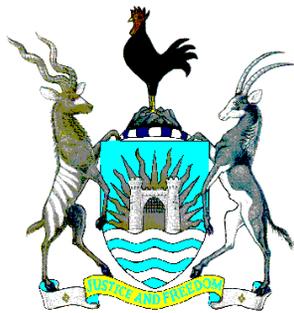




# PROJECTS NARRATIVE REPORT.

*January – December 2014*



**City of Mutare**

## **January 2015**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

The City link relationship between Mutare in Zimbabwe and Haarlem in the Netherlands has been in existence for the past 20years. It is founded on the basis of equality and reciprocity between the citizens of these two cities. Hinged on this equality and reciprocity it operates under a logo statement of “Two Communities Strengthening and Complimenting each other for Sustainable Development and a Better Future”

To meet this goal, the City Link operates in five major areas or sectors of Housing & Community Building, Health & Welfare, Sports, Environment, Education & Culture.

### **1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **1.1 Aim**

To improve the quality of life for the socially and economically disadvantaged people of Manicaland through provision of sustainable sport and recreation, health, environmental management and other socio-cultural programmes.

#### **1.2 Objectives**

- To work with relevant stakeholders in organising sport and recreational activities for youths, children and people with various forms of disabilities.
- To complement efforts by the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders in providing quality health care services.
- To support and actively participate in urban and rural development programmes undertaken by local authorities in Manicaland.
- To partner with the Ministry of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture in identifying and nurturing artistic talent within communities of Manicaland.
- To work with relevant government agencies in initiating and promoting community awareness programmes on sustainable environmental management.
- To establish, resuscitate and improve various community facilities within Manicaland in partnership with other stakeholders.

### **2014 NARRATIVE REPORTS.**

Detailed below are reports of activities carried out in these four sectors based on the funding that was secured for 2014. Besides the funds from the partnering organization in Haarlem – the Stedenband Haarlem-Mutare, the other main funding partner was ICCO (mainly for our Health & Welfare projects) and the local initiated financial sustainability measures through income generating projects and costs recovery mechanisms put in place by the City Link.

It is suffice to point out that with the support from our local and international partners and stakeholder, including the funding ones, 2014 proved to be a year where some progress was achieved (despite the harsh economic environment in the country) in meeting the overall City Link Aims and Objectives which are very closely married to the sectoral goals and objectives.

This report consolidates all the **Activities Implemented** by the Mutare-Haarlem City Link (the Mutare sides) in 2014 as well as the **Results Reached**, the **Challenges**, **Lessons Learnt** and a brief of the **Future Plans** (that is a summary of the 2015 Action Plans)

The Financial Reports are also attached herewith this report and must also be read with the report.

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## **A. HEALTH & WELFARE SECTOR REPORT.**

### **Activities Implemented Included:**

#### **1. Simukai Outreaches**

Each week there were 2 visits made to Simukai Child protection centres:

- I. Simukai Town area every Tuesday**
- II. Simukai Sakubva Safe Home every Thursday**

Simukai Town Area: Our target group ranges from 11- 19 years of age. And they are children living in the streets for several reasons. Most of these youths had been living in Homes before they left to live in the Streets. Simukai Child protection offers services such as family re-unification and advocacy for the Youths living in the streets. Our Peer educators visit the Town Centre to have group counseling and discussions with those who would have agreed to get support and services from Simukai. It is important to note that almost all these youths are males.

