

MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

SWEZAM PROJECT



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INTRODUCTION

The report covers the activities which the SWEZAM project undertook from January to March 2011. The major highlights of this quarter was the outreaches that the Seven SWEZAM Youth clubs carried out in various Basic and Community Schools.

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 reached during SWEZAM Youth club meetings	7	600	290	310
2	Number of Youth reached during the Joint meetings		450	200	250
3	Number of youths reached during the youth Day Celebrations at Kitwe Cricket club	-	4000	-	-

Secondary Target group

No.	Distribution	Number of Schools (Basic) Visited	Total Number	Males	Females
1.	Number of Youth reached during the SWEZAM Youth Clubs outreaches in Basic Schools	16	2035	1100	950
2.	Number of Parents/Guardians reached during the Parents Gender Peer Education workshop		13	8	5
3.	Number of Church Based Youth leaders reached during the Church Youth Leaders Workshop		10	6	4
4.	Number of MEF Students and staff reached During the Chapel Youth Day Celebrations		33	-	-

OVERALL TOTAL OF PEOPLE REACHED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2010 = 7,141

Parent Gender Peer Education Workshop:

Date of Activity: 8th February, 2011 to 10th February, 2011.

Number of people reached: 13 Parents and three Youth club one members

Budget Allocation: K 5,916,500

A Parents Gender Peer Education Workshop was held on the above mentioned dates. The targeted parents were the parents that have their children as project members. This activity was a pending activity from the 2010 work plan. It was brought forward to 2011 due to time limitation. The projected number of parents that were supposed to attend was 14 parents but 13 attended instead. The workshop's gender desegregation was; 8 female parents and 5 male parents. The other parent had excused himself due to work commitment.

This was the first ever Parents Peer Education workshop to be organized by the SWEZAM project that aimed at training the parents in peer Education approaches. Therefore, there was a great expectation from the parents as they were eager to learn what peer education was all about. These were some the expectations that parents had before the meeting;



✓ I expect to become a good peer Educator after this workshop

✓ I expect to learn more about gender and peer Education

✓ I want to get a certificate after this workshop;

✓ I expect to go into the communities and talk to my fellow parents about the issues of gender

✓ I expect that each of us will know

**that gender is an important issue that must be well understood
I expect Workshop handouts and good presentations from the facilitators**



The workshop was officially opened by the then acting Director Mr. Michael Mwanachongo who welcomed all the parents to Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation and stressed the importance of the Parent Gender Peer Education Workshop. He informed the Parents that the issues of Gender has taken centre role at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation as it has partnered with Norwegian Church Aid to train The Church Clergy, The Church leaders and the Church Youth leaders in Trainer of Trainers Gender Based Violence training. Furthermore Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation has introduced Gender Training Course. He encouraged the parents to utilize the rare moment presented to them to learn as much as possible and ensure that they go back to their respective communities and influence change of attitudes in their fellow parents as regards to gender issues. He wished the two facilitators all the best of blessings as they lead the workshop.



The workshop covered a number of topics and there was a lot of group work, interactions and presentations. These were the topics covered;

- ✓ **Gender Concepts**
- ✓ **Gender Stereotypes**
- ✓ **Power and Masculinity**
- ✓ **Harmful cultural practices**
- ✓ **Leadership and Public Speaking**
- ✓ **Strategies for change**
- ✓ **Advocacy**

The Parents Gender Peer Education had two Facilitators; Linda M. Simbeye and Bruce Mubanga. The two had three resource persons Jeff Kashimu, Annette Musonda and Don Mwindilia from Youth One club.



At the end of the workshop the parents were made to fill in the evaluation form in order to get feedback on the content of the workshop and how in general the workshop was organized. Upon getting back the evaluation forms. There was a vote of thanks given by one of the participants- Mr. Steven Chisha who thanked the SWEZAM project for the wonderful and timely workshop it had organized for parents. He mentioned that it would now be easy for the trained parents to engage in gender discussions with their children and more importantly with their fellow parents. Thereafter, the parents were all handed certificates of attendance!

SWEZAM School Youth Clubs Executive leaders joint Meeting

Date of Activity: 11th of February, 2011

Number of people reached: 46 SWEZAM Youth club executive leaders and 4 patrons and matrons.

Budget Allocation: No Budget Allocation

The objective was basically to allow the leaders to share experiences in managing the affairs of the club operations, club programmes and club activities. The meeting was well attended and the leaders engaged in discussions. Among other things the agenda included; **Leaders duties and Roles, School club budgets and outreaches, club matrons/patrons and elections**



Leaders' Duties and Roles

Jeff handled this item of the Agenda and took time to explain the importance of term work and holding of executive planning meetings. The meetings would shape the club in terms of activities. He told the leaders that personal performance as a leader was important as every leader must fully know his/her duties and must ensure they are done.



School club Budgets

The Youth Organizer was called upon to share to the leaders the Schools' budget allocations that are provided in the SWEAM overall main budget. He explained that the clubs and its leaders working with their patrons and matrons must plan and cost for outreaches and activities targeting the basic schools surrounding their respective schools. And the pupils in basic must be reached under the project thematic areas; **Human Rights, Gender and HIV/AIDS**. The budgets must be worked on and submitted to the projects office so requests are processed. However he reminded the clubs on the importance of retiring receipts after the monies are utilized.



