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ABOUT US.

Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) is a girl child sponsorship not-for-profit making community development organisation with no religious or political affiliations founded on the 24th November, 2006 in memories of the late Dr. Rodney Aongola Maboshe in Mongu, Western, Zambia and registered under the laws of Zambia, focusing on helping disabled, orphans and vulnerable girls from poverty stricken families with clean safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), community shelter, economic empowerment, child legal aid, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV prevention, vocational and education sponsorships (primary, secondary & tertiary).



OUR PROGRAMMES.

MABOSHE SANITARY TOWEL INITIATIVE (MSTI): - With a donation of four sets of sewing machines from the Tool with a Mission (TWAM), the Memorial Centre (MMC) has started the process of making free sanitary pads to the marginalized and menstruating school girls in rural schools in Western province, Zambia who are struggling to stay in school when their menstrual hygiene needs are forgotten or ignored, yet the education sector in Zambia have remained reluctant to address the issue, this makes them to resort to cow dung to manage the menstrual flow because they cannot afford to buy proper sanitary pads due to high sanitary costs, menstruating school girls use cow dung to absorb the flow of their monthly menstruation. Traditionally, the issue of menstruation is a private matter that is not discussed openly.



The campaign aim to reach more than 5,000 underprivileged school going

MABOSHE GIFT SPONSORSHIP

Focusing on helping disabled, orphans and vulnerable girls aged 3 – 30 years old from poverty stricken families with access to school education.



The sponsoring program reaching out to the disabled, orphans and vulnerable girls with sponsored items such as: - skill training books, skill training, uniforms, universities and college education scholarships, tuition fees, student meals, dormitory fees, examination fees. Sponsorships are restricted grants used for the following categories to qualify for Maboshe's Gift Sponsorship a student must demonstrate financial need.

MABOSHE MEMORIAL CENTRE SMALL VILLAGE BANK FUND

Is a Micro Credit facility initiative of MMC offering job opportunities through small community and village loans, business training skills for bigger impact and micro insurance to the rural/remote communities of Western, Zambia.

The programme targets lowest income unemployed women who takes care of



disabled children and other vulnerable children living below the poverty line and opens up possibilities for self – employment and income generation, through promoting new income-generating businesses and jobs for the lowest income families.

It is the mission of MMC to alleviate the unnecessary suffering of these populations, to preserve the integrity and dignity of populations living in poverty and to provide opportunities for generations born into the cycle of poverty.

MABOSHE RURAL WATER INITIATIVE (MRWI)

Access to clean safe water and sanitation services is essential for human well-being and the environment. Improved water supply and sanitation practices reduce the risk of disease; Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) aims to tackle these challenges through comprehensive integrated approaches that focus on equitable and sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

THE AREAS OF FOCUS ARE:

WATER: - We support Health Care Facilities, Schools, Communities and Correctional Facilities (Prisons), with manually drilled boreholes. We also rehabilitate non-functional water facilities.

HYGIENE: - We promote hygiene education in the Health Care Facilities,

girls from primary and secondary schools aged 10-18 years with reusable sanitary pad a great solution to this problem because is super cheap, effective and sustainable on a long term basis, with this support will allow girls to carry on their daily lives more comfortably without affecting their academics.

The project will also train rural teachers in menstrual hygiene management (MHM) in order to deliver MHM after school program modules to girls and boys with confidence.

COMMUNITY ART AND ADHERENCE GROUPS

This is an ambitious initiative programme for the Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) to bring treatment closer to home and empowering HIV people who are on ART in all districts of western province, Zambia.

The Community ART and Adherence Groups (CAAGs) approach was designed together with children living with HIV and on ART in response to patient reported barriers to retention on treatment, and as such was a highly acceptable alternative mode of service delivery for stable ART patients. Community ART and Adherence Groups (CAAGs) are self-formed groups of children clients on ART. They are usually from the same geographical area and are willing to disclose their status to each other.



The system ensures that all members attend the clinic for their clinical visits and monitoring blood tests as per protocol but for refill appointments the group members take turns to collect each other's drugs. Each group nominates a group representative. At each refill date when they meet in the community a "ART Group Refill form" is completed. This includes some red flag clinical questions (symptoms of TB, weight loss, diarrhoea, side effects specific to the patient's regimen) and documentation of the pill count

MABOSHE LEGAL CLINIC & CHILD RIGHTS UNIT

Is an initiative of Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) in conjunction with local, national, regional and international partners with the aim of providing free legal assistance to disabled children, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) whose basic rights have been violated. MMC's Legal Clinic provides free and confidential legal aid.

