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HABITAT COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

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REPORT

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report contains the report for October and November. It also shows the monthly reports of events that took place and the areas that need to improve.

1.2 REPORT

The ZDSF has continued to push through the reading culture in schools around and there has been great improvement in the schools that have reading clubs. Apart from that the ZDSF Library is also improving in terms of the numbers of the readers that are coming to visit the library.



There has been a lot of visitors that come to see the services that are offered at the library both from the parents that stay near the library and even outside the library. We have had teachers from different schools who are also interested in the reading program.

After the first Computer seminar was held there has been a great response from other teachers from schools who did not attend both locally and outside the Mapalo community. In the first

seminar the ZDSF managed to raise Funds to carter for costs of the program, and at the end it was successful that it was even aired on the television.

Mr. Michael O Dalaigh from Kabwe visited the library in October and borrowed books for a school based in Kabwe.



ZDSF has also discovered that most readers that come to the container are those who do not go to school or have never been to school. The ZDSF took interest in finding out why most of the readers don't go to school and it was discovered that some parents can't afford to get simple basic needs of the children, like uniforms, books, and other school needs.





As ZDSF we managed to also interview the librarians that will be working at the George Container as recommended by the Irish team. Out of the six selected only two were chosen, as people will help the organisation in bringing new ideas and implementing the vision of the organisation.



Interviewing Charity Nankonde



Interviewing Brenda Mpundu



Interviewing Joyce Kibila



Interviewing Edward Chisenga.

1.3 CHALLENGES

- Visiting many schools, it's a challenge because mostly the ZDSF librarians are using personal funds to check on the reading activities in schools.
- The other challenge is that the readers that mostly come don't go to school and want to be in school but lack sponsorship.
- In addition, for the reading competition to hold ZDSF will require to prize the participants with items like bags, book, pens, pencils and other materials which will require funds.

1.4 STRATEGIES

- If the organisation can sponsor most readers who can't afford to go to school and link them with schools around it will have great support from the community and others who would like to partner with it.
- Also, if the organisation can pay the health insurance for the workers a year upfront it will greatly help.
- The organisation will intensify the reading program and extend in other schools which have not been incorporated yet.

CONCLUSION: The past two months has been so wonderful with a lot of activities that were done and among them, monitoring of reading clubs in schools, teaching reading to children, spelling

competitions, game words and also borrowing books to schools, individuals from the community and other communities and also interviewing of the new librarians.