



Family AIDS Caring Trust Zimbabwe



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This report contains a highlight of activities carried out by FACT Zimbabwe in 2022.



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Acronyms

ABYM	Adolescent Boys and Young Men
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
BC	Behaviour Change
BCF	Behaviour Change Facilitator
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BR-	Birth Registration
CECHLA	Coalition for Effective Community Health and HIV Response, Leadership and Accountability
CSC	Community Score Card
CT	Children Tariro
CTRF	Changing The Rivers Flow
DHE	District Health Executive
DREAMS	Determined Resilient Empowered AIDS-free Mentored and Safe
DSD	Department of Social Development
ES	Economic Strengthening
FACT	Family AIDS Caring Trust
FSW	Female Sex Worker
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GF	Global Fund
GMS	Grant Management System
HCC	Health Centre Committee
HEARD	Health Economics and AIDS Research Division
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HR	Human Resources
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IGAs	Income Generating Activities
ISALS	Internal Saving and Lending Schemes
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMBC	Integrated Mother Baby Course
ISP	Integrated Support Programme
KP	Key Population
LCI	Local Capacity Initiative
MoHCC	Ministry of Health and Child Care
MNCH-FP	Maternal, New-born Child Health - Family Planning
MoPSLSW	Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
MoPSE	Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education
MoWACSMED	Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprise Development
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MSM	Men having Sex with Men
NAC	National AIDS Council of Zimbabwe
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
OEE	Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness
OVC	Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Acronyms

PCC	Parent to Child Communication
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PP	Priority Population
PSI	Population Services International
SGBV	Sexual Gender-Based Violence
SHG	Self Help Group
SIR	Strategic Information and Research
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
SSL	Safeguarding and Sustainable Livelihoods
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TORCHES	Towards Resilient Communities with Health, Equality and Safety for All
UNICEF	United Nations Children Emergency Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNOPS	The United Nations Office for Project Services
UNTF	United Nations Trust Fund Against Violence of Women and Girls
UNWOMEN	United Nations Women
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VFU	Victim Friendly Unit
WHO	World Health Organization
YWSS	Young Women Selling Sex

Message from Executive Director



Mrs Gertrude .M Shumba
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*Guided by our need to
serve one another with love
without stigma or
discrimination, our
courageous and dedicated
staff is always at the
forefront to serve
vulnerable communities.*

As the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, FACT Zimbabwe continued to be at the forefront of responding to the pandemic's fallout. This year's report showcases the work by FACT Zimbabwe during the year 2022 demonstrating impact based on our strategic focus of Healthy Communities for A Healthy Nation.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC and their families continue to face poverty exacerbated by various factors such as climate change and the spiralling cost of living. With support from various stakeholders, we are there to save lives, educate, empower, give children a voice, and ensure healthy and sustainable livelihoods.

With growth as the hallmark of FACT operations, the year witnessed growth in staff, projects, budgets and technical areas of intervention and support. Our major highlight was the launch of the PEPFAR/USAID-supported Sustaining Prevention, Increasing Access to Care and Empowerment for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (SPACE for OVC) and the DREAMS- Support, Maintain, Advocate, reduce Risk and Transform (SMART) Girls. During the review period, we reached 15,989 OVC through enrolment, school fees payments and attendance tracking in Buhera, Gutu, Chipinge, Makoni and Mutare districts. A total of 55,074 AGYW were enrolled into DREAMS SMART Girls program.

All this was achieved in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, National AIDS Council, Department of Social Development, and partnership with other Civil Society Organizations in the health sector. On behalf of FACT management and staff, I express gratitude to each and everyone who has made it possible for us to push forward with our mission- Healthy Communities for A Healthy Nation.



Mr. Washington Kuwana
Board Chairperson- FACT Zimbabwe

The organisation's growth in 2022 was characterized by a needs-based and evidence-based approach to service supply and relief aid to reduce new HIV infections, all thanks to a well-managed growth and sustainability plan informed by the 2019-2023 strategy.

It gives me great pleasure to present the FACT Zimbabwe 2022 Annual Report. This year the FACT Zimbabwe Board continued to devotedly execute its oversight mandate to ensure that of reaching out to Orphans and Vulnerable Children and communities infected or affected by HIV in the country.

FACT Zimbabwe continued to undertake programs guided by the organization's 2019-2023 strategy focusing on the realization of Healthy Communities for a Healthy Nation during the fiscal year under review. The organization's program execution put into consideration the after-effects of the just-ended COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, escalation economy challenges and other factors affecting vulnerable communities.

Note from the Board Chairperson

FACT Zimbabwe continued to compliment the Government of Zimbabwe's efforts towards the achievement of UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets to end HIV by 2030. The addition of additional programs such as DREAMS SMART Girls and SPACE for OVC to benefit OVC, adolescent girls and young women we serve in Zimbabwe was also a big highlight of the year. The organisation's growth in 2022 was characterized by a needs-based and evidence-based approach to service supply and relief aid to reduce new HIV infections, all thanks to a well-managed growth and sustainability plan informed by the 2019-2023 strategy.

