
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD
2018 REPORT**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report covers implementation and programming for Response Network in 2018 in Livingstone district and rural communities of Kazungula, kalomo and Zimba districts of Zambia.

2.0 Staffing

- There were 17 full time paid staff at the beginning of the year and 15 at close of the year. (One staff retired on medical grounds and one was put on an Exchange program).
- There were 2 participants from Norway on a Norec Exchange program and in exchange 2 Zambian participants were also placed in Norway at SMISO.
- There were 2 volunteers from Norway placed with the organisation in Zambia through the NOREC Youth Sport Exchange Program. In Exchange 2 Zambian volunteers were placed in Norway
- There were 33 community volunteers in various target communities.

3.0 Organizational Gaps and Challenges**3.1 Operational**

- High maintenance and fuel costs motor vehicles and motorcycles due to terrain and distance. The fuel and oil and fuel costs were also increased during the year while the local currency (Zambian Kwacha) depreciated against the key global currencies by an average of 26.39% .
- Limited implementation period due to early onset of rains and late commencement of activities due to delayed funding from some donors in some instances.
- Other organizations promoting hand outs and payment of big allowances to government officials for meetings while RN promotes self-help without handouts and does not give allowances so that communities own their own projects.

3.2 Human Resources

- Low staff salaries due to limited funding at the same time the Organisation unable to hire highly professional staff as its not affordable.

3.3 Resource Mobilization

- Lack of Resource Mobilization expertise
- No Organizational Income Generating Ventures

5.0 ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AND RESULTS

5.1 Community Education Program (Community Sensitisation)

This is the organisation's key program upon which the organisational methodology lies. program is conducted in partnership between Norwegian Association for the Disabled (NAD) and Academic Work of Sweden. The aim is to motivate communities using a rights based approach to start up self-help activities using locally available materials to alleviate poverty in rural communities of Kazungula, Zimba and Kalom districts of Southern Zambia. The program focussed on 10 areas of implementation:-

Outcome 1 *focused on* the enrollment of children inclusive of those with disabilities through start-up of community schools on self-help basis. A total of 398 (F182 M216), and 87 (F10 M77) PWDs were sensitized while 26 (F13 M13) children with disabilities are reported to have learned how to read and write.

In Outcome 2 the program targeted increased awareness among rural target communities including persons with disabilities to participate in sporting activities. 17(15 new and 2 revitalized) sports clubs (out of which 6 are female teams) are existing following sensitization. 310 community members are actively participating in sports activities, 29% are women/ girls, 27 members of these clubs are persons with disability representing 8.7% of the total membership. Outcome 3, focused on literacy of adults including those with disabilities. 117 illiterate adults (53.8% women) enrolled in literacy classes to learn how to read and write. 10 adults of the learners (8.5%) are persons with disabilities . In outcome 4, the program focused on providing income generation activity (IGA) through skills training. In 2018, 15 Community Skills clubs that are inclusive of persons with disabilities were formed. 48 community members of these clubs are earning an income of which 30 are reported to have improved lives as a result of their earnings. 11 persons with disabilities (5.4%) are earning an income through their participation in IGA skills training clubs and are now able to pay for their children's school fees and sort out domestic expenses. In outcome 5, the program targeted women including those with disabilities to participate in Save and borrow/Self-help groups to earn income. 87 women participated in 19 women's clubs by doing various activities, 22.3% of these women in 7 clubs were involved directly in save and borrow income generation. 6 of these women are persons with disabilities. A total of 19 (177 membership 11 PWDs) women clubs involved in various self-help activities have been mobilized and are very active participants of their respective clubs.

