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## Executive Summary

During this quarter Pact continued meetings with USAID and strategic partners, and then presented USAID with a final Work Plan on the new approach to HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation. This was accepted by USAID. Presentation of the new Work Plan was also given to the USAID Director, Deputy Director and the full Health Team on June 7, 2001. Implementation of the plan began immediately with a one-day workshop for the G15 summarizing the partners' organisational development progress and discussion on the new vision. A separate meeting was held with the USAID Health Team to brief the team on the G15 partners progress as a result of Pact's technical assistance on organisational development.

Staff of Pact ZimAIDS attended security meetings at USIAD and held a joint meeting with Pact ZADF on security issues.

Pact Zimbabwe facilitated two (2) workshops in this quarter as stepping stones towards its direct involvement and support in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The first workshop held in May on Home Based Care attracted program staff and NGO leaders representing 20 organizations. Jacqui Patterson of Interchurch Medical Assistance, Baltimore, USA, attended and assisted discussions on home based care kits. The outcome of this workshop was

- (i) a home based care kit
- (ii) a home based care quality assessment tool and
- (iii) eight NGOs were selected to be partners with Pact and will be recipients of both technical and financial assistance from Pact Zimbabwe

The second workshop held in June was on Youth HIV/AIDS Prevention strategies. Program staff and NGO leaders representing 20 organizations participated in the workshop. Key note presentations on VCT, Youth behaviour development and Youth KAP studies in Zimbabwe were facilitated by Dr. Patrick Osewe, Dr Linda Dube and Professor Marvelous Mhloyi, respectively. Pact then set guidelines for proposals to the participants.

During this quarter Pact Zimbabwe started to implement the Post HIV/AIDS Support Services strategy. The Post HIV/AIDS Support Services are set to offer support to anyone who has had the courage to take the HIV test. MAC and Tsungirirai have written a concept paper on Post HIV/AIDS Support Services that they submitted to Pact for funding. Pact is now assisting the Post HIV/AIDS Support Services at the New Start Center at Union Avenue, Harare. A program for the remainder of 2001 has been developed. Mrs. Salina Mumbengegwi, formerly

Director of Women's Action Group, has been given a short term consultancy by Pact to offer technical support to all Post HIV/AIDS Support Services. This will include exploring new Post test services in areas where PSI is expanding testing services such as Chitungwiza, Epworth etc.

During this quarter, the orphan program continued to monitor the use of grant monies. All orphan partners either used proceeds from income generating project (Uzumba Orphan Trust) or grant monies to pay fees for orphans. A total of 163 orphans had their school fees paid in this quarter while a total of 44 orphans were provided with school uniforms

Hope Humana, Revival of Hope and Bethany Projects provided 98 orphans ( in child and grandparent headed households) with food supplements. Uzumba orphan Trust has established child protection committees in 9 schools. 15 orphans have been trained in child protection and "board" management issues. This has enhanced their capacity as watchdogs for OVC issues in the community.

Batsiranai Project at Birchenough Bridge has continued with The "Children Speak Out" activities. The initiative has been taken to 5 wards and 500 community members and children have participated in each of these community workshops. HIV/AIDS drama groups have been establishment in 7 Schools.

Bethany Project trained 34 orphan support project members (6 men and 28 women) in project management. Masiye camp established 5 community based psychosocial clubs which were equipped with psychosocial support kits.

## **Section One: Implementation of Pact's New Strategy**

### **1.1 Home Based Care Workshop**

This quarter saw the beginning of implementing the new strategies that Pact has adopted in its new role of contributing more directly to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe. The process of providing technical organizational development assistance to AIDS service organizations began with an introductory workshop on home based care in Zimbabwe held at Mazvikadei, May 21-23, 2001

The purpose of the workshop was to;

- (i) identify gaps existing within the home based care programs in Zimbabwe and
- (ii) assess how Pact Zimbabwe would facilitate building the capacity of organizations to deliver efficient and effective home based care services. The theme of the workshop was "The Realities of Home Based Care in Zimbabwe: Stop and Reflect."

#### **Small Wins**

- The workshop was attended by 30 participants representing 20 different organizations implementing different models of home based care programs in Zimbabwe
- Seven organizations attending the workshop presented their home based care models. The models ranged from rural and urban based home care programs, to church managed programs and hospice- palliative care driven models

One major product of the workshop was the Home care quality assessment index tool. The workshop participants worked in groups in reviewing and redesigning a draft home care index. The groups defined the elements of quality of care to be falling into 3 categories

- (i) Client's perception of quality of care
- (ii) Service provider's (primary and secondary) perception of quality of care

The purpose of the index is to assess the comprehensiveness/ holistic nature of a home base care program in terms of

- (i) quality of care
- (ii) continuity, repeatability/replicability
- (iii) cost effectiveness and
- (iv) provision of a minimum care package

The tool will be used to gather baseline information from selected partners, which Pact will support both technically and financially. Thereafter the tool will be used to gauge program performance and growth using the baseline as a point of departure or comparison.