Going forward, the building blocks for sustainability will be getting more donor funds to conduct community-centred programs and sustaining good stakeholder and project participants' engagement. Community involvement and excellent collaborations have all contributed to the year's accomplishments.

In closing, and on behalf of the FACT Zimbabwe board, I would like to express our gratitude and indebtedness to our financing partners who continue to support our efforts to realize Healthy Communities for a Healthy Nation. My expression of gratitude would be incomplete without thanking the organization's management and staff's unwavering team spirit in implementing programs.



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WHO WE ARE

Family AIDS Caring Trust Zimbabwe (FACT) is a Christian-based organisation that was instituted in 1987 as Zimbabwe's first AIDS Service Organisation pioneering the HIV response in Zimbabwe. Since its establishment, FACT Zimbabwe has been a leading National HIV and development organisation implementing various projects directly and through partnerships.



265

dedicated staff across
program areas



36 Years

of experience, growth and
impact



Partnerships

Through transformative
partnerships we have positively
impacted the lives



VISION

Healthy Communities, A Healthy Nation



MISSION

FACT Zimbabwe is a Christian based national organisation working in and through partnerships to improve health and reduce poverty among people affected by HIV and related issues in Zimbabwe and beyond.

VALUES

Equity and Justice

Love and Compassion

Integrity

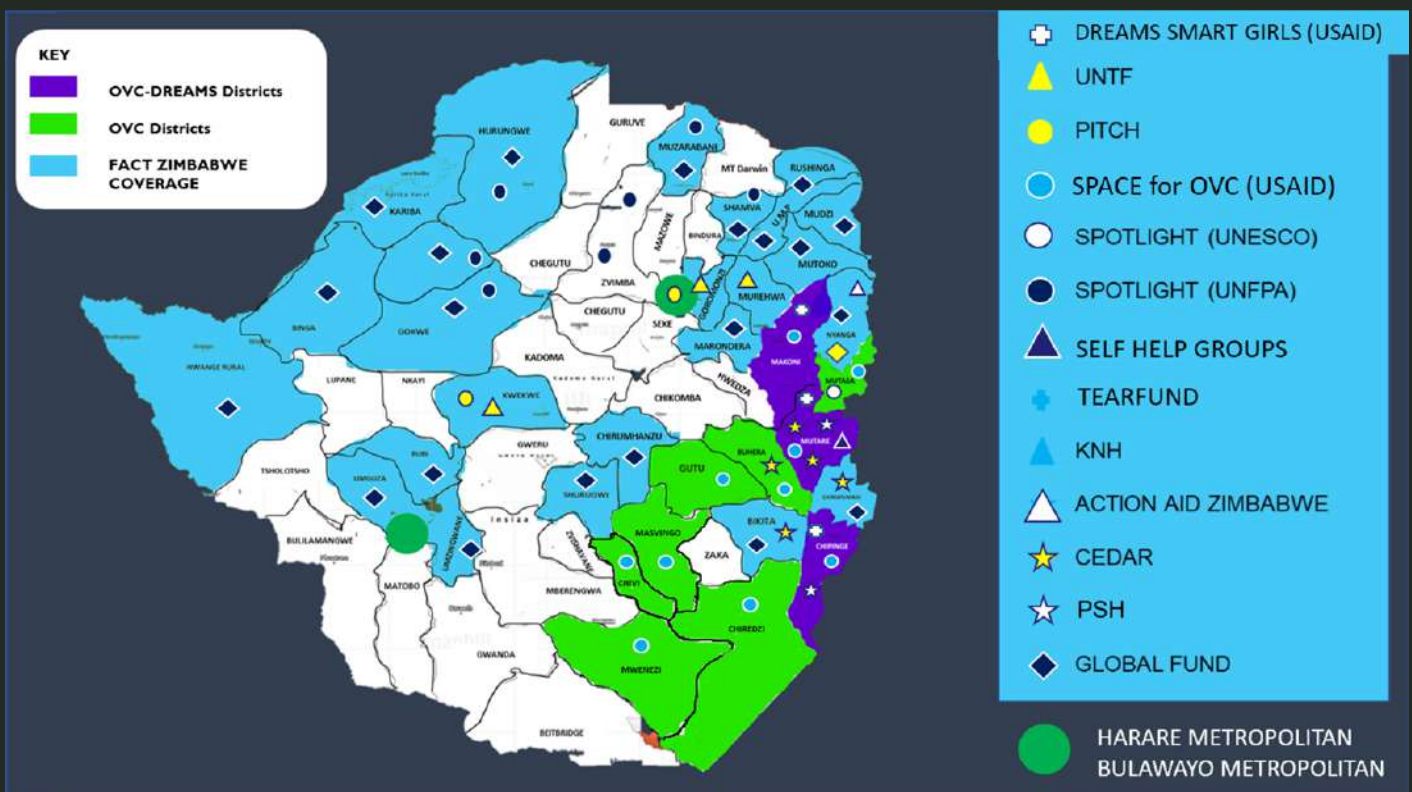
Transparency and Accountability

Acceptance and Inclusion



WHERE WE WORK

FACT Zimbabwe has grown from being a provincial-oriented organization with interventions spread out to other provinces and districts across Zimbabwe.



