

# MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

## SWEZAM PROJECT



## 2010 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

The report covers the activities which the SWEZAM project undertook from April to June 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	Closing Day/ Official lunch of the SWEZAM youth clubs in High School	7	500	206	295
2	Youth club members reached during SWEZAM Youth club meetings	7	380	180	200

- 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.	Youth -Zone National Television programme viewers (youths) that watch it	-	3,000,000-4,000,000	-	-

**OVERALL TOTAL OF PEOPLE REACHED  
IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2010 = 6,001,760**

## **CLOSING DAY/OFFICIAL LUNCHING OF SWEZAM YOUTH CLUBS IN SCHOOLS**

This was a one off activity but it was felt afterwards that there is need to have it every closing day of term one. And find a more appealing name that can be given to it, a youthful name.

Examples;

**SWEZAM Expo Meeting**

**SWZAM Joint closing day fiesta**

**SWEZAM Cubs Joint Gala**



The activity was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010(the closing day of term one). The event took at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (MEF). The meeting was held from 11:00pm to 17:00pm.

The objective of a meeting was to have all the SWEZAM youth club members come together in one meeting and show case various performances such as Drama, songs, speeches, Poems and dances all centering on the three thematic areas. Below was the programme for the event;

### **Official opening by the Acting Director**

The official opening was done by Adrian Hendy the Chaplin for Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation; he was standing for standing in for the acting director. In his remarks,the Chaplin encouraged the youths to be forced in their school lives so that they would be able to make a difference in their families. He went on to say he was delighted to see the impact that the SWEZAM project was having amongst the school pupils which was evidenced by the large turn out and excitement during the meeting.



### **Background Speech by a Senior Youth club member- Don**

Senior youth club one member don Mwindlia took time to briefly give a background on the SWEZAM project how its started, sponsorship, Trainings, The resource centre and the clubs and how the project values the youths

### Youth Organizer's Words

The youth organizer simply welcomed all the youth members and some matrons and patrons that accompanied the pupils to the meeting. He further advised all the youths to have fun as they participate during the meeting and he reminded the club members to be committed to the clubs in their respective schools and ensure that clubs are fighting against Human Right Violation, Gender inequality and the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic.



### Television Show

Before the schools started their performances, there was a documentary that was shown to them using the SWEZAM project equipment (Television set and DVD player). Documentary was titled; '**living with AIDS**' highlighting the many challenges that Zambia faces with the HIV/AIDS infected and affected Zambians. There was total silence in the meeting as the entire audience concentrated on watching the documentary.



### Schools performances from the Club members

The schools participated in the performance were;

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| ✓ Helen Kauda duet with Mukuba High school  | Poem and a play     |
| ✓ Mindolo High School                       | a song and a sketch |
| ✓ Scaret Heart High School (private School) | Dance               |
| ✓ Chamboli High School                      | Traditional Dance   |
| ✓ Ndeke High School -                       | Sketch              |
| ✓ Chibote Girls High -                      | Poem                |

### Motivational talk from ZNBC Y-ZONE presenters

The guest speaker was Ms. Janet Phiri the main presenter of the youth programme called Y-Zone on national television. In her presentation she urged the pupils to work hard at school and be part of such clubs like the SWEZAM youth club as through them they will learn a number of things which they can use even after they have left school.

For the girls she encouraged them to learn to stand and speak out regarding their rights and she said the girls must take leadership of their personal lives. she ended with a quote; **“Don’t Be Quite and ugly but rather have brains and beauty.”**

After wards there were more presentations from the schools.

### **Youth-Zone National and Television programme viewers**

The SWEZAM project youth club members (Youth club one, two and three) where invited to appear on the Youth Zone programme. This the same programme that hosted the youth organizer for an interview. About 11 members appeared on the show as part of the audience and the SWEZAM Youth Club Dancers from Sacred Heart, Helen and Mukuba danced as part of the entertainment. The topic which was being discussed was; **“Should Parents**



**choose Careers for their Children?”** The SWEZAM youth members’ having attended Parents –Children Dialogue workshops ably and confidently answered the question with convincing points and this was live on national television. With every passing day the project is gaining momentum and its getting recognized within Kitwe and outside. Four SWEZAM members contributed from the audience

### **JOINT MEETINGS**

In this quarter being reported the project held two planning meetings. The first was to review the Human Right curriculum documents and handing them to the leaders to go and present them to their members in their respective schools. And the second one was to look at the work plan for the project (Find attached)

### **SWEZAM YOUTH CLUBS ELECTIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE LEADERS**

The SWEZAM youth clubs in all the high Schools are changing their leaders. This is because most of the leaders are now preparing for their end of year final exams. So far Mukuka, Helen Kaunda, and Chibote High Schools have successfully changed their leaders through democratic elections. The other four schools are changing their leaders as well before the end of July.(the list of the names will be given when all the club wind up their selections) When this is done the new leaders will be trained during the Capacity building and peer education workshop

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

## Results

Here under are some of the positive statements that has been gotten from the some activities undertaken in this quarter being reported;

### ***NDEKE HIGH SCHOOL- Ellen Chiteula***

*“I joined SWEZAM in 2009, with expectations to learn more on the thematic areas, to have more members. The event was ok; we managed to present what we had prepared. We had just prepared a sketch and a song that went along with it. It was nice to see what other schools had for us”.*

She also mentioned that she has an average knowledge on the three thematic areas, and that there is need to lend books to the club at Ndeke high school.

### ***HELEN KAUNDA GIRLS-Mando***

*“I joined SWEZAM in 2009 because I was told that they have trips a lot. It was all good and different when I joined because of its (SWEZAM) uniqueness in terms of operations. I think it is a good attempt SweZam has made; there is so much for the Zambian youths to learn. It is good to start talking about sex at our age.*

*I have developed my interest in SWEZAM and I am also in the executive as a trustee. I think it will help more if many schools are to get involved with SWEZAM.*

*The event was nice. I think it will help the school clubs to cope well”.*

### ***MUKUBA BOYS-Gift***

*“I joined SWEZAM in 2009 with expectations that we would be having educational trips besides what we just talk about. Although we are fighting had against gender imbalance, there is need for our efforts in going against our traditions, culture. The cultural barriers are too strong and they are somehow contributing to gender imbalance placing a girl child always in a lower position.”*

### ***SWEZAM YOUTH ORGANIZER - Bruce Mubanga***

*“9th April was a day that was memorable to the SWEZAM project the seven clubs came together for the closing day SWEZAM joint meeting at MEF. 300 members in one meeting. ZNBC Y zone crew present, lots of drama, poem. It was explosive by the end of the meeting my voice was gone we danced and sang wow”*

## **Conclusion**

The project has worked on a workable plan that it plans to implement in the next quarter when the funding comes in.

**Cc: MEF Director, HRCP, Projects Administrative Officer , HOP & MIO**

