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MZUMBE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ORGANIZATION HIV/AIDS PROJECT

1.0: BACKGROUND

Fighting against AIDS in Tanzania had started from early years of 1980's.

Since the discovery of the first client early on 1980's to date the situation is becoming worse as days gone. Statistical data of the WHO (2002) shows that about 2 million Tanzanians are living with HIV/Aids Virus.

The situation has changed however not with the advantage to Tanzanian and African as a whole but to HIV and its all disastrous. As such it was; and is estimated that in 25 years, time the situation will be worst.

Effect of HIV/AIDS

- **Economic effect:**

The disease/virus has affected the state economically since it has left vast lands and societies with the non productive people; this is due to fact that the productive ones (youths) keep on dying everyday and left orphans.

- **Social Effect**

HIV/AIDS has left orphans and widows in our society. They lose home and school, they lack food and even health services is a strict problem. Above all children (orphans) also lose their childhood.

- **Political Effects**

HIV/AIDS has led many political leaders to put much emphasis on solving the problem of HIV/AIDS and less effort on other activities such as political and economic activities. On the other hand, some people are made to believe that all the funds and other resources are used in a wrong way by these leaders through their position in the government.

2.0: INTRODUCTION

Society does have some ideas about HIV/ AIDS; How is it spread, to prevent oneself from being infected, and how to take care of the infected person. Apart from that, people do lack some of the basic knowledge about HIV/AIDS may be due to some local beliefs and traditions.

As matter of fact Mzumbe University students being part of this society,they have taken a stape forward as to start a project of which helps Mzumbe university students and the surrounding villages in the fight against HIV/AIDS.the technique of using youth in sensitizing other youth and the community at large has proved to be a successful tool in combating HIV/AIDS.

3.0 THE PROFILE OF PROJECT AREA. MZUMBE ADMINISTRATION WARD

Mzumbe ward is situated along Iringa road and goes beyond old Iringa road. The ward has six (6) villages of which its total population is 11,836 of which 5,798 (48.99%) are male and 6,038 about 51.01% are females (as per 2000 National Census Statistics). The ward is in Mvomero district, it was established about 30 years ago.

There is 1 University (Mzumbe University), 2 secondary school (Adrian Mkoba, and Mzumbe Secondary schools), and about 5 primary schools which are Mzumbe primary school, Changarawe primary school, Kipera primary school, Sangasanga primary school and Lubungo B primary school).

The basic economic activity is generally agriculture, but also there are workers and businessmen.

4.0 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Mzumbe University is within Mzumbe ward and there is a close interaction between villagers and students of the University. The HIV/ AIDS problem is shared between them.

The university is more than 50 years; the HIV is spread at faster rate between the villagers and students of the University.

Thus, the University through MZUMBE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ORGANISATION(MUSO) has initiated this project with the key objective of involving students and villagers in this exercise.

5.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The main objective of the project is to involve students as key participants in the war against HIV/AIDS in their environment and taking a leading role in educating the community about the disease and ensure their participation.

5.1 Specific objectives of the research

The specific objective of the project is to

- To inculcate knowledge to students and surrounding communities about HIV/AIDS
- strengthening the role and participation of students to the communities
- engineer appropriate programs to reduce the rate of HIV infections
- Recommendations to policy makers on how to fight against HIV
- To educate the community about HIV/AIDS
- Establish ground for another project of Educating the community about HIV/AIDS
- To provide relief severely attacked families
- establish home based care support to infected people
- offer training to students and villagers as peer educators
- Educated the community about catering the sick.
- To provide room for students to share experience with other local and international organisation, students and individuals who will participate in the project as volunteers.
- Offer counseling to students and villages.
- motivate and facilitate voluntary HIV testing
- Fight against stigma

7.1 Importance of the project

- It add more knowledge to students on how to coordinate villagers on how to reduce HIV transmission
- Will give the villagers the sense of being recognized with the educated society in sharing their problems.
- It is the starting point on actions to fight HIV in the University.
- To equip students with volunteer work skills and knowledge.
- To widening students knowledge and students participation in fighting against HIV/AIDS

VISION OF MZUMBE UNIVESRITY STUDENTS ORGANISATION (MUSO)

The core vision of this project is to have a HIV/AIDS project which involves Mzumbe University students and community members themselves as peer educator focus on rural population around and beyond communities and provide them with skills to make them active in planning, implementing and evaluation of HIV/AIDS.

To provide youth and community members to interact, meet and share experience together.

AVAILABLE MUSO RESOURCES

Building: Small building for the Center is provided by the Mzumbe University.

Volunteer Meeting/Training Room and Office: is provided by the Mzumbe University.

Volunteer Coordinator: this person is provided by the Mzumbe University.

NEEDED RESOURCES;

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS,

MUSO will prefer to obtain volunteers from different countries to supplement our efforts and share experience

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

MUSO is looking for financial support from individual donors and organization to meet the costs of running our project and make it accessible to many people as possible.

PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANISATION.

MUSO is looking for partnership with other organization who will wish to partner with us.



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