Health and Wellbeing

FACT has a fully-fledged Health and Wellbeing (HWB) department whose programming is guided by Zimbabwe National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (ZNASP IV 2021-2025). HIV programming guidance focuses on a combination of strategies for prevention and integration. Based on ZNASP IV 2021-2025 strategic orientation, the HWB department seeks to reduce HIV risk among vulnerable groups namely women, men, youths, people with disabilities, and children to claim their right to access critical continuum of services.

HIV Testing Services

In 2022, FACT Zimbabwe reached a total of 45,289 people with HIV Testing Services which included prevention, testing, treatment and care services. Of those who received an HIV test, 432 had a positive result and were initiated on Anti- Retro Viral Therapy. HIV Testing Services were contributed by the DREAMS, Children Tariro and Reach the Last Mile initiatives while Demand Generation and the Spotlight initiative mainly focused on referring clients for HTS. Below is the key highlight of HIV Testing Services.

HIV Prevention Sessions



2,170

Key Populations were reached with HIV prevention sessions



34,154

Adolescent Girls and Young Women were reached with HIV prevention sessions.

HIV Testing, Treatment and Care



8,965

were tested for HIV



432

tested HIV Positive



432

initiated on Anti-Retroviral Therapy

Chipinge and Mutare New Start Centres (NSC): Going the Last Mile

Going the Last Mile seeks to; 1) contribute to the reduction of new HIV incidences and infection in Mutare district through behavior change and the mitigation of the impact of HIV/AIDS by supporting those infected and affected. 2) help AGYW to be Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe (DREAMS). Last Mile's overall objectives are to 1) Test all HIV-positive clients through index testing, target testing and enrol them in care, 2) Prevent new HIV infections, 3) Reduce the risk of HIV progression, 4) Monitor patients and suppress viral load. For HIV Testing the project targets all age groups and index cases of the target populations. It targets Key Populations namely Sex workers, Men having Sex with Men and Transgender. Under the DREAMS, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) 15-24 years of age are targeted.

NSC Overall Reach October 2021- September 2022

Chipinge New Start Centre

Indicator	Target	Reach	% Reach
HTS POS. (Clients testing HIV Positive)	77	110	143%
HTS Self-test	720	864	120%
PP-PREV	4100	4626	113%
PrEP New	1024	2202	215%
Family Planning (Clients)	No Target	4626	
VIAC/HPV DNA	No Target	543	

- All targets for 2022 were achieved and surpassed through service integration and the cluster approach.
- PrEP coverage improved due to the clustering of Integrated HIV Care nurses and the launch of the V program, a PrEP value addition rollout plan aimed at making PrEP colourful, discreet and fashionable through the use of improved packaging.
- The PrEP dapivirine ring study resulted in an upward trajectory of PrEP uptake as more girls who shunned oral PrEP opted for the discreet ring which has to be changed only once per month.
- AGYW monthly parties reached out to more girls in hard-to-reach areas and have resulted in increased service uptake.
- Despite the SIDA Grant closeout, the DREAMS program has continued to provide Family Planning services to AGYWs in the district.

Mutare New Start Centre

Indicator	Target	Reach	% Reach
KP_PREV	4662	4048	86.8
HTS_TST	2938	4082	139
HTS_POS	376	244	64.8
PrEP New	1516	2354	155.2
TX_NEW	359	242	67.4
Viral Load	95%	96%	

- The NSC successfully moved to a new site which is strategically positioned to attract clients, unlike the previous site which was not visible.
- FACT Zimbabwe managed Mutare New Start Centre was recognized by USAID Zimbabwe (U.S. Agency for International Development) for its distinguished service and commitment to Environmental Compliance and environmental sound design and management under the Going the Last Mile for HIV Epidemic in Zimbabwe project funded by The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through USAID.



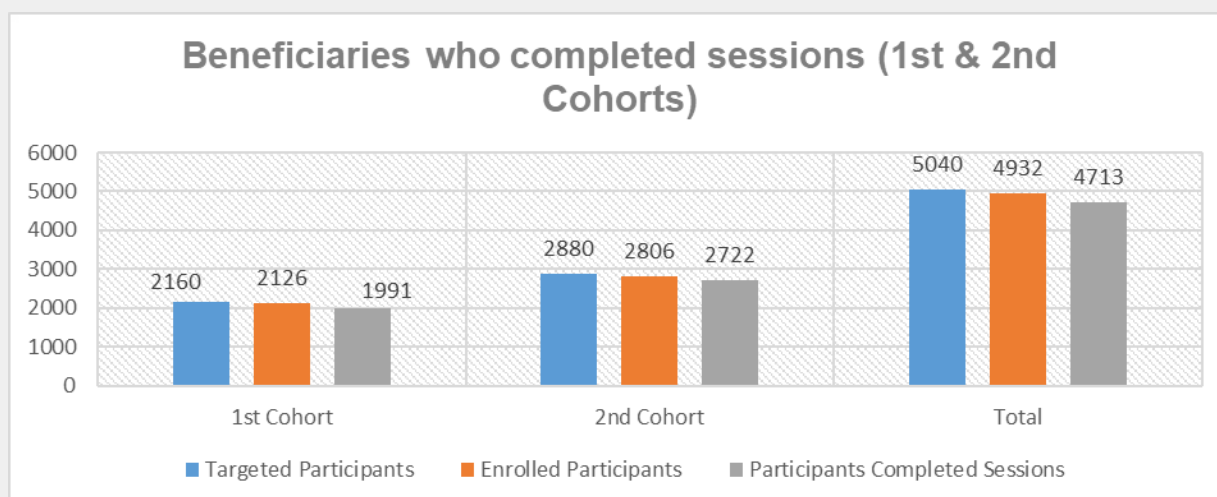
Mutare New Start Centre distinguished service and commitment to Environmental Compliance and environmental sound design and management certificate (left). FACT Zimbabwe Programmes Director (centre) and FACT Zimbabwe Executive Director hold the certificate of recognition in Mutare.

