

# MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

## SWEZAM PROJECT



## 2010 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

The report covers the activities which the SWEZAM project undertook from January to March 2010.

### THE STATISTICAL ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THE SWEZAM PROJECT HAS REACHED

#### Primary target Group

No.	Distribution	Number of Schools	Total Number	Males	Females
1	Youth Club Members in the School Clubs	7	360	160	200
2	MEF Staff	-	-		-

- In this quarter being reported, there were a total number of 12 school club meetings held in the seven respective schools

#### Secondary Target group

No.	Distribution	Number of Schools Visited	Total Number	Males	Females
1.	MEF first year Students		30	12	18
2.	Outreach Activity( Youth day ) Exhibition	-	700	500	200
3.	Youths reached during the School clubs joint meetings	-	80	35	45

**OVERALL TOTAL OF PEOPLE REACHED  
IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2010 = 1,170**

## **PLANNING JOINT MEETINGS FOR SWEZM MEMBERS**

According to the new approach that the project switched to, the mode of meetings changed from weekly to one meeting per month. More emphasis has been given to the school clubs weekly meetings. All the SWEZAM members are occupying leadership positions in these respective school clubs.

In the quarter being reported there were four joint meetings that were held and all these joint meetings were used for planning purposes. All the youths fully participated in the planning, something that has always been encouraged in the SWEZAM project, involving the youths in planning. This has brought in a positive attitude amongst the members, they feel ownership.

The four planning meetings looked at the following issues;

**Weekly School club activities and programmes**

**Youth day celebration preparations**

**Closing Day Joint meetings for all the schools**

### **Club meetings and Coordination**

The SWEZAM project is now fully operational and very active in the seven high schools with SWEZAM youth clubs members having meetings once a week. The Executive leaders meet once a week as well to prepare meetings before the actual meeting day. There is a structure that has been put in place which allows the senior youth members from youth one and two to coordinate these meetings.

Positive results are being recorded as the school clubs have been organizing their own joint meetings with other clubs.

Mindolo has been able to have a joint meeting with Chibote girls and Mukuba Boys have been able to hold a joint meeting with Helen Kaunda High School.

The seniors have been planning for weekly lessons and in this quarter being reported, the topics where so much Human Rights focused. All the clubs have membership registers and weekly activity forms that must be filled in. Another mile stone that was achieved in the last quarter was the creation of the Human Right curriculum (find as attachments, Membership registers, Weekly activity report and the curriculum)

Another positive result is the teachers' participation in the SWEZAM youth clubs as in playing roles of patrons and matrons. These teachers have been representing the clubs during the Schools Administration meetings. And whenever the clubs require assistance such as transportation, it's the teachers that facilitates for the and ensures the clubs are given.

## YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year's youth day event was held at the Kitwe Square. And the SWEZAM project was mainly involved in the preparation and coordination of the main day activities. The Project had exhibited and showed the books and about 700 people (this included the guest of honor, invited guests, other NGOs and school pupils from basic and high schools) visited the stand and enquired more on what the project does and the youth club members that were assigned on the stand ably gave out information about the project.



The youth organizer was given to read the speech on behalf of all the youths on gun point without prior arrangements. However, he read the speech in which he implored the government to reconsider the decision they want to take on reintroducing corporal punishment in schools. This he argued will not be a good move especially that Zambia is a signatory to the Human Rights enactment.

In summary the SWEZAM project in this year's youth day celebration participated in the following;

- ✓ **March Past**
- ✓ **Co ordinations on the actual day of the event**
- ✓ **Exhibition and one to one peer Education**
- ✓ **Reading of the speech**

## PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The SWEZAM project procured more books for the Youth rights Information Centre from the 2009 budget. Although the plan was to buy books in the three thematic areas (**Human Rights, Gender and HIV/AIDS**). Only Gender and HIV/AIDS books were bought as Human Rights books proved to be expensive. With the raising demand in terms of information that has arisen from the schools the books will be prove to be helpful. And the Books that were collected during the Swedish visit have been added to YRIC collection this is another boost in terms of having information for the center

### **Office equipment**

The office equipment which was bought for the project are;

- ✓ **Television set**

- ✓ DVD player
- ✓ VHS player

These are already being used by the clubs for video shows and discussions. The project now can use the same during the workshops for peer educators, capacity building, gender and human Rights workshops.

### **PRINTING OF T-SHIRTS FOR ALL THE MEMBERS IN THE SEVEN SCHOOLS**

The project from the School clubs allocations of 2009 made T-shirts for all the school club members. The T-shirts that were made in total where 300. Every club member will be pay 50% of the total amount and the project will add the other 50%. The 50% the members will be paying will be used for their club activities in their respective clubs when want to have outreaches, field trips etc.

The following are the writings on the T-shirt;

**SCRED HEART/HELEN KAUNDA/CHIBOTE/MINDOLO/NDEKE/  
CHAMBOLI/MUKUBA HIGH SCHOOL SWEZAM YOUTH CLUB  
"SWEZAM Youth Project taking the stance against Human Rights Violation, Gender  
Inequality and the spread of AIDS today and tomorrow."**

### **RESULTS, FEEDBACKS AND CONCLUSION**

#### **Results**

In this quarter being reported the has been a deep interests in the pupils in high schools to participate in clubs and being members. Here under some of the positive statements that has been gotten from the seniors coordinating the clubs, Teachers and pupils;

**"..... Every time we have a club meeting at our School, the classroom is always small and we have most of the pupils listening from the windows and yet every eager to participate and contribute to the meeting discussions....."**

**Don Mwindila and Thelma Zimba Mukuba Boys SWZAM youth club coordinators**

**"..... I was impressed by all your participation when the Human Rights Commission of Zambia visited our school and was very impressed by the answers and the presentations that came from the members of the SWEZAM youth club, Keep it up and make the school known by your good characters and presentations....."**

**Head Teacher Helen Kaunda High.**

**".....Every week I look forward to reaching Wednesday because then I will be looking forward to another day and another meeting with SWEZAM youth club. Meaning I learn during the discussions and presentations I like and enjoy being a SWEZAM member....."**

**16 years old girl Chamoboli High School SWEZAM youth club member**

**“..... The SWEZAM youth club is the only club at our school which has well coordinated activities and our pupils seems to be appreciating that.....”  
Patron SWEZAM Youth Club Sacred Heart High School (the only Private High School)**

### **Conclusion**

The project is more specific in its approach and is using the tools that were learnt and agreed upon in Sweden when it comes to monitoring and getting feedback from participants. There is more specific focus on where the project is heading to this year and the coming years.

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