Under outcome 6 and 8, focus was on improved health and nutrition for households inclusive of those with disabilities. 334 people (65.2% women) actively participating in organic and vegetable growing through 27 clubs, while 41 people (60% female) participated in Health and nutrition clubs. 8 persons with disabilities were engaging in organic vegetable growing clubs. 37 people also participated in Human Rights/anti-gender based violence clubs (37 membership F 9 M 28) 24% women, and 2 Governance clubs (M24). 2 persons with disabilities belong to the Know your Rights clubs. Most community members now appreciate that they know when their rights are violated. 3 committees led by trained paralegals spearheading awareness on Human Rights, Gender violence and equal opportunities for women/girls and children in society. Outcome 9 Drummed up awareness on irresponsible alcohol consumption, 398 people sensitized on the dangers of alcohol as amajor cause of family problems and broken homes.

52. DAPP-ZAMFAM South Central

This programme is funded by USAID through Development Aid from people to People (DAPP) and the goal of this program is to improve living standards amongst marginalised people (women, youth, children and disabled) and vulnerable households and children in the target communities of Livingstone. The programs expected result is to realize improved child

wellbeing status due to provision and accessing of quality care and support services, with the aid of kids athletics as a mode of knowledge dissemination of HIV/AIDS information.

5.3 Sports Programme

This programme is funded by NIF and the main goal is holistic approach to quality, safe and responsible sport in rural communities of Zimba and Kazungula districts of Zambia through self- help rights based approach.

Through village self-help sensitization meetings conducted, a total of 3038 (male 2511 and 2787 female) beneficiaries were reached out inclusive of 96 (M59, 37) persons with disabilities. This resulted in self-mobilization of sports activities in the target community.

5.4 Community Schools buildings Project

This program is funded by Academic Work and Norwegian church Aid. The goal of this program is increased access to education among children inclusive of those with disabilities. This is achieved by communities putting up upfront materials and Response Network through Academic work and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) provide building materials.

In 2018, 10 construction projects were supported with building materials (4 staff houses and 2 classrooms were supported by Academic work, while 3 classrooms and 1 staff house were supported by other donors - Andebu, Gran and Øraker School. The structures will fully be completed in the first quarter of 2019)

5.5 Sponsorship and Skills training

The sponsorship and skills training programmes are funded by Academic Work, Tore Memorial, Delta Kappa Gamma and NIF in which over 570 girls are supported with School prerequisites at primary and secondary school while 18 are at Tertiary. Additionally, 27 girls were empowered with skill training courses such as catering, auto mechanics, electrical and tailoring.

5.6 Self Help Group (Save and Borrow)

In the effort of contributing to community development and household transformation RN adopted the Self help Groups program with emphasis on Save and Borrow. This programme is funded by Zitukule formerly Kinder Nothilfe.

Though there was no funding in 2018, the groups have remained active in the villages and have continued saving.

The program had 139 savings groups with 2244 participants. The groups realised in accumulated savings 160, 264 ZMW giving them an opportunity of giving out loans amounting to 303,795 ZMW from which they borrow each other in clubs and start new businesses at individual level.

5.7 Judo For Fred

This programme is funded by Judo For Fred and trains boys and girls from 5 to 37years in the urban areas of Livingstone. There are currently about 195 children training in two clubs. Response Network is only supervising and handling funds for the project in Livingstone. The project is directly implemented by Judo for Fred in conjunction with the Judo Association of Zambia.

6.0 Other Activities

6.1 Students Programme

Response Network continued strengthening linkages under the placement program to which RN has seen an increase of students coming for practical experience towards accomplishing their undergraduate degree in Development Studies, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy and Social Work. The program is in partnership with several Universities in Norway.

6.2 Global Youths Exchange Programme

The program is coordinated by NCA/JCP with the concept of twinning Denmark youths with Zambian counterparts for a month and placed in RN working area. The program is aimed at cultural exchange and motivate participants to become agents of change. The program had 7 Danish participants in 2018 with the hope of participants increasing in 2019

7.0 Linkages

Response Network has established a lot of linkages with Government line Ministries and departments as well as other likeminded NGOs.

8.0 Finances – 2018

In 2018 the Organisation received ZMW 6,992,963 approximately NOK 5,500,000