#### **2. Centre Based Discussions**

Centre based discussions are held twice each week at the youth centres and the target are the youths who frequent our youth centres for various recreational and occupational services that we offer free of charge. These services include, borrowing library books, reading silently, television viewing, indoor games. During the time youths will be getting services at our youth centres, we interrupt them twice each day to have a small discussion which lasts about 20 minutes. Our discussions with the youths are interactive as the youths do most of the talking and we originate in with the topic for the day, or to moderate and to give correct information were the youths would have given wrong information. During these discussions we discuss various social issues affecting our local communities with the youths in particular. These topics include relationships, culture and HIV, sexuality, sexual intercourse, contraception, HIV prevention and many other issues that affect youths as they grow. Most of the youths who frequent our discussions are within the ages of 15 and 25 and some of them are sexually active which makes our discussions more interesting as youths open up to each other and some of them have questions relating to their experiences with other peers of the opposite sex. There are sometimes some key topical issues such as sex and condom use that are constantly repeated which gives us some further reference to the point that surely some youths are indulging in sex but the actual statistics are difficult to get. The peer educators are taking their time to constantly educate their peers who sometimes are ignorant to certain issues relating to their sexual behavior. They have been constantly educating youths during these discussions to practice abstinence and safer sex amongst the preventive methods for sexual infections and pregnancies. Sometimes there are social issues that also include economical or academic references in them and our peer educators have been prepared for that. We have also covered issues that promote second chance education and economic self-sufficiency of the youths. On an average we record about 19000 visits from the youths who will be using our free services.

#### **3. Poultry Project**

In February 2014, the Mutare City Link Peer Educators through the Mutare-Haarlem City Link Foundation in Mutare responded to the call for proposals by the Netherlands Embassy in Zimbabwe and we were shortlisted for receiving the funding for a job creation project. The proposal aimed at strengthening the Mutare City Link peer educators Project by creating a platform to fundraise for the Peer educators' salaries and incentives whilst they are engaged by the Mutare-Haarlem City Link.

Arrangements were made by the Netherlands Embassy for a contract and we got the funding for a poultry project which had been named Mutare City Link Peer Educators Poultry Project. The salaries and incentives would play a pivotal role to the youthful peer educators who would not have done well in their previous studies as money for tuition, exam fees and training materials which will in turn contribute to their success in various professions and as a kick start to their long term careers. The Mutare-Haarlem City Link had aimed at creating stable temporal “jobs” to the peer educators during the time they are involved in community projects and to which they can improve their academic levels and to create sustainable lifestyles for the volunteers. On a long term we would like to ensure that the peer educators continue to be recruited, trained and placed in the communities which they finally work in. overall we hope to continue in building youths to make good decisions on their lives that will ensure that they do not engage in antisocial behaviours such as theft, substance abuse, prostitution. The stability of the poultry project would then ensure the increase in number of volunteers recruited and working as peer educators and the continued upward review of their monthly allowances so as to keep their expertise in the organisation. With the available funding we managed to complete the building process to the roof but we were unable to finish the poultry project as contractually agreed on our proposal. This was because we incurred a lot of extra costs that include builder’s labour costs, land clearing costs, plan purchasing and approving costs, water connection costs and building materials costs. Our costs of building materials doubled and at time tripled from the original budgeted lines such that we were unable to invest in the chicken production stage but we only managed to build a fowl run. As a result our intended goals and objectives have not been met because we did not successfully complete our project as specified in the funding contract hence our inability to present the results and outcomes as set out in the proposal. However, the Mutare City Link Peer Educators Poultry Project still has high hopes and plans to successfully invest in the poultry project and the vision is still set to be fulfilled. However we wish to thank the Dutch Embassy in Zimbabwe for the opportunity and funding granted to emancipate and assist the lives of youths by providing a platform for employment. Presently we are waiting for them to approve a report we have send them according to their stipulated guidelines. We also want to thank the Stedenband office in Haarlem for advancing the 20% loan to the poultry project. We will continue to work towards achieving the goals for the sustenance of the City Link Peer Educators’ lives by finding avenues to finish the poultry project and sustaining as according to the initial vision and mission objectives.

#### **4. THPP Training for PHEs**

During the month of August 2014 we began recruiting new volunteers to be trained in peer education. 4 new peer educators were added to the 6 peer educators we had retained since January 2014. From the 7<sup>th</sup> of September to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014, the peer educators were trained by highly experienced trainers from Nzeve Centre, City of Mutare Community Health and an independent Bernard Chiketo, who is a behavior change expert. Topics covered included Counseling, sign language, working with disabilities, report and proposal writing, puberty, HIV and AIDS, micro teaching, group dynamics, relationships and many other Adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) issues. The training was conducted at Small World Lodge in Vumba about 25 km from the Central business district. Many myths and misconceptions were identified and correctly addressed to suit the volunteers’ exposure. A pre-test at the beginning of the training and post-test at the end of the training were conducted to determine their needs and to evaluate their readiness to their work. In the end the training to cover all details on ASRH, HIV and AIDS and other youth related issues. The world is becoming very dynamic for youths hence we managed to train and fully equip them with current updates and information that is now enabling them to partake in their duties effectively.