MHURI/IMULI PROJECT

The goal of the Mhuri/Imuli Project was to assist the government, communities, and civil society organizations in improving maternal child and youth's health and survival in targeted populations in the seven districts (Buhera, Chipinge, Chimanimani, Makoni, Mutare, Mutasa, and Nyanga) of Manicaland Province. FACT Zimbabwe through support from FHI360 focused on Intermediate Result 2) increased use of MNCH-FP services in Manicaland province, targeting hard-to-reach populations and Intermediate Result 3) strengthened community systems and linkages for integrated MNCH-FP services in Manicaland. Hard-to-reach populations from 48 health facilities were reached with MNCH interventions from the two mentioned intermediate results. Cited in this section are some key project achievements.

Family Life Schools (FLS) is one of the strategies used under the Mhuri/Imuli project to improve household MNCH/FP knowledge and behaviours. Adapted from health and nutrition programs, it was used as a means to build essential skills needed for optimal nutrition and health through the first 1000 days of life.

Beneficiaries Enrolled and Completed Sessions



A total of 4,713 beneficiaries were enrolled and completed FLS sessions in the three different class categories. This was a 93% achievement. A deliberate effort was also made to target beneficiaries from the apostolic sects.

Beneficiaries Reached per Class

Participants from the Apostolic Sects (Religious Objectors)			
Baba	Mama	Baby	Total
176	155	241	572



Family Life Schools graduation

Participation and engagement of members of the Apostolic Sects in and through the program respectively was a success as they are from a population that does not access health information and services. From those who took part in session they managed to gain knowledge and are already putting it into action. Some participants in this category gave testimonies on how they have improved their health-seeking behaviour. They have registered for ANC and are taking their

children for immunizations. Testimonies have been shared on this during the graduation ceremonies.

Key Achievements

There was increased buy-in from Church leaders for the FLS program among religious objectors like Johane Masowe in Gandanzara and Makoni who allowed their church members to participate in the program. The leaders went further to support the graduation of the members by holding this at their churches. Demand generation by FACT as well as Scan machines provided to some health facilities from FHI360 the program has been effective as



as demonstrated in this section. There was an overwhelming response to the measles vaccination campaign with participants from the classes including those from the apostolic members taking their children for immunisation. Nurses from targeted health facilities have reported improved health-seeking behaviour among participants, especially members of the apostolic churches. They come to clinics even after hours to access services such as family planning, HIV testing, ANC registration and other treatments.

FLS intervention (# of Participants not registered for ANC @ commencement of sessions)	# of participants who registered after enrolling in the FLS class	# of FLS participant who delivered at a health facility
307	288	241

Self Help Groups (SHG) and Livelihoods Programme

FACT implements Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Livelihoods programs in Buhera wards 19, 21 and 24 and Chimanimani wards 19 and 22. Tear fund Netherlands and Tear fund Zimbabwe. Tear Fund Netherlands and Tear Fund Zimbabwe fund the program. The project seeks to improve 926 target households' income through the SHGs and livelihood initiatives to improve their food security. Communities with improved income streams can then fend for their families. A Household Income Survey (HHI) conducted amongst project participants in Chimanimani and Buhera districts demonstrates this. 20 participants were reached during the survey.

The survey revealed that some participants were engaging in one or more livelihood activities:

- 65% of the participants engage in broiler production, 60% in vegetable production, and 75% in vending while only 5% rely on remittances mainly from South Africa.

Vending has been the most popular income-generating activity. The HHI for Buhera is between USD40 and USD50 per month and for Chimanimani is between USD70 and USD85 per month. There is a total of 53 old SHGs and 6 new ones. Old SHGs had an average of 250 USD to 700 USD as cash at hand, while the newly formed had an average of 120 USD and 200 USD as cash at hand. Members purchase farming inputs, groceries, and other household needs from their savings. The SHG approach has been a viable strategy for strengthening households' economic well-being.

A total of 62 out of 65 churches were envisioned on church involvement and the role of the church in providing holistic ministry. Positive church involvement was noted when church leaders became actively involved during fencing, solar and plumbing installations of demo gardens.



