

NKOMWA FOUNDATION TRUST

JANUARY 2024

REPORT



Project Name

Promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities

Project Owner

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INTRODUCTION

- The organization officially opened on the 15th of January 2024. The organization continued with its mandate in advancing and promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Matabeleland South Province and beyond. The period under review had few activities in rural communities. Below are the major highlights:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION FLAGSHIP

1. Six (6) office based officers resumed their duties on 2nd January 2024
2. One (1) male student on attachment from Midlands State University.
3. (25) Community Disability champions (Volunteers) on board.

PROGRAMMES FLAGSHIP

Task or Deliverable	Task Owner	Status	
Memorandum of Understanding	The organisation managed to sign a 5 year MOU with Beitbridge Rural District Council.	DONE	
New Operating Guidelines	The organisation complied with Government Directives on new operating guidelines. Vetting processes was done and the organisation was granted the permission to continue with the mandate in Gwanda District.	DONE	
Human Capital Development	1. The Executive Director and one Disability Champion for ward 2 were trained on Conflict and peace building Management	Three office based officers were certified on Sign Language skills-first level. 2	The organisation trained one student-on Sign Language skills. 3



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Vocational and Educational Support

Action Items

Ten (10) learners in primary and secondary educational level were provided with back to school essentials.	10 learners
Eleven (11) project participant were assisted with enrolment at Jairos Jiri Vocational Training Centre. Currently the organisation have 13 youths with disabilities from Gwanda, Beitbridge and Matobo District undertaking various courses	11 Projects
Three (3) project participant were provided with assistive devices namely audio and braille bibles, crutches and a wheelchair.	Assistive Technologies
The organisation managed to conduct three home visits namely in Beitbridge and Bulawayo	Home Visits
Two (2) project participant with albinism were resupplied with sunscreen lotions and lip balms.	Skincare Prevention Programme
1. One female project participant was assisted to report Sexual Gender Based violence to Zimbabwe Republic Police-Gwanda Rural. 2. A safe shelter was sought at Musasa House in Umzingwane district through the Department of Social Development.	Safeguarding Issue

Meetings and Workshops Attended

The organisation managed to attend the meetings and workshops convened within and outside Gwanda:

- I. Stakeholder meeting convened by Victim Friendly Unit Committee at Gwanda Magistrate Court.
- II. Review meeting on (Walk the Talk) in schools hosted by World Vision-Gwanda.
- III. Social Services committee meeting convened by Gwanda Rural District Council.
- IV. Annual General Meeting of National Association of Non-Governmental organisations in Bulawayo.
- V. District Civil Protection Meeting convened by Local Government-District Development Coordinators Office.

Challenges

- I. Limited office space. -the organisation is currently using a single room.
- II. Limited resources for operations and programming.
- III. Neglect of Children with disabilities by parents and relatives.
- IV. Discrimination and Stigmatisation of persons with disabilities still high.
- V. High Sexual Gender Based Violence for persons with disabilities.
- VI. Lack of an off-road vehicle for rural terrains.



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