



MID-YEAR REPORT

SETHULE TRUST

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AS WE CLOSE OUR DOORS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19



LET US ALSO REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED OUR HELP



Zimbabwe current news

As a result of multiple crises, that include drought, socio and economic, families in Zimbabwe continue to face multiple challenges. With the Covid19 pandemic, the unemployment rate reached a critical rate of 95%.

By August 2020, there were 6388 cases of coronavirus infections with a total of 195 deaths.

Domestic violence cases increased during lockdown. Currently according to Childline Zimbabwe; child abuse related cases surpass 10 000 in a single day



Highlights of our work before lockdown

On 27 March, the Sethule staff joined all Zimbabwean on lockdown.

Highlights between January and March 2020

907 children and teenagers helped through the different Sethule school programmes, such as:

- Safeguarding awareness
- Birth certificate attainment
- Scholarship & school fees support
- Food aid
- Bereavement counselling
- Environment protection clubs



Working at home during lockdown presented many challenges for the staff members; such as:

- Small houses are shared with a large number of family member and thus there was a lot of disturbance and also very little work space.
- They had to cope with both Sethule work & home schooling their children.
- Poor or absent WIFI at home made work communication difficult.

Advantages included:

- Time to reflect and restructure programmes.
- All staff members attended an extensive online Child Safeguarding course.



Supporting & rehabilitating communities lockdown was done through:

- Targeting the city youth and families, our Media team was consistent in posting Covid19 awareness messages through social media platforms such as WhatsApp and Facebook.
- 15 short videos were created and circulated on social media
- Food appeal proposals were sent and these successfully generated funds for food aid., and thus many families were assisted with grocery packs.
- A Relief Plan for the rural communities was set up to help families with food hampers.

Returning from lockdown, our emphasis was on awareness and prevention of the COVID19. This was done in partnership with:

❖ **Childline Zimbabwe:**

The Child Safeguarding workshop gave awareness to relevance of child protection during both lockdown and while children are being kept home and not attending school. Channels of reporting abuse were made clear and easily accessible.

❖ **The Ministry of Education:**

The training of 1017 teachers was mainly to capacitate them with knowledge about COVID19. To ensure that pupils/students would be safe, emphasis was made on risk Assessment and on how to manage the case of COVID.

❖ **The Ministry of Health & Child Care**

The workshop, Covid19 Readjustment Plan, was run With the Ministry of Health for the purpose of equipping Sethule with knowledge and facts about COVID 19. Sethule staff would then use the information to educate, introduce innovations and attempt to reduce the spread of COVID 19 within communities.



Workshop with the ministry of education



Hand sanitizer



Sethule Staff & Ministry of Health



Facilitators doing Temperature checks



Team setting up grocery hampers



Carrying groceries home to grandmother



SPEAK OUT AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Read signs of physical & sexual harm and speak out

- Going missing from school or home.
- Unexplained gifts.
- Changes in behaviour and /or appearance.
- Use of drugs or alcohol.
- Signs of physical harm.
- Breakdown of relationships with family and friends.

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SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING
CHILDLINE : 116 SETHULE TRUST: 60048



REPORT CHILD ABUSE

If you are or someone you know is experiencing verbal, emotional or physical abuse, including neglect

PLEASE CALL:
CHILDLINE : 116
SETHULE TRUST : 60048
VFP : 8004224453

REACT
REACT FROM ALL CHILD TRUSTS
SAY NO TO VIOLENCE



The majority of children are sexually abused by someone they know, often within the family.

Many campaigns assume the child is able to say NO
But the child has no power
within the family

Many campaigns make it the child's responsibility to say NO or TO TELL
But more often than not THEN CANNOT

ADULTS MUST BE EDUCATED to be ALERT • DETECT • PREVENT

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These posters were designed by the Sethule media team in order to promote safe guarding during lockdown. The posters were distributed to different villages.

Conclusion

Though our plans were changed by the circumstances beyond our control, we cannot wait to go back and give a helping hand to our orphans and vulnerable families. We look forward especially to re-initiating these five projects

New projects

- Building of Sethule School
- Renovation of St James School
- Establishment of new Sethule headquarters
- The Birth Certificate Project
- Our New website (this will be online by mid-September).

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