Enhancing young people's livelihood opportunities within the context of climate change

Tear Fund Netherlands funds the Enhancing Young People's livelihood opportunities within the context of climate change Nyanga youth project. It targets young people aged 18-35 in wards 1 & 2 of Nyanga district. The project seeks to eradicate poverty among young people through livelihood initiatives, market-oriented farming, income-generating activities and self-employment. The solar and 1.5 horsepower plumbing installations were completed for Chimusasa Garden. Irrigation water is drawn from the bordering Gairezi River which is hared by both Zimbabwe and Mozambique.



A total of 152 (109F; 43M) members out of the targeted 100 were reached through 17 SHGs formed in wards 1 and 2 of the Nyanga district. Members from different groups borrow money to finance their entrepreneurial activities such as buying and selling, rearing small livestock and poultry. Nyasha a 32-year woman from Chimusasa village testified that before she joined the SHG, life was very difficult for her. Her family had inadequate finances and was food insecure. After education on the Self-Help Group approach and its benefits, Nyasha and fourteen other young women formed a group. Nyasha is now earning a living by selling plastic kitchenware and clothing and is getting an average of US\$80 monthly. She is now able to pay school fees for her child who is doing grade 1 at a local primary school.



Moline at her clothing stall with some of the merchandise on sale

Moline's Story: Self-reliance through the Self-Help Group Approach


After learning of SHG from the Community Facilitators and other members, I later joined Kubatana SHG, contributing USD2 per week towards my savings. I borrowed USD200.00 from my group and ordered clothes, school uniforms, school socks, lunch boxes and school bags for selling and would get a weekly profit of USD40.00. My business has grown and continues to grow and I am running a tuckshop for various clothing items.

I get moral support from other group members as well as members of the community. I am now able to provide for my family's basic needs like food, clothing and school fees payment, thanks to the SHG.

Kindernothilfe (KNH) Self-Help Group Approach

The Self-Help Group Approach (SHGA) funded by Kindernothilfe (KNH) focuses on having a society where all women are fully empowered to influence the development of their communities and improve the quality of life for their children. The program is implemented in Mutare Rural District alludes that "self-help" is permanent while "external help" is temporary.

Of the 1,301 SHG members (who are all females), 125 of them occupy leadership positions in their areas. These women were appointed by the general community and community leadership to lead during development initiatives, religious gatherings and other community events.



The SHG approach promotes a culture of saving among vulnerable community members. From their savings, members borrow money to support their household's basic needs and activities. As a result, women are purchasing and improving their household and other productive assets.

Sabina's Story

"I am a single mother of a baby girl aged 3 years. What inspired me most was that as young people we were given a chance to participate in interventions that enhance our well-being. I became a member of Kushinga SHG which has 14 members (1M;13F). I borrowed 200 USD to start a goat project and bought 15 goats. The project has assisted me to be self-reliant. In the past, I used to rely upon my parents who are also finding it difficult to survive. I keep indigenous chickens to boost my household income. I want to thank Tearfund Netherlands through FACT for rekindling the hope in us young people."

Nyanga Local Rights Program (Nyanga LRP)

Outcomes and Successes: Youths engaged with duty bearers on the need for a Youth Friendly Facility in Nyanga District which will help improve the social and economic development of young people. 102 youths who were trained on the Community Score Card and Decent Work developed a position paper which they presented to the Ministry of Youth on the need for a Youth Friendly Facility. The Youth Friendly Facility is an advocacy by the youth to improve their social and economic statuses and rehabilitation of some youths who are involved in drug and substance abuse. 100 smallholder farmers embraced the Agroecology concept and are starting to implement the farming practice at a small scale; in the community garden and at the household level. Smallholder farmers adopted the Agroecology concept as both a mitigation and adaptation strategy for climate change.

Women, with the help of the Agritex Extension Officer, have also started the process of preserving seed varieties. The water reticulation system established at Nyamahumba Community Garden has helped reduce walking distances for women farmers who are practising agroecology. The women were walking a distance of over 800 meters to fetch water for their crops. This was placing more work on women who were already bearing the burden of unpaid care work in their homes. The construction of the 3 houses in Ward 15 helped to provide safe shelter for 25 households affected by Cyclone Ana.

ZIMBABWE IDAI RECOVERY PROJECT (ZIRP)

FACT through UNFPA received support from World Bank between September 2020-December 2022 to implement the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project in Chipinge and Chimanimani Districts. The aim of the project contributed to early, immediate and long-term resilience building. The objective of the project was to increase resilient systems and structures in place to avert and respond to GBV among populations affected by Cyclone Idai. The focus was on increasing resilient structures against GBV for which UNFPA was the thematic lead. Interventions positioned Village Health Workers acting as part of the EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS communication for local communities.



Ward 19 Chipinge MOSC FACT & Musasa




FACT officer referring a survivor to MOSC in Chimanimani

They reported GBV cases through the referral pathway and collaborated on GBV work done by other community cadres. Referrals were mainly done through Musasa Mobile One Stop Centres in the districts of operation. FACT Interventions consisted of the establishment of a Safe Space to allow for GBV survivors' psycho-social support services. GBV survivors had skills strengthening on income generating activities, awareness raising on GBV and COVID-19 mitigation activities.