#### **5. Newsletter Production**

The health sector is in the process of drafting an in house publication for activities carried out in 2014. The publication is comprising of several success stories for the Mutare Haarlem City Link. The issue is going to address issues that have to do with sustainable development being brought about within the sectors of the City Link. An expert in Journalism has been engaged to design, research, create stories and edit them before publicizing them in this issue. The magazine has been named the Mutare Link and will enable us to reach out to the people in Mutare, partners and the international NGO community in each single issue. The purpose of this effort is to build a common platform for the whole Mutare-Harlem family to include all our beneficiaries, employees, funding partners, stakeholders, government ministries and departments, and the general public, etc. and strengthen the bond between us and them.

#### **Proposed Distribution Strategy:**

**E-newsletter** mailing lists to partners, stakeholders, government ministries and departments, funding partners and UN agencies, media houses, among others; **Hardcopy** distribution to schools in catchment areas, community information desks and centres, volunteer and beneficiary representatives, banks and industry, tertiary institutions, among others;

#### **6. Manicaland YES Festival**

The Teen HIV Prevention Programme co-hosted the Manicaland Youth Education through Sport (YES) Festival on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Sakubva Youth Centre. The event was facilitated by the Sports and Recreation Commission (SRC) and was attended by more than 375 under 15 boys and girls from various Districts of Manicaland province and many other local community sport clubs. In the previous editions, the Sports and Recreation Commission (SRC) has been working in partnership with local and external Partners to run the Youth Education through Sport programme since 1999. It started in Harare as a pilot and has spread to all the country's 10 provinces. The implementation of the YES programme by community sport clubs, NGOs/Sport-delivery agents, schools and other institutions for learning has to date spread to 40 districts of the country. The 2014 YES programme's focus was to enhance the life-skills of youth and to facilitate access to HIV/AIDS education and other relevant information through sports. Activities carried out included, Ball Games, IEC Material distribution, Group discussions from facilitators, Dramas/Role plays. KAO Movement Games

#### **Results Reached**

- Increased understanding of youth issues through Enhanced cooperation and pooling of resources between and amongst partners.
- Increased level of participation of youths in issues affecting them, such as HIV/AIDS and life-skills.
- Increased number of youths empowered on life-skills, social development, assertiveness and leadership.
- Improved child protection issues among parents, guardians, duty-bearers and communities.
- Enhanced best practices and self-reporting by local community youths.

#### **7. World AIDS Day Commemorations**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2014, the Teen HIV Prevention Programme held its annual World AIDS Day Celebrations at Sakubva Beithall. The event saw local schools and colleges coming together and celebrating the successes and achievements made by local NGOs, Peer Educators, Hospitals and Health professionals in the fight to combat HIV transmission amongst the youthful population and the general population of Mutare. This year the WAD programme's focus is to enhance the life-skills of youth and to facilitate access to HIV/AIDS education and other relevant information through peer education. Our participants are going to come from 17 High schools from Mutare districts both in urban and peri-urban.

The commemorations were held under the theme, “**Focus, Partner, and Achieve: An AIDS Free Generation**”

### **Results Reached/Outcomes**

- Increased understanding of youth issues through Enhanced cooperation and pooling of resources between and amongst partners.
- Increased level of participation of youths in issues affecting them, such as HIV/AIDS and life-skills.
- increased knowledge on ASRH and SRHR amongst the youths which will help them to make informed decisions about their sexuality
- Improved child protection and HIV Prevention methods among parents, guardians, duty-bearers and communities.
- Enhanced knowledge on best practices of safer sex and HIV prevention amongst the youths

### **Activities carried out included:**

- Distribution of Pamphlets, posters and IEC materials
- Facilitations
- Poems, dramas, speeches

