



MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION



SWEZAM ASSOCIATION PROJECT



QUARTER TWO NARRATIVE REPORT

APRIL – JUNE (AND TWO WEEKS JULY), 2008

School Recruitment and Outreaches

The School Outreach is still on going with five schools already visited by the SWEZAM Youth club senior member accompanied by the Youth Organizer. Only two schools are remaining.

The schools that have been visited are as follows;

No.	Name of the School Visited	Total Number of Pupils Address
1.	Ndeke High School	350
2.	Mukuba Boys High School	200
3.	Chibote Girls High School	300
4.	Mindolo High School	150
5	Helen Kaunda Girls High School	300

Estimated 1250 grade 10 pupils have been addressed so far by the SWEZAM Team. As every school has about 7 to 8 classes and each class has a total number pupils. Ranging from 45 to 55.

Remaining High Schools yet to be visited are;

1. Chibote High School
2. Wusakile High School

The content of the meetings has been as follows;

- ✓ Introduction of the club
- ✓ The purpose of the meeting
- ✓ Benefits of joining SWEZAM Youth Club
- ✓ Questions and answers session

Youth Clubs Weekly Meetings

Its has been agreed that only one joint meeting be convened per week until the 2008 funding is received.

So far the meetings have been progressing well with a lot of full participation from both youth club members in planning for the school outreach dates and other pending issues for SWEZAM.

THE YRIC PROJECT AND MEF VISITED BY A SWEZAM BOARD MEMBER AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF SWEZAM FROM SWEDEN

On Wednesday the 9th of July, 2008 The YRIC Project received visitors from Sweden who were in transit to Tanzania. The visitors were accommodated for two nights and were hosted by the SWEZAM youth Organizer and SWEZAM Youth Club Senior members.

The visitors that visited the Centre were as follows;

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| 1. Ylva Werlinder | SWEZAM Board member |
| 2. Katarina Degan | SWEZAM Member |
| 3. Maria Katarina | SWEZAM Member |
| 4. Andreas Awesiw | SWEZAM Member |

Note: The Surnames may not be accurately correct

Meeting with the Head of Programmes

The visitors were first meet by the Head of Programmes who was standing in for the Director. He shared the background and History of Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation. The Programmes, Activities, Project s and sponsors of MEF.

The visitors enjoyed the talk that head of Programmes presented and later on, SWEZAM board member – Ylva introduced the friends to the head of Programmes and what they are in SWEZAM.

She further explained to the Head of Programmes that their visit was to come and see YRIC and be part of their meetings as the youths meet... She also informed the Head of Programmes that this was their first time to visit Kitwe and Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation.

Meeting with the Head of Conference Research and Projects

The visitors further meet with the Head of Conference Research and Projects who explained to the visitors the importance of YRIC project at MEF as it was Unique and very relevant to the Youth in the schools, within MEF and in the communities. As through the project a lot youths are learning more on the values of Human Rights, Gender and HIV/AIDS. And it's helping young people when it comes to discussions with their parents on SEX and Gender issues.



He further, informed the visitors that the Gender training workshop for Parents and Guardians that was held brought out ideas like making **SWEZAM parents Gender Peer Educators** so that the parents can educate their fellow parents on the importance of gender roles in their families and homes as when workshops are held and organized only a handful of parents are invited but the majority are out there and the challenge still remains on how to reach the masses out there.

Meeting with Youth Club Members

Just after meeting with the head of Programmes the visitors had an opportunity to meet with the SWEZAM youth Club members as on that particular day (9th July, 2008) they had a joint meeting and they all joined in the meeting which was being chaired by Thelma Zimba a Junior Youth club member. The visitors introduced themselves to the youth club members in terms of who they were in the SWEZAM Association in Sweden.

The youth club members had an opportunity to interact with the visitors and the seniors had a separate short meeting with Ylva Werlinder the SWEZAM Board member as they wanted to find out how far the Association had gone in planning for the youth exchange programme.



Outreach at Helen Kaunda High School with the Visitors

As the School Outreaches continues in the quest to recruit new member to form the third club. The visitors joined the Youth organizer and the senior youth club members for an outreach at Helen Kunda High School whilst at the same school the entourage was joined by the junior Youth clubs from the school.

There was a lot of excitement from the audience as they wanted to know more about SWEZAM and the Programmes it offers





Application Letters Received from the Schools

No	Name of School	Total Number of Letters Received
1	Ndeke High School	22
2	Mukuba Boys High School	
3	Chibote Girls High School	36
4	Mindolo High School	23
5	Helen Kaunda Girls High School	20
TOTAL LETTERS RECEIVED FROM FOUR SCHOOL SO FAR		101

Although only about two members will be picked from the schools all the applicants will be advised to be members of the school clubs and will be free to contest for any leadership positions in the respective schools. In line with the SWEZAM operational guidelines.

Interviews of the Applicants

The interviews have started with so far two schools being interviewed and the other three will be done on the 1st of August, 2008 (Schools official closing day). 6th August, 2008 will be the official welcoming day for the new youth members

CHALLENGES FACED IN QUARTER TWO

The Project's major Challenge has been the late receiving of 2008 funding which has basically disturbed SWEZAM YRIC Project Time Schedule for Activities for 2008. This entails that a lot of activities will be compressed.

The normal weekly meetings have not resumed as only one joint meeting is being Carried due to insufficient funding and the Bus fares have been increased twice within a short space of time and this will only be corrected when the 2008 budget begins to be used as every club member will be entitled to a K10,000 regardless of the distance.

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