GBV Response Building Resilience Sustainable Community Systems (RSCS)

The humanitarian response project which covers selected wards in Chimanimani is funded by the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), through UNFPA from May 2022 to June 2023. Its objectives are to 1) strengthen GBV referral pathways and improve accessibility of life-saving multi-sectoral survivor-centred integrated services for SRHR/GBV in most hard-to-reach areas, 2) enhance effectiveness and sustainability of community-based GBV risk mitigation mechanisms, including through Safe Spaces for women and girls and peer for adolescent girls (Sista2Sista) for skills building, informed decision-making about SRHR and economic skills building and 3) strengthen capacity of Food Security and other sectors.



Interventions: Establish safe spaces for women and girls to share information on SRHR and for economic skills building, conducting GBV surveillance and referrals to post-GBV service providers and establishment of Sista2Sista clubs for adolescent girls for informed decision-making about SRHR. By the reporting period, the project had reached 1, 283 out of the 2, 487 (51.6%) women between 25 – 49 years in safe spaces with PSS and livelihood interventions. A total of 9, 423 out of the targeted 17, 564 (53.6%) males and females were reached with information on SRHR, GBV referral pathway and PSEA. 4, 977 Adolescent girls were reached with GBV risk mitigation and life skills packages.

Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) Project

The SEA project is being implemented by a consortium of three partners (*Anglican Relief and Development, Zimbabwe Orphans through Extended Hands and FACT Zimbabwe*) in Matabeleland and Manicaland Provinces. It targets men and women in Umguza, Mutare and Nyanga districts. The project seeks to address Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) which is mostly faced by women and girls. The church plays a critical role in influencing the transformation of positive masculinity to prevent exploitation of the women and girls. It leads to community engagement through spiritual reflections, identification and establishment of survivor support groups to create safety nets for the survivors. Gender Champions and SEA facilitators worked with church leaders to raise awareness on SEA and SGBV. They collaborated with other partners in addressing identified GBV issues within their communities. Using the Journey to Healing model, survivors were empowered to speak out against GBV.

In the period under review, the project formed a GBV Survivor Network to help amplify their voices against the ills of gender-based violence. Some of the issues highlighted included: victimisation from families, violence from Artisanal miners, Inheritance squabbles parenting issues, safeguarding issues and the need for educational assistance for their children. Plans are to launch the Survivor Network at the National level and economic strengthening of already established livelihood for the survivor groups. This is hoped to reduce survivor vulnerability which has been established as contributing to abuse.



SAFE SPACES- A BEACON OF HOPE FOR GBV SURVIVORS

According to the Zimbabwe Demographic and Health 2015 Survey, 1 in 3 women aged between 15 and 49 have experienced physical violence and 1 in 4 women have been sexually violated. Many of these women are financially dependent on their husbands, which generates tensions in the household.

Mai Gudya (not her real name) from Chimanimani district has had to endure GBV in her marriage for years. She says most of the fights with her husband emanated from financial misunderstandings.

“Most of the time my husband would end up physically assaulting me because we would be fighting over money which affected me mentally.”

To end GBV and mitigate its effects, Family AIDS Caring Trust through the USAID/UNFPA-supported Resilient Sustainable Community Systems (RSCS) program works with like-minded organisations. and the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Small and Medium Enterprises Development to ensure increased availability and utilization of GBV services by survivors.

The efforts include creating safe spaces for survivors, offering psychosocial support, and livelihood activities, and referring them for clinical and legal services. In their various wards in Chimanimani, GBV survivors received sewing machines and were trained on how to use them as an income-generating activity.



Mai Gudya in her fowl run where she is doing her poultry project.

“Ever since I was introduced to the safe space, the situation in my household has changed...“I am grateful because now I can happily say the violence that I used to experience in my marriage has stopped. I am now able to contribute to decisions made in the household and I also contribute financially. My household has become peaceful because our main source of quarrelling has been dealt with.”

Towards Resilient Communities with Health and Safety For All (TORCHES) Project



SASA Champions co-facilitating a SASA Session on Power Imbalance Between Men and Women

The Action AID funded Torchés project was implemented from April to December 2022 to have communities where women, girls and People with Disabilities are free from violence and have an amplified voice to speak against violence. Its key achievements are highlighted below:

	People Reached	Female	Male
People reached with SASA Together activities (Power Posters, Deeper discussions, and community conversations)	17,831	12,233	5,598
People reached with SASA activities (quick chats, community talking points and leadership leaflets. (18 years and above.)	6,659	3,917	2,742
Learners from 5 Tuseme schools participated in Tuseme clubs.	243	144	99

23 survivors of GBV and their witnesses were assisted with Access to Essential Services Fund to access health and legal services. Learners at Mazarura Primary school advocated for the construction of a new toilet block after raising a concern that their old and dilapidated toilet was becoming a health hazard for them. The toilet is still under construction with support from FACT which provided materials that are not locally available such as cement and reinforcement wires.