Club Matrons/Patrons

Annette Musonda explained to the leaders the need for them to ask their administrations to assign patrons or matrons (Teachers) to oversee their clubs this is important for the clubs to work well and have a voice at administration.



The clubs that have had difficulties in securing the services of the patron/matron must inform the SWEZAM project office so that it takes it up on behalf of the club through writing to the Head teacher of the school.

Elections

On the elections, the Youth Organizer explained that there is need to have an overall executive leadership like a school Club council leadership and the leaders of this council must be voted into office and there must be equal gender representations and all the school clubs must have a representation on the council. The Youth Organizer explained that the idea behind this was to have clubs tightly networking and linking up to joint planned activities.



The elections were held and Ndeke High School SWEZAM YOUTH Club scoped the Presidency, Mukuba Boys High School SWEZAM Youth Club got the Vice Presidency post, Helen Kaunda High School SWEZAM Youth Club got the Sectary post and Mindolo High School SWEZAM Youth Club got the treasurer's position.

The meeting was moderated by Don Mwindilia. Afterwards all the schools represented went out for group photos!

SWEZAM Project and MEF Students Youth day Celebration in the Chapel

Date of Activity: 11th March, 2011

Number of people reached: 50 students and members of Staff

Budget Allocation: No Budget Allocation

The SWEZAM project worked with MEF students. These being; Media, Social Work, Community development, and Youth leadership students. The idea was to use the working partnership in coming with a performance which was to be presented during the morning chapel service to commemorate national Youth day! National Youth day fell on Saturday **12th March, 2011**. The Project with Students worked hard to come up with **a Poem, Routine Dance, and short Bible reflection**. The performance was fun and the chapel congregants enjoyed

it! it gave a clear indication of how the SWEZAM project can work and coordinate the MEF students as well!

Nation Youth Day Commemoration in the City of Kitwe

Date of Activity: 12th March, 2011

Number of people reached: 4, 000

Budget Allocation: 2,499,000

National Youth day is commemorated every 12th or March. This is a day that allows youths from various organizations, Schools, Companies, political parties, churches and from the communities to come and show case their talents, skills and gifts through poems, dances, drama, drills, march pasts, speeches and exhibitions. It further allows them to build networks amongst

themselves. The other interesting item this that; universities and college take time to explain to school going pupils (Grade 12s) on the various courses they offer. SWEZAM project has a seat in the District Youth Day Organizing Committee. The committee is chaired by the Kitwe District Commissioner –Mr McDonald Mutine . The committee is tasked with preparing for activities during the youth week and on the actual day (youth Day). The SWEZAM project was under the Publicity and entertainment sub committee. Furthermore, it

was the SWEZAM project that was tasked to write a speech to be read on behalf of all the represented youths to the guest of honor was to be the Deputy Minister of Youth Sport and Child Development -Mrs Angela Chifire. Additionally the speech was not just written by the SWEZAM project but one of the SWEZAM project youth leaders- Ms Annette Musonda read it. It was well received by the



Guest of Honor and segments of the speech appeared in one of the National newspapers – **Times of Zambia Newspaper!** (See Attachment: Newspaper article)

This was good publicity for MEF and the project! Apart from the Speech delivery, the project participated in a poem presentation and did the exhibition of what the project does. The exhibition was handled by SWEZAM Youth club 3 members and they ably shared to the guest of honor what the project does and where it is located. Another item of the event that is worth



reporting is that out of the 42 youth members that were took part in the march past and other responsibilities. About 23 members willingly underwent Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for HIV. It was a brave and good move for the youths that are peer educators talking about AIDS to their fellow youths. At least the 23 members now know their HIV status.

School Clubs Outreaches in Basic schools and Communities

Date of Activity: The whole Month of March

Number of people reached: 2,035

Overall Budget Allocation: 13,600,000

The School Clubs had a number of activities undertaken under the quarter being reported. The schools using their budgetary allocations did the costings and execution of outreaches and communities. Their outreaches where not only unique but also exciting and a number of Basic schools and communities benefited from what the school clubs had prepared.

1. Ndeke High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: Debate and Quiz

Basic Schools reached: Ndeke Basic School, Wesley Nyirenda and Justine Basic

Number of pupils reached: 300 grade eight and Nine pupils

Winners: Debate – Wesley Nyirenda and Quiz -Ndeke Basic

2. Chamboli High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: Debate

Basic School reached: Chamboli Basic School, Bupe Basic School, and Buteko Basic School and Twalubuka Basic School

Number of pupils reached: 378 pupils 300 eight and nine pupils
Winners: Buteko Basic and runners-up Twalubuka Basic School

3. Scared Heart High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: Debate
Basic School reached: Misesi Basic School and Kitwe Basic
Number of pupils reached: 217 eight and nine pupils
Winners: Kitwe Basic School