Our main area of expertise is advocates for the rights of disabled children, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) through the provision of free legal aid services, engaging in public and school child rights sensitization, legal education, participating in law reform and policy change and undertaking public interest litigation, stigma or discrimination, statutory and customary law marriages, legal referral system, will writing, child violence as a result of disabled children, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) actual status then

Schools, Communities and Correctional Facilities (Prisons). This involves training of hygiene promoters and teachers.

SANITATION: - We facilitate Health Care Facilities, Schools, Communities and Correctional Facilities (Prisons) to construct latrines using locally available resources. These include batch and washing facilities.

INFRASTRUCTURE - This component consists rehabilitation of non functional water supply systems, construction of new water and sanitation facilities, to increase access to safe water and sanitation to vulnerable communities, schools and health facilities. This also involves installation of solar powered water supply systems in rural areas. The Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) mainly relies on manual drilling technologies to provide water to rural people.

SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT - This component aims to address the unacceptable level of breakdowns and down time for water pumping equipment through setting up of community structures (training of Area Pump Minders and equipping them with the required tools and formation of functional community water pump management structures).



NAMAKAU MUKELABAI CHILD DISABLED LEARNING CENTRE

Is a special school established under the Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) to serve the growing number of local disabled children to provide free education for disabled children that hardly exist in Western province, Zambia. The centre caters for the needs of all disabled children these needs are diverse and unique.

Namakau Mukelabai Child Disabled Learning Centre provide child friendly programs to the disabled children in order to bring balance in terms of child up-bringing and growth just like urban children. At the same time equip them with life saving techniques skills which will in turn improve their social well being as well as preparing them to be responsible and good leaders to serve our country.

NAMAKAU MUKELABAI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Is a technical education, vocational and entrepreneurship rehabilitation and reintegration centre for young disabled and other vulnerable people who have no access to good life from rural/remote communities of western province - Zambia through MMC. The centre participates directly in the fight against poverty and the stabilization of western, Zambia society through its skill-development training.

NMVTC will offer a 1 - 5-years vocational training program in trade testing examinations offered by [Technical Education, Vocational, and Entrepreneurship Training Authority](#) (TEVETA) in areas of computer studies, tailoring, electrical technician, home economics, plumbing, carpentry, sewing and tailoring.

the clinic could be the first step in resolving your dispute, family disputes and will take on any case that has merit.

The clinic services are completely free of charge and if we feel your case needs to go to court we will refer you to other legal officers or a lawyer that would be willing to take on your case for free or by paying legal fees to them and our paralegal officers will support you throughout the whole process.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND

Is a community housing microfinance initiative established by Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) to raise funds and building materials to construct low cost 3 or 4 bed roomed low cost houses to housing the mostly vulnerable caregiver who takes care of disabled, Orphans and Vulnerable girls who can't afford a good comfortably house and lives below poverty levels, the project builds low costing houses units on behalf of the mostly vulnerable families who take care or with disabled, Orphans and Vulnerable girls.



Since inception, the business has focused on the distribution of loans for housing improvements, allowing the poor to improve their housing conditions, through incremental lending. Typically, loans are used for extending current dwellings or for improvements such as building low cost houses, plumbing, fencing, security, tiling, flooring, plastering, painting and roofing.

The initiative product increases the value of client homes, enabling people to benefit economically, socially and financially from the capital asset they own, whilst also encouraging their participation in formal financial streams including the property market.

The initiative's mandate is to provide microfinance to improve the housing conditions of those who are unable to access formal finance. Microfinance loans are administrated in order for households to improve their housing quality, and thus build equity through economic, financial and social capital gained from home improvements.

EMPOWERING YOUNG SMALLHOLDER FARMERS TO COMBAT CLIMATE

The Empowering Young Smallholder Farmers to Combat Climate project is an agro ecology and food sovereignty project run by the MMC targeting young smallholder farmers in rural communities affected by climate change (Erratic rainfall and prolonged drought) in Western of Zambia.

There is an urgent need for policies that safeguard natural resource and food sovereignty, food production against climate change, this will help to raise mass awareness on impact of the climate change among diverse vulnerable young smallholder farmers to engage key duty bearers and motivate others to act on agro ecology and food sovereignty.

knitting, bricklaying concrete and practice, leather tanning, handcraft, mechanics and among others in order for them to get trade certificates. After their training, they are expected to be able to produce good quality products leading to increase in Gross Domestic product and profitability. Secondly they will be able to effectively work in their communities' settings able to creating jobs among themselves. After years of training, disabled youths will be integrated into the society and monitored for one year making sure they stand on their own in business or in formal employment.