- Increased reporting of GBV cases by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Development, Small and Medium Enterprises. 104 cases were reported in 2021 and 214 cases were reported in 2022.
- Improved disability inclusion in Tuseme clubs. 9 learners with disabilities joined Tuseme clubs and are participating actively.
- Increased confidence by Learners to speak out on issues affecting them.

Plans are to launch the Survivor Network at the National level and economic strengthening of already established livelihood for the survivor groups. This is hoped to reduce survivor vulnerability which has been established as contributing to abuse.

SPOTLIGHT Phase 2: GBV SURVEILLANCE, Mobile One Stop Centres (MOSC) AND SAFE SPACES

Indicator	Target	Males	Females	Total	% Reach
Number of GBV Survivors accessing MOSC	625	50	955	1,005	161%
Number of GBV Survivors reached through community mobilization	180,000	102,574	152,509	255,083	142%
Number of women and girls accessing PSS and other GBV risk mitigation services at safe spaces	600	0	1,665	1,665	278%

The table above shows the performance of MOSC in Mutasa District, under the Spotlight Initiative Phase 2 Program comprising of 3 interventions, namely GBV Surveillance, Mobile One Stop GBV Service Provision and Women and Girls Safe Spaces.

In Mashonaland West province the program targeted hard-to-reach areas in rural communities with little to no access to GBV services. Through the Mobile One Stop Centre Program, 3,433 (498 M/ 2,935 F) people were reached in Makonde and Hurungwe Districts. During these mobile clinics, GBV survivors accessed Psychosocial, legal and medical services. This model realised an increase in the number of people accessing GBV services.

Sista2Sista Clubs

Through the support of Sista2Sista mentors (specialized Behaviour Change Facilitators) adolescent girls and young women can enrol in a one-year project of sensitization, including various integrated SRHR/GBV and life skills topics. Using a structured guide, the comprehensive intervention moves from providing information on GBV to providing the young women with life skills covering self, social and financial awareness and aims at increasing their knowledge and utilization of integrated GBV/SRHR services thereby increasing their agency to make informed choices to protect themselves from harmful practices.

The Sista2Sista Program is running in Mt. Darwin and Rushinga Districts. Out of a target of 1100 adolescent girls and young women accessing Sista2Sista sessions, 1079 were reached (Rushinga 288 and Mt. Darwin 791). This is 98% of the program target and efforts are being made to bridge the gap. Most of the participants are drawn from the 10 - 14 years age group with 39% of the participants, followed by the 20 - 24 years age group with 23%.

SPOTLIGHT GBV Safe Shelters

	25+years		20-24 years		18-19 Years		15-17 years		10-14 years		10below		Total		Grand Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Q 1	7	40	0	13	0	5	1	20	0	5	0	0	8	83	91
Q 2	8	58	1	8	0	6	0	7	0	5	0	0	9	84	93
Q 3	4	44	0	6	5	3	0	10	3	6	1	3	13	72	85
Q 4	4	29	0	6	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	2	4	51	55
TOTAL	23	171	1	33	5	17	1	44	3	20	1	5	34	290	324

Survivors Who Accessed The Shelter In 2022

The Safe Space model was also implemented in the six districts of Mashonaland West funded through the Japanese Embassy, Spotlight Initiative and USAID.

They were a critical risk mitigation strategy for youth engagement and GBV risk reduction in the COVID-19 context. It was customised to provide women and youth both boys and girls the opportunities for livelihood and economic empowerment skills development. The core principle of empowerment initiatives within safe spaces was the co-creation concept, where specific livelihood programs were fully designed by members based on their interests and district-specific characteristics. Within the COVID-19 context, safe spaces also became safe hubs for the dissemination of COVID-19 Interpersonal Communication information, SRHR and maternal health information and referrals.



Survivors showing of the doughnuts they have made; showing the perfumes and sewing training for uniforms.

The Safe Spaces program, supported by the Spotlight Initiative, has reached 1,817 women, girls, and youth in Makonde and Hurungwe, with 15 Safe Space clubs focusing on poultry livelihood projects. with funding support from USAID 1,320 women, girls, and youth were reached with PSS in Mt, Darwin, and Rushinga. The program provided knowledge on GBV and SRHR issues, enhancing economic empowerment. The number of people reached with PSS at the community level by the Spotlight Initiative (1,817), BHA (1,320) and Japanese Embassy (2,136) funded programs is evident that the program is progressing well with 5,273 people having accessed Psychosocial Support and livelihoods at Safe Spaces.

Safeguarding and Sustainable Livelihoods

Education Assistance



In 2022 FACT Zimbabwe continued to provide education assistance to school-going aged children to ensure a reduction in new HIV infections in the country.

Contributing to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4) on access to equitable and quality education, FACT Zimbabwe managed to

improve learning outcomes for 15,989 girls and boys who are under education support. A total of 137 critical cases of needy learners in danger of dropping out or who had dropped out enrolled to commence receiving support in the reporting period.



15,989

learners were supported with school fees payments, school uniforms, stationery and attendance tracking.