### **Overall Results reached**

- Health talks were done to in and out of school youths between the ages of 10 and 25
- Topics covered included behavior change, hygiene, puberty, substance abuse, sexual abuse.
- Awareness on youth sexuality was extensively done to empower the youths with the right information
- Assertive training was done to empower and equip the target group with life skills necessary for their age at Simukai and youth centres
- Sexual Reproductive Health Rights discussions were done at youth centres
- Communication barriers were identified and addressed by the PHEs during execution of duties
- Issues related to sexual offences and sexual behavior were discussed with the students
- Group counseling on common hygiene issues related to puberty was done by the PHEs on the target group
- An income generation project was started in Yeovil

### **General Teaching Methods Used**

- Short Dramas
- Role plays
- Group facilitations
- Individual counseling
- Singing and short poems

### **Challenges**

- In adequate funding to fund all activities
- sometimes transfers are not made timely
- Low incentives for volunteers
- Volunteer dropouts due to an unstable cash flow

### **Future Plans**

- To continue the health education programmes with in and out of school youths.

- To participate during the Manicaland Agricultural Show exhibitions
- To hold City Wide events at various community centres with youths in the high density suburbs
- To continue holding worldwide commemorations in unison with other stakeholders and partners.

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## **B. HOUSING & COMMUNITY BUILDING SECTOR REPORT**

### **SUMMARISED 2014 ANNUAL REPORT for HOUSING SECTOR.**

#### **A. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED.**

##### **The Hobhouse Housing Project.**

The following activities were implemented in the first half of the year or rather they remained operational:

1. **Building Materials Assistance Scheme** – The project still stocks the materials that are intended to stimulate house construction for our housing project beneficiaries as well as other residents of Hobhouse and the surrounding areas. The materials include Cement, Roofing Sheets and Roofing Ridges.
2. **The Revolving Fund** – it has remained operational and even so continued to appreciate in value following some profit making initiatives in its management. More details are in the finance report.
3. **Community Centre** – it has remained a hub for organising community building and development activities besides housing the project's offices. It has offered a platform for interacting with the various community groups for various developmental initiatives ranging from housing, health, environmental, income generating projects among others. It also houses the City of Mutare Welfare Officer, Officer from the Ministry of Gender and Community Development besides the various other community and stakeholders initiated programs which are also conducted there.
4. **Tools Lending Scheme** – Although at a rather low level, tools were also hired in first half of the year. The completion of the Home Industry will enhance the hiring of these tools.
5. **Home Industry** – Nothing much was done in terms of construction during the first half of the year. However proposals were flouted for the additional funding for the project for example to the Dutch Embassy but unfortunately without positive result. Efforts are also being done to follow up proposal sent through the foundation in Haarlem in particular to a likely funding partner who had promised to fund the projects again – The Achmea Foundation. We still have \$11'970 for the project.

##### **The Chikanga Housing Project.**

Following the successful advertisement and allocations of the 80 stands by end of 2013 – the efforts in the first half of the year have been towards following up and receiving payments for these stands and then use

the proceeds for the infrastructural development of the stands. Thus the following were activities implemented.

1. Receipting and banking of stands payments.
2. Following up on those not keeping up to date with their payments / those in arrears.
3. Investing some of the proceeds to earn interest – that is for those funds not yet needed immediately for use.
4. Setting up of the procurement committee by the Board who have then gone on to:
  - a. Finalised on the engineering designs and the materials bill of quantity for the project.
  - b. Since May 2014, they procured the bulk of the materials needed for the water and sewerage reticulations save for just a few fittings and supplements. T
  - c. Engaged the City Council for the fulfilment of their part of the servicing the stands since the City Council sold and received the proceeds for some of the stands payments.
  - d. As part of plant hiring – it opted to buy the spares for City Council Grader (which was down and non operational because of these spares needed) so that it will also work on roads opening for the stands. Thus besides our stands more values is realised with the money spent on spares for the grader as it will enable the City Council to work on other community building and rehabilitation projects which needs the grader.
5. Putting in place all the logistical measures for the commencement of work on the site.