Pact in collaboration with Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA, USA) presented to the participants a proposed Home Based Care Kit which the two organizations (i.e. Pact and IMA, USA) would facilitate the selected home based care partners to have access to. The participants reviewed the contents of the kit and advised IMA and Pact on what should be included in the kit and where the products/ items should be derived from. The participants agreed that some items to be included in the kit could be manufactured locally. The bulk of the kit's items are to be sourced through and by IMA in the USA.

A local NGO, Mashambazhou, also presented its home care kit. For more detail on the Home Based Care Introductory workshop, please refer to workshop report.

#### 1.1 Selection of home based care partners

Seven organizations have now been selected to receive grants and technical support from Pact to scale up and scale out their home based care programs. The selected partners are

- (i) Dananai HBC Program Murambinda
- (ii) Kubatana, Penhalonga
- (iii) Mukai HBC, Bonda
- (iv) Brethren in Christ Church AIDS Project, Mtshabezi (Gwanda)
- (v) United Methodist Church, Mrewa
- (vi) Dominican Sisters- Hatcliffe Extension Project (Harare)

The establishment of partnership with Bekezela HBC and the Presbyterian Church, Mhondoro are on hold till field visits are conducted to these organizations

About US\$100,000 grant monies has been set aside to support the organizations to scale up and scale out the home care program. The money is to be used to purchase kit materials (US\$30,000) while waiting for IMA shipments and the balance (US\$70,000) is to be disbursed to the eight selected partners.

## 1.2 Young People HIV/AIDS Prevention Introductory Workshop

In this quarter Pact Zimbabwe continued in its process of implementing the new strategies by facilitating and funding a 2 and half day Young People HIV/AIDS Prevention workshop. The purpose of the workshop was;

- (i) to identify gaps existing within the youth HIV/AIDS prevention programs in Zimbabwe and
- (ii) to assess how Pact Zimbabwe would facilitate building the capacity of Organizations to deliver and facilitate efficient and effective prevention programs

The theme of the workshop was "why the minimal impact on HIV incidence and prevalence rate?" The participants' combined years of experience in working with young people was found to be 78.4 years but it was agreed that the combined experiences and resources have yielded minimal impact especially among the young people.

### Small Wins

A total of 44 youth program personnel representing 20 organizations attended the workshop.

Key note presentations and sessions on youth behaviour issues were facilitated by Professor Mhloyi (Centre for Population Studies, University of Zimbabwe) and Dr. L. Dube (Sociology Department, University of Zimbabwe) Professor Mhloyi's presentation covered a summary of knowledge, attitude, belief and practice studies on young people in Zimbabwe.

Dr. Dube's presentation covered aspects on behaviour development and change among young people from an anthropologist perspective.

All the organizations attending the workshop presented to other participants the type of young people's programs they were facilitating especially on their key behaviour development and change messages and key components of their programs.

Dr. P. Osewe from USAID facilitated a session on VCT services in Zimbabwe. He shared with the participants the statistics on serostatus of clients visiting the New Start Centres. Most of the participants showed interest in integrating VCT services into their Youth Prevention Strategies.

Pact Zimbabwe asked the participants to submit a 4-5 paged concept paper on youth prevention strategies that they (i.e. organization) wish Pact to support both technically and financially. All participating organizations showed interest in having their youth program supported by Pact

### **Post HIV/AIDS Support Services**

The concept of Post HIV/AIDS Support Services is yet another prevention strategy being implemented by Pact. Post HIV/AIDS Test Support Services will be established at MAC, (Bulawayo), Tsungirirai, (Norton), Epworth, Chitingwiza plus ongoing support to Union Avenue, Harare Services. The PTSS purposes to offer ongoing psychosocial, spiritual , legal, and medical support to all who have had the courage to take the HIV test irrespective of serostatus. Most of the support will be provided through development of a network of referral services from the Post HIV/AIDS Clubs.

### **Small Wins**

MAC and Tsungirirai submitted their concept paper and budget on Post HIV/AIDS Support Services based on the dialogue and conceptualization process they held with Pact.

Pact Zimbabwe has given a short term consultancy to a social mobilizer to provide technical support as well as management support to establish Post HIV/AIDS Support Services

Pact Zimbabwe is developing guidelines on how to establish and manage Post HIV/AIDS Support Services

## **Section 2: Orphan Care and Support**

### **2.1 Community Facilitation**

Following the D6 PRA training, Uzumba Orphan Trust, Batsiranai and Bethany have forwarded their post PRA proposals to Pact for review. Pact will support each of the organizations with US\$1500 as it is envisioned that supporting the community plans will go a long way in encouraging and expanding community support for orphan care.

### **2.2 Grant Supported Activities**

Lessons from the D6 partners indicate a variety of interventions for orphan care and support, ranging from individual school, family to community based initiatives.

