final stages of construction.

Under other donors, Gran supported the completion of 1 x staff house at Kalisowe, completion of 1 x 3 classroom block at the same School. Andebu supported construction of 1 x staff house at Siabukandu.

During the year, Tore Schulze memorial school was completed and handed over to Government through the Zimba DEBS office.

#### **4.5 Sponsorship and Skills training**

The sponsorship and skills training programmes are funded by Academic Work, Tore Memorial and NIF staff in which over 874 vulnerable children (girls) are supported and provided with school requirements primary and secondary school.

20 girls are in Tertiary education ( Nursing, teaching and university), 62 students trained in skills such as catering, auto mechanics, electrical and tailoring plus 15 community members from various clubs in Agriculture and carpentry.

In 2018 only 50 grade ones (1) will be considered for sponsorship as this is agreed with the Donors that we achieve 50 children per grades 1-12 in order to match with the available annual funding.

#### **4.6 Self -Help Group ( Save and Borrow)**

This programme is partly-funded by Zitukule formerly Kinder NotHilfe. The funding is very small and is therefore now slowly getting integrated into the main programme. However, RN has infused the programme and currently training and meetings are ongoing and the groups are saving and borrowing with remarkable life changing stories.

There are about 100 savings groups and they have accumulated savings of up to over 300,000 ZMW from which they borrow each other in clubs and start new businesses as individuals.

The program has very low funding hence contributing to constraints / Challenges experienced during implementation. In (2018) depending on funding from Zitukule, the program has been planned to be integrated in the community education program (CEP).

#### **4.7 Judo for Fred**

This programme is funded by Judo For Fred and trains boys and girls from 5 to 37years in Judo. There are currently 256 participants training in two clubs. Response Network is only supervising and handling funds for the project in Livingstone and directly implemented by Judo for Fred in conjunction with the Judo Association of Zambia. ("Fred" is Norwegian and means "Piece").

#### **4.8 Other donors**

Other small support donors relate to various Norwegian individual donors who donate for various projects, including sponsorship and support towards irrigation and literacy activities and sponsorship.

### **5.0 OTHER ACTIVITIES**

#### **5.1 Students Programme**

Response Network is partnering with two Universities in Norway for placement of students who are studying Development studies and health. This synergy is envisaged to offer RN an opportunity to share the self-help concept and learn new ways of enhancing the philosophy.

#### **5.2 Global Youths Exchange Programme**

Last year a new programme was started with the Danish through JCP called Global Youth. In this concept youths from Denmark are twinned with Zambian counterparts for a month and are placed in the RN working area. So far there have been 13 Danish youths in the village twinned to Zambian Youths until 5<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **5.3 Happy Readers**

Happy Readers run Literacy projects that aim to significantly improve the levels of literacy of children at Early and middle primary school level. The project was implemented and an evaluation conducted to assesses the impact of the program and a draft report submitted.

The books made a positive impact in developing literacy in the learners. The evaluation revealed that the program needed constant monitoring from both internal and external monitors for it to yield fruitful results

### **6.0 LINKAGES**

Response Network has established a lot of linkages with Government line Ministries and departments as well as other like-minded NGOs. Community Based Rehabilitation for instance (CBR-NAD) has tasked Response Network to do some changes in the program to make sure we remain of relevance to their approach in future. As a result RN is now working closely with CBR to map out which aspects the two organizations will compliment each other's activities.

## **7.0 Conclusion**

This year's implementation will commence earlier compared to last year. Implementation period will be between mid-March to October leaving room for close out programs such as evaluations and Baseline surveys in preparation for 2019.