#### **B. RESULTS REACHED.**

1. Of the 13,848 bags of Masonry cement available (448 brought forward from 2013 and 13,400bags procured) 13,444 were sold and or allocated to beneficiaries. Of the 1,200 PC15 Cement procured, 839 bags were also sold and or allocated to beneficiaries. Of the 529 Roofing Sheets, 210 were sold and or allocated to beneficiaries whilst of the 72 Roofing Ridges - 42 were sold and or allocated. These materials assistance scheme has gone long ways in stimulating house development and even the completion of some house both for the beneficiaries of our housing project and those in the Hobhouse neighbourhood and surrounding communities.
2. On the other hand the Revolving Fund has continued to appreciate as detailed in the Finance Report.
3. The Housing Project has also been able to meet all its operational or overheads costs including keeping the 2 staff members who are manning the Projects sites and cement sales stores.
4. The successful procurement of materials for the Chikanga Housing Project as well as putting in place logistical measures for the commencement of work on site such as Grader spares procurement and City Council engagement.
5. The Hobhose Community Centre continues to contribute immensely to the organisation of house constructions plans and logistics for beneficiaries of our project and others. It also contributes a lot towards the success of project for Hobhouse community building and development.

## **FUTURE (2015) PLANS.**

1. See the 2015 Action Plan which details all the goals and activities scheduled for 2015.

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## **C. SPORTS SECTOR**

### **Capacity building and training**

- 4 new sportleaders and 2 new academy coaches were recruited
- We continued with 3 sportleaders and 3 academy coaches.
- 19 Practical training sessions were conducted, they started in May and ended in December, the sportleaders learnt soccer, volleyball, handball, swimming, basketball and team building games.
- We planned to conduct a number theoretical courses for sportleaders and coaches but we failed due to lack of funding.

### **Sport development**

#### **Community sport**

- Sportleaders have been implementing community sport in 4 suburbs namely, Sakubva, Chikanga, Hobhouse and Dangamvura.
- 25.382 children have participated in the community sport activities especially in the first half of the year in Hobhouse Township had more children taking part than other townships. Challenge faced in Hobhouse is that the Sportleader dropped out due to, he found employment somewhere.
- Lack of adequate sport equipment was the biggest challenge.

#### **Sport Academies and clubs**

- We have sustained 5 sport academies namely,
  - o Volleyball – 48 players
  - o Soccer- 62 players
  - o Cycling – 44 cyclists
  - o Handball – 74 players
  - o Korfball – 56 players
- We bought sport equipment and supported the academies so that their training sessions will be effective.
- In June, Madeline who has been on attachment with Citylink conducted a hockey introduction workshop for 23 students and 8 teachers from schools around Mutare. She also mobilised 30 hockey sticks and 12 balls from her team in Holland and she donated them to our new hockey academy at Mutare Sport club.
- **Challenge Day Run** – we had a challenge run against City of Haarlem, the competition was based on the City which had more participants. We are very happy that we won the competition we had 104 athletes who participated in 10km and 5km road race in Sakubva Township, and City of Haarlem had 31 participants. The event marketed MHS to the people in Sakubva that we are still existing.
- **Multi-sport festival** – was not organised due to lack of funding.

## **Social development**

- Wheelchair basketball academy has been conducting its training sessions at Chikanga Sport complex on Saturdays with 35 players
- Deaf soccer and netball teams have been also doing their training sessions at Chikanga Sport Complex.
- MHS assisted in organising Provincial Paralympic teams that went to Masvingo for National Paralympic Games that were held in April 2014.
- In October the wheelchair basketball and deaf soccer and netball teams went to compete with other teams to Danhiko Games in Harare in October
- Youth Education Through Sport; we assisted in organizing Provincial YES games that were hosted in Mutare where teams competed in sport (soccer, volleyball and netball), Peer Education and community service (tree planting).
- Zororai Old Peoples Home sporting activities; a Dutch student called Job Spit came to Mutare to initiate the sporting activities for the elderly people. He did a research with sportleaders at the Zororai Old Peoples Home. He later taught various exercises to sportleaders and on weekly basis the sportleaders have been conducting these sessions in November and December. The sessions were mostly attended by 25 – 30 elderly people, the participants liked the exercises.