4. Helen Kaunda High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: Debate and Essay Writing
Basic School reached: Riverain Basic School and Valley View Basic School
Number of pupils reached: 245 eight and nine pupils
Winners: Debate – Riverain Basic School and Essay Writing –Valley View Basic School

5. Mukuba High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: Debate Competition
Basic School reached: Butungwa Basic School, Natwange Basic School, Machona Basic School, Rokana Basic School
Number of pupils reached: 400 eight and nine pupils
Winners: Natwange Basic School and runners up – Rokana Basic

6. Chibote Girls High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: HIV/AIDS Outreaches
Basic School reached: Kitwe Basic, Buchi Clinic and Kawama Community School
Number of pupils reached: 200 pupils and children

7. Mindolo High School SWEZAM Youth Club

Activities undertaken: HIV and Human Rights Outreaches
Basic School reached: Kitwe Main Basic School and Mama Monti Basic School

Number of pupils reached: 295

Summary: The school worked impressively well to conduct these outreach with the help of Youth 1, 2 and 3 members coordinating and ensuring that all the work is done in line with the thematic areas. There was a lot of interest generated

amongst the basic schools as a number of them wanted to know how their schools can be part of the SWEZAM project. Being the first time the clubs were undertaking this task they did well and they had the full backing of their patrons and matrons.

Note: Unfortunately there were no pictorial images during the activities as the SWEZM Digital camera needs a battery replacement

Senior Youth Club Leaders (YC1 and YC 3) School Clubs Coordination

The Senior Youth club leaders from Youth Club One and Two. Where able to coordinate the schools with well and handling various topics which the clubs felt they needed to cover. Below is how the facilitation and the pairing were done;

Youth Club One Table

Week 2

Name	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
George		Mukuba	Mindolo
Jeff	Chamboli		Chibote
Annette	Sacred heart		
Don	Helen		ndeke

Week 3

Name	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
George	Chamboli		Chibote
Jeff	Sacred heart		
Annette	Helen		ndeke
Don		Mukuba	Mindolo

Week 4

Name	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
George	Sacred heart		
Jeff		Mukuba	Mindolo
Annette	Chamboli		Chibote
Don	Helen		Ndeke

Note: Their role was to attend the club meetings and conduct facilitation duties on topics that the leaders felt their members needed to learn under the thematic.

Youth Club Three

SCHOOL CLUB	ASSIGNED TO
CHAMBOLI HIGH SCHOOL	Justine kabwe & Namuinda Chipaila
CHIBOTE GIRLS SCHOOL	Musonda Kanunsha & Prudence Mkandawire
HELEN KAUNDA GIRLS	Lubona Kafumbwe & Philip Mundemba

MINDOLO HIGH SCHOOL	Rodah Tembo & Victor Mwape
MUKUBA HIGH SCHOOL	Mbaita Nalishebo & Mashaka Phiri
NDEKE HIGH SCHOOL	Chrispoher & Grace Busaka
SACRED HEART SCHOOL	Cynthia Bwalya & Grace Zulu

Note: The above Youth Club three members have been tasked to be in charge of the clubs and ensure there is proper weekly meeting coordination and in an event where any of the Youth club member fails to pitch up to facilitate. He or she must step up. (See attachment: Facilitation Rotation programme)

Youth Church Leaders Human Rights and Gender Training

Date of Activity: 30th to 31st March, 2011.

Number of people reached: 10 Youth church leaders and four SWEZAM youth club members

Budget Allocation: K 3,967,000

The two days training was held and organized for the youth church leaders from within MEF and around MEF surrounding areas. The church representation was as follows; **Mindolo Catholic Church, Mindolo United Church of Zambia, Mindolo Anglican Seminary, Mindolo New Life Pentecostal church and Mindolo Seventh day Adventist** . Each church was asked to send two youth leaders (male and female). The objective of the workshop was to make the church based youths more aware of the basic human rights and gender with the hope that they would pass on the same knowledge to their fellow youths in their respective churches! The workshop was facilitated by Democratic Governance and Human Rights Advocates [DEGHA] organization! There was a good response from the churches invited as they all managed to send their representatives to the workshop. The workshop was opened by the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director –Dr William Temu. He said he was particularly happy to have come to open the workshop in that its contents were rich. Human Rights and Gender are issues that must be fully discussed and he said he had to live with nephews that always thought that girls must always cook for them concept which he had to bring to an end. Dr William



Temu went on to give some rich and relevant historical dates of the origin and birth of Human Rights. Thereafter he encouraged the participants to learn as much as they could in the two days they had. The church leaders were taken through the following topics;

- ✓ **Introductions and Origins of Human Rights**
- ✓ **Civil & Political rights**
- ✓ **Economic, Social & Cultural rights**
- ✓ **Solidarity Rights**
- ✓ **The civic obligations/ duties of Citizens**

At the end of the workshop, the participants appreciated that their churches were picked and urged the organizers to organize more workshops and ensure that more days are given to them as the two days proved not to be enough to exhaust all the issues on the Programme.

Conclusion

The quarter under review was very productive as it met its targets further the project touched new grounds and spread its wings to a new target group; the pupils in the basic schools. The media coverage continues to grow!

Cc: MEF Director
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