



REPORT ON THE TUYIYE EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Special Report to CONTESA

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1. Introduction

This report presents information on activities implemented with funding received from CONTESA for the implementation of the Tuyiye Education Support Programme (TESP) for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Livingstone, Zambia. The report highlights activities and success stories generated from beneficiaries of funding from May to August 2021. CONTESA provided **K16,040** towards the programme which covered costs for over 40 young learners for Term 2 of the Zambian school calendar.

2. What is TESP?

The Tuyiye Education Support Programme (TESP) for Orphans and Vulnerable Children aims to provide education opportunities to the most vulnerable children especially OVCs. The programme is in response to Play it Forward Zambia's belief that all children deserve a chance to grow up knowing that they will be able to receive an education for them to thrive and have a better future. Tuyiye is a Tonga word which simply means, Let's Learn! Tonga is widely spoken in the Southern parts of Zambia.

3. Background

According to UNICEF, Zambia has achieved near universal primary school completion levels - national statistics indicate a completion rate of 91.8% at Grade 7. For children in the early years, the coverage of care, learning and education services remains persistently low. Overall, girls continue to be at a disadvantage with a large number of them dropping out in the upper primary and secondary grades, and poorer levels of transition to junior secondary and senior secondary levels.

Transition rates from primary to secondary school continue to remain low at 67.5%, mainly due to the lack of places to accommodate all primary school graduates. Other barriers to children transitioning and completing secondary school include **school fees** introduced in some grades, other costs related to education (such as the cost of not otherwise contributing to household income), and the long distances to many schools. The quality of education also continues to be a challenge, though national assessments have shown significant improvement in this area.

Some of the key statistics in the Zambian education sector include:

- 87.9% net primary school enrolment
- 42.9% net secondary school enrolment
- 1.0 Gender Parity Index at primary school
- 0.90 Gender Parity Index at secondary school

- 67.5% transition rate to secondary school

Poverty and inadequate family incomes continue to have a huge impact on school attendance by vulnerable children. This leads to consequences of school dropouts, poor academic performance and low numbers of young people making it to secondary and tertiary education.

In order to increase the number of our beneficiaries attending classes, we have covered school and examination fees for 29 pupils. The selection of the beneficiaries was done using information gathered from parents and guardians through a questionnaire which sought to determine the vulnerability levels of the beneficiaries. This Covid-19 pandemic has caused intermittent closure of schools throughout the year, interrupting pupils' education. We have responded by providing extra lessons to pupils, especially those in examination classes, in order to improve their performance and educational attainment. The expected outcomes from our education interventions will help these young people to regularly attend class, improve their performance and increase the likelihood of them pursuing some form of tertiary education in the future.

4. Activities

School Fees

School fees for Term 2 were paid for 29 young learners from 5 different schools including Mulwani, Dambwa Trust, Zambezi Sawmills, Maranatha and Mujala schools, respectively. Out of this number, 12 were girls and 17 were boys.

After School Learning Programme

Play it Forward has started providing an After School Learning Programme for young learners in our Football Academy with support from CONTESA. The aim of this programme, which is part of the support to OVCs and the Tuyiye Education Support Programme, is to provide additional learning opportunities to the young learners in view of limited curriculum activities experienced this year. More than 11 young learners have benefitted from this programme.

School Materials

The funds received from CONTESA were also used to purchase school materials and stationery such as books, pens, pencils and markers from a local supplier. The materials were provided to the 11 pupils attending the After School Learning Programme and their teachers.

5. Programme Monitoring

Play it Forward works closely with the local schools to monitor the performance of the pupils we have on bursary. We use end of term report forms and exam results to gain feedback of the academic performance of these pupils. For the After School Learning Programme, we use registers to monitor attendance and results from the tests administered to the pupils.

6. Programme Sustainability

Play it Forward will continue to apply for more funding and engage partners like CONTESA for continued support on our education projects. We have an allocation of funds towards our education programmes

which are raised through fundraising ventures in the UK and Zambia such as the Meet Your Stars Dinner Dance held in December, 2020 and the hiring of our 29 seater bus by schools and other organisations.

7. Community Engagement

During the reporting period, we engaged parents and guardians of some of the beneficiaries through our parent's forum which are held every quarter. We outlined the partnership we have with CONTESA and how we are supplementing their efforts in addressing challenges around educating their children and dependents.

8. Expenses Report in ZMW

FUNDS ALLOCATION	INCOME RECEIVED	EXPENSES INCURRED	BALANCE	COMMENT
	16,040.00		16,040.00	
MULWANI SECONDARY SCHOOL		7,500.00	8,540.00	School fees for 21 pupils in Grade 1-12
MARANATHA ADVENTIST SCHOOL		450.00	8,090.00	School fees for 1 pupil in Grade 8
DAMBWA TRUST SCHOOL		1,000.00	7,090.00	School fees for 2 pupils in Grade 8
MUJALA SCHOOL		600.00	6,490.00	School fees for 2 pupils in Grade 2
ZAMBEZI SAWMILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL		1,050.00	5,440.00	School fees for 3 pupils in Grade 8
BHUKHANS BROTHERS		896.00	4,544.00	School materials such as books, pens, pencils and white board markers for the After School Learning Programme for 11 pupils in Grade 9 & 11
ABSA BANK		44.00	4,500.00	Bank charges on the receipt of funds
MUCHA TUITION CENTRE		4,500.00	0	After School Learning Programme fees for 11 pupils in examination classes from different schools

Appendix

a) List of beneficiaries of the CONTESA grant

b) Project Images



Some of the girls in our football academy who are beneficiaries of the CONTESA grant



Three of the boys at Mulwani School who are beneficiaries of TESP



Some of the beneficiaries of the CONTESA grant in class



Beneficiaries of the CONTESA grant enjoying a lesson at Mulwani School