## **Finance and Fundraising**

- We have received \$7.328 from Haarlem for the purpose of sportleaders, coaches and field officer allowances, fuel, vehicle services, stationery and internet.
- Chicken project – 5 batches of chicks were raised from January - December and we managed to raise \$3.645. We procured chicken feeds and chemicals and paying the caretaker. Some challenges were faced as follows; in August the fowl run was infected with a bacteria and we consulted the Veterinary services and they advised us to stop putting chicks for 3 – 4 months so that the bacteria will die naturally. Some of the restaurants and individuals fail to pay chickens in time. Funds used to buy chicks, feeds, chemical and incentives for the worker who look after the chicks.
- Fitness centre – raised \$1,647 from the use of the fitness equipment. The funds we used to pay for the fitness Instructor, equipment and sewage repairs. The treadmill is no longer functioning hence less people coming to the fitness.

### **Key Partners and Stakeholders**

- City of Mutare
- Haarlem-Mutare City Link Foundation
- TEEN HIV Prevention Programme
- Sport and Recreation Commission
- Mercy Corps
- Ministry of Youth
- Ministry of Gender and Women
- Environment Africa
- Simukai Street Children
- UNICEF
- Mutare Regional Centre of Expertise

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## **D. EDUCATION AND CULTURE SECTOR.**

### **End of 2014 Sector Report**

#### **Preamble**

The year 2014 was met with mixed feelings and challenges. The challenges have not changed since yesteryear. We still face Challenges that have made it pretty difficult for the sector to program budget consuming project which is generally the issue with the arts and culture projects.

The year 2014 had lined up programs and projects of action which saw most of its programs which needed funding being slide lined in favour of self- funded or minimal cost projects meaning not all the projects succeeded in the year past year 2014 since the sector did not receive funding from funding organisations.

#### **Projects planned by the City link Education Arts, and Culture Sector.**

- A) Schools link culture festival.
- B) Schools link and visit Program.
- C) The Waka-Waka Distributions.
- D) Theatre and dance trainings
- E) Padare theatre project
- F) Studio project.

#### **Projects planned and not implemented.**

- A) Padare theatre project
- B) Studio project

#### **Schools link culture festival**

Unlike in the previous year the sector this year did receive funding but it was very little US\$316 from the previous year's \$926-00 from Haarlem. Suggestions to have the schools contribute towards the festival were made but it was a challenge since the project evolved on availability of funds from donations initially. The 11 schools which were involved in the festival in 2012 and 2013 were still the school which were going to be involved again in the year 2014 with ideas of adding more four schools to make them 15.

The festival was planned to take place at Moffat hall with all arts stakeholder having been ear- marked to participate in the festival and offer solidarity speeches for the celebration of culture week. The committee made up of teachers and stakeholders in the arts sector after failing to raise funds for the festival agreed to postpone the festival until a later date but it never materialised.

#### **Schools link and visit Program.**

The schools link program has been very slow in building up the relationships between schools and the school children. The zeal and enthusiasm Is there in the schools coordinators and the students but they are let down by the schools system which now require or has to go through a lot of beaurocracy to authorise things to happen in schools since the coming in of the new minister of education.

All the schools in the schools link program were visited by the education and culture coordinator before and prior to the distribution of the Waka–Waka lamps to gather statistics and information on the would be beneficiaries of the Donated lamps

- There were 4 visits to the schools before and after the donations

- 3 visits were done by the sector coordinator
- 1 visit was with the city link coordinator during which time the Waka-Waka lamps were being distributed
- In the other schools the sector chairperson was also in attendance.

Some schools in the schools link program are doing very well in their communication but some do lack the motivation to do that due to lack of communication facilities at their schools.

### **The Waka-Waka project**

The committee which was organised to deal with the distribution of the Waka-Waka lamps decided that lamps be distributed equally between the schools. A committee has already been put in place which comprises teachers from different schools. The committee will be the helping hands of the coordinator and be responsible for the twinning program of the city link.

The schools in the winning relationship from Haarlem have sourced resources and are willing to donate 600 Waka-Waka lamps the committee has agreed on an equal distribution of the lamps to the participating schools the schools have also come up with their distribution committees within their schools. The lamps will especially benefit students living off the electricity grid and those from poor backgrounds.

About 600 students are going to have a direct benefit when they get a Waka-Waka lamb this means that 600 families will benefit.