#### **Small Wins as per NGO**

- **Uzumba Orphan Trust**

In an effort to champion HIV prevention education and child rights, 9 schools in Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe now have Child Protection Committees (CPCs) in place and initiatives for forming a multisectoral Child Protection board for UMP are underway. Fifteen members of the CPCs from Machejera and Maema Primary Schools were trained in Child rights and board management issues to enhance their capacity as watchdogs for OVC. Through these committees the orphan support initiatives have started yielding result; Machejera Primary School "tuckshop" initiative has paid fees for 12 orphans; Borere Primary School paid for 12 and Maema Primary School paid for 10 orphans. The children who are receiving support are providing labour in the tuckshops during their free time in return. The community based garment making orphan support initiatives has sewn 42 school uniforms for 42 orphans. All (13 women and 3 men) members of the initiative volunteer their labour and skill to meet the orphans' immediate needs. Ten orphans are learning the bee-keeping skill at the Rukaso Primary School. A primary school girl had financial support for an eye surgery to save her sight.

- **Hope Humana People to People**

Hope Humana chose to work at three communities as pilot projects and are working on school based orphan care and support. 34 orphans from child headed households are getting nutritional support from the Magaranhewe Primary School initiative in Rushinga. 4 Children (2 boys and 2 girls) had

their second term school fees paid for and 2 other orphans a boy and a girl had school uniforms bought. During this quarter Mumurwi Primary School Orphan Support poultry project was officially launched at a colourful ceremony which was attended by over 40 community leaders and 600 children. Among these were 130 orphans who are registered at the school. 35 orphans at Jiti Primary School in Shamva had their fees paid. However, activities at this school are temporarily suspended due to the volatile political atmosphere in the area.

- **Batsiranai**

The "Children Speak Out" theme has continued to gain momentum in Birchenough Bridge with regards to creating a sense of urgency for the rights of children and HIV/AIDS prevention education. To date, these awareness campaigns have been done in wards 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27 reaching more than 500 community members and children in each ward. Seven schools have established HIV/AIDS activities to sustain ongoing prevention education in view of the high level of child abuse which is reported to be particularly linked to the Apostolic religious sects.

- **Bethany Project**

Bethany Project trained 34 orphan support project members (6 men and 28 women) in project management to enhance their skills. Hombe volunteers have so far supported 12 children (4 boys and 8 girls) with food and clothing supplies. 31 orphans from child headed families received food supplements, 5 secondary school orphans had fees for one year. Primary school fees support went to 90 orphans at Sasula school.

- **Revival of Hope**

Revival of Hope is working with ten groups of ten to twelve out of school orphans in providing HIV/AIDS education in their respective suburbs. The same youths are also volunteering labour service to the horticulture orphan care and support initiative. 33 orphans (15 girls and 18 boys) are getting food supplements on monthly basis with priority being given to child and grandparent headed families.

- **Masiye Camp**

Community-based psychosocial activities have started in Matopos, through the five psychosocial support clubs that have been established following the training in the last quarter. The clubs have been provided with four psychosocial support kits, which were purchased using the grant monies.

## **Section 3: Aids Among Us**

### **3.1 Aids Among Us (AIDSCORP)**

Aids Among Us continues with catalysts training in HIV/AIDS awareness to promote open discussions about HIV/AIDS in the community. During this quarter, 20 new catalysts were recruited (10 men and 10 women) and are now going through training on a weekly basis. Three more bicycles were purchased to facilitate the catalysts movement. The Participatory Reflection and Action workshop for 38 stakeholder representatives was held in Marega village. The process was facilitated by J. Mundondo (Malilangwe Conservation Trust) R. Phiri (GWAPA) and W. Chiyoka (AAU).

### **3.2 Netaid Foundation**

In partnership with Pact Zimbabwe, Netaid Foundation is committed to supporting Revival of Hope, Aids Among Us and Hope Humana People to People in providing communities with immediate needs to cope with the health and social impact of HIV/AIDS pandemic. The focus activities to be funded include:

- (i) training on home care
- (ii) home based care kits
- (iii) Creation of micro-enterprises to provide basic needs for orphans.

The proposals from the three NGOs are under review.

#### **Section 4: Collaborative Visits**

Pact held strategic meetings with Interchurch Medical Assistance, Baltimore USA. Ms Jacqui Patterson of IMA visited Pact to discuss collaboration in the field of home based care. She attended the workshop organised by Pact in May.

Pact facilitated a field trip with colleagues from DAI to one of Pact's orphan NGO partners, Uzumba Orphan Trust to discuss collaboration on income generation projects initiated by the Trust.

Pact staff met with senior staff of DAI to discuss future collaboration between the 2 projects. Pact will refer NGOs and CBOs with potential business projects for technical assistance from DAI. DAI will consider training legal counsel who will be part of the referral networks from Post HIV/AIDS Test Support Services.

Pact staff met with the senior staff of PSI and discussed the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the 2 organisations. This would clearly state the different roles and responsibilities between the 2 organizations. While PSI continues to focus on the Testing and Counseling Pact will assist with the establishment of referral networks and a wide variety of post test support services.