NMVT is one of the imitative established to address economic problems among disabled youths in Western province, Zambia and targeting disabled youths aged (10 – 30 years) in and out of schools with life saving skills.

EMERGENCIES ACTION FUND

Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) raise funds to help people in emergencies; both in areas affected by natural disasters, cyclones, droughts and flooding are putting millions of lives at risk. whilst also focusing on places where it is difficult for people to break out of the vicious circle of poverty.



VOLUNTEERS IN MABOSHE MEMORIAL CENTRE (MMC)

When you volunteer in MMC you are giving something back to the community by lending a helping hand to children and organization. What you may not realize is that volunteering in MMC also benefits you as an individual. There are many good reasons to get involved in our community development programs, including learning something about you. MMC offers volunteer an opportunities for both teens and adults.

Volunteers are always needed in a wide range of worthy projects in areas of community access to clean safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), community shelter, economic empowerment, legal aid, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV prevention, vocational and education sponsorships, ICTs, clothing, entrepreneurship, healthcares, etc.



Volunteer in MMC Placement dates are bookable all year round and volunteer projects in MMC are available for 6 months.



The Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) believes that agro ecology reduces rural poverty by promoting sustainable solutions to the effects of climate change on agriculture through the practice of agro-ecology. We believe in a green and hunger free rural communities, a community in which no child will go to bed hungry because they don't have what to eat, and communities in which the next generation will not suffer from the devastating effect of climate change.

18+ ON ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE

A campaigning message against traditional practices, beliefs that low social status assigned to girls. Initiation ceremonies for girls who reach puberty prepare them for marriage and gender responsibilities as defined by culture. MMC is committed to end child marriage by mobilizing young girls and other activists as one of its top goal to influence Zambia national leaders to end child marriage in addressing the multiple root causes of the practice, including gender inequality, limited girl child education, poverty, limited sexual health education and traditional practices and beliefs in Zambia.



FOOD BANK

Is an initiative of Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) to provide a co-ordinated central logistical infrastructure that collects (rescues) edible food from manufacturers and retailers, and ensures that this food is redistributed to help feed thousands of hungry people every day, the project aims to raise tons of food, which will be distributed to orphanages, old aged homes, homes for the disabled, shelters for abused women, children and youth development centres in Western, Zambia. Shoppers can purchase non-perishable foods at any shops and drop donations off at the MMC stand.

FUNDRAISING EVENT.

Donate to help build the Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) Office by clicking on the link: - <https://www.mightycause.com/story/Kwmxgf>

COMMUNITY SEED BANKS

Community Seed Banks are collective spaces where smallholder farmers store, preserve and manage their own seeds and other planting materials. The practice of seed exchange is based on a loan-and-return system.

MABOSHE MEMORIAL CENTRE (MMC) 2020 - 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

This strategic plan builds on those achievements and sets out the long-term vision, mission, strategic goals, and core strategies of the MMC. Our vision is To empower disabled children, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) from poverty stricken families in Zambia by providing them with clean safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), shelter, economic empowerment, legal aid, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV prevention, vocational and education sponsorship (primary, secondary & tertiary) and our mission is To transform and alleviate the suffering of disabled children, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) from poverty stricken families with access to clean safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), shelter, economic empowerment, legal aid, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV prevention, vocational and education sponsorship (primary, secondary & tertiary) to help them become healthy, independent and productive members of their communities.

This 2020 - 2024 Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) Strategic Plan provides direction to the organization's work and focuses on clean safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), community shelter, economic empowerment, legal aid, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV prevention, vocational and education sponsorships (primary, secondary & tertiary). MMC considers these to be the anchors in promoting sustainable human development.

DONATE FOR MABOSHE MEMORIAL CENTRE (MMC) ADMINISTRATION.

There are many ways to donate to MMC whose work is at grassroots level, where every donation counts. It is best to channel contributions through Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) whose work involved with communities caring for disabled children and other vulnerable children. This ensures that donor giving effectively supports & builds upon existing local efforts.

Investing in Maboshe Memorial Centre (MMC) is one of the most powerful ways that an individual or companies can make a difference in the lives of disabled children and other vulnerable children and in the response to child rights. Yet these community clubs – the very source of hope to so many children and families – are often invisible to outside funders.

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