### **The schools linking project.**

There has already been some communications with our Haarlem counter parts on the issue of the schools link projects with other schools having been twinned /linked to schools in Haarlem. The sector held a meeting with representatives of the schools participating in the twinning programme to inform them of other projects that are coming as a result of the twinning program. The resolutions of having a progress meeting twice a term was not successful in the past year since there were a lot of other challenges which were faced by the sector. Most of the participating schools are enjoying the fruits of the school twinning relationship since they started communicating with Murahwa leading the pack.

Statistics shows that there was a lot of enthusiasm on the project of schools twinning.

### **Hobhouse community library**

The library continues to work below capacity in terms of raising revenue for its sustenance. There are two tenants at the library who are paying rentals of \$50 and \$70 respectively. This money goes to the maintenance of the library and the remuneration of the librarian. Recently engaged to man the library since the one who was manning the library left for greener pastures sighting lack of an attractive salary.

The recently engaged librarian was a member of the library volunteers who had left for greener pastures but she is now back with the library all is above board since the chairperson was informed of the leaving of the other librarian and the coming back of Munashe and her engagement as a fulltime librarian. She has since been with the sector for the better part of the year gone by.

The librarian will get \$80 as her monthly remuneration. And her immediate task is to collect revenue and quickly move the library out of obscurity to a centre of education development.

The library has lost revenue in unpaid subscription and overdue amounts and it is also her mandate to bring to book those who owe the library these moneys.

Challenges which the library is facing are the inflow of the library income especially on the side of subscriptions and overdue amounts. Members have a deliberate tendency of overlooking this since it is community library.

### **Film shooting**

The culture sector coordinator is working with different organisations in promoting film shooting and talent scouting in Mutare and beyond. Artists in Mutare with the help of the coordinator have rehearsed and shot the series entitled Conspiracy which was written by Zuze Zuze from Harare. It will be a ZTV and Bo TV production. The culture sector coordinator was engaged as the director of this TV series and all theatrics assisted by Mr Lucky Saungweme and the movie will be produced by Zuze Zuze.

The sector has also helped Kamo Studios in Auditioning Artists for a feature film which will start shooting in 2015 in May.

The sector has also helped two other production houses in coming up with production ready for shooting and funding proposals for seeking funding. The sector remains an integral part of the development of the Arts industry in Mutare.

### **Theatre and Dance training project**

The sector continues to be the integral part of arts development in Mutare and beyond the sector coordinator hosted several dance workshops in the province through an invitation from the Ministry of Education, Sports, Arts and Culture and NAPH and the plan international

In Chipinge the coordinator trained 30 teachers from 30 secondary schools under PLAN ZIMBABWE's basic skills for life project which is using theatre for information dissemination.

The past year has seen the introduction of another traditional dance platform in the secondary and high school of which the sector has been approached for help to develop this project by Bembera Arts Ensemble.

## **ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED by Stakeholder**

### **NAMA 2013 Entry Forms**

The sector was invited to take part in a series of meetings organised by the national arts council of Zimbabwe to concertize local artists on the requirements of NAMA and what they stand to benefit when one participates in the prestigious National Arts Merit Award competition.

Many Artists this year stand a chance of participating in these prestigious Zimbabwean awards. It has always been a Harare and Bulawayo thing but with a few film and music production that have been produced here in Mutare the artists in Manicaland stand a chance of fully participating in the awards if they enter to participate since they have the ground set for their participation.

### **Nyabbingi Zimdancehall Trophy**

The sector was influential and instrumental in the organizing of the Zimdancehall music contest which was held in the 4 neighborhoods of Mutare, the final competition was held at the Courtauld theatre. The Sector played the role of facilitator for the venues and the link between the trophy providers and the artists.

### **Manisa**

This prestigious yearly event took place this year in July and as usual the education and culture sector also performed a role in the organizing though because of lack of funding the sector did not do much. The exhibition had its own challenges this year but the fact that it was held shows the success of it. The sector has always provided P.A.System for this event and as usual for the Monthly Poetry and Music sessions.

### **CHALLENGES**

Our challenges remain the same for the year 2014 like the last year

### **Conclusion**

The sector has fought and will continue to fight battles for recognition within the organisation and outside to succeed

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**Things should get better.**