Learners supported by district

District	Target	Reach	Percentage
Makoni	3192	3529	110.56
Mutare	5853	5787	98.87
Buhera	1359	1360	100.7
Gutu	1048	1041	99.33
Chipinga	3425	3382	98.74
Mutasa	895	890	99.44
Total	15772	15989	101.38

Sustainable Livelihoods

In a bid to address poverty within communities, FACT Zimbabwe through household economic strengthening activities continued to reach out to vulnerable individuals and groups affected or at risk of HIV. Households and individuals were supported to manage and accumulate productive assets towards self-sustenance including managing possible medical bills and to continue supporting children of school-going age to be retained and progress with their education.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

28,789 beneficiaries were reached with various economic strengthening activities which include financial literacy, linkages to sustainable markets, Income, Savings and Lending Schemes (ISALS), community apprenticeship and linkages to financial institutions.



CONTRIBUTING PROJECTS

A total of three projects which are Children Tariro, DREAMS Self Help Groups and TEAR Netherlands supported initiatives mostly in Manicaland province.

START-UP TOOLS FOR 546 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES



President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development in Zimbabwe (USAID Zimbabwe) supported Children Tariro project which was implemented by FACT Zimbabwe in Manicaland and Masvingo provinces.

During the handover ceremonies that took place in Makoni, Chipinge, Mutasa and Mutare districts, beneficiaries of the community apprenticeship programme exhibited samples of works designed for their respective trades. These samples included confectionaries, doorframes, different types of vegetables, window frames, and woven and sewn garments among other items.

Speaking during a handover ceremony in Hauna of Mutasa district, FACT Zimbabwe Executive Director, Mrs Gertrude Shumba said,

"The equipment provided to the beneficiaries courtesy of PEPFAR through USAID-Zimbabwe will go a long way in helping them establish their businesses and earn from the skills they have acquired."

The equipment that was handed over included tailoring machines, hammers, welding machines, utility knives, flour, sugar, farming tools, work suits, helmets and safety glasses.

Community Apprenticeship is a model under the Children Tariro Project Economic Strengthening pillar which identifies vulnerable adolescents and youth and helps them acquire skills that would help them earn a living and reduce unemployment in the country. Since 2015 to 2022 127,159 orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers benefited from various economic strengthening activities in Manicaland and Masvingo provinces.



Family Money Management

During the period under review, FACT Zimbabwe reached 34,761 OVC (10-17 years) and their caregivers with On the Money, Old Mutual financial literacy training to teach them on how to manage their personal and family finances. The participants were trained on saving, setting out specific financial objectives, record keeping and budgeting, debt management, Insurance and planning for the future.

Vocational Skills Training

A total of 36 OVC (15-24 years) drawn from Masvingo province were identified for vocational skills training using the DREAMS SMART Girls Siyakha-adapted model for OVC. The 36 OVCs received training from Mushagashe training center.

Income Promotion

At the end of the reporting period, 83 caregivers from Makoni (40) and Chipinge (43) were linked to an out-grower contract secured with a local private company, Synthite Industries and received paprika seedlings covering 0.2 ha each, 2 bags of Nutrich Vermicompost, 1-litre Poop Tea and 20-litre Nutrich Vermifoliar Top dressing to fertilize their paprika crop organically.

Syhtite Industries will off-take the produce from the farmers for oleoresin meant for food colouring and flavouring at the prevailing market rate. Syhtite Industries will also support the caregivers with agronomic advice on crop production, pest and disease control and harvesting techniques.



DREAMS SMART GIRLS

The newly initiated PEPFAR/USAID Zimbabwe-supported DREAMS SMART GIRLS program proved to be a critical intervention in the prevention of HIV, Gender-based Violence, provision of clinical and non-clinical services, and economic empowerment of adolescent girls and young women in Chipinge, Mutare, and Makoni districts.

A total of 55,074 AGYW were enrolled in DREAMS. Although 55,074 were enrolled in the program, 59,217 received the primary package inclusive of 4,143 AGYW who were enrolled in the DREAMS program in the previous year by enrolling partner (ZHI) but had not received the primary package. Of the 59,217, a total of 52,025 managed to complete a minimum of six sessions in the primary package which consists of training on HIV prevention, Gender Norms, and Financial literacy.

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Samantha (22) a DREAMS SMART Girls project participant

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF AGYW THROUGH THE SIYAKHA MODEL

To enhance economic empowerment among AGYW, FACT Zimbabwe adopted its DREAMS implementing partner, Bantwana Zimbabwe's Siyakha model where AGYWs are engaged for basic Siyakha skills to build their economic independence, and access clinical services according to the DREAMS core package of services. Through knowledge gained from life skills training which goes along with ISAL training, AGYW were equipped with requisite skills for money management. These economic strengthening (ES) activities were aimed at capacitating the AGYW to be in a better position to fend for themselves and their dependents without engaging in risky sexual behaviours.

AGYW were drawn from the Health for Life (H4L) cohort at session 3 of the primary package. Comprehensive Economic Strengthening provided an opportunity for vulnerable AGYW to be enrolled for technical skills training under either vocational skills or community apprenticeship training. AGYW progress was monitored at every level of implementation. A total of 7,834 AGYW who were participating in primary package sessions had, through 121 trained Siyakha Champions across the three districts, completed 5-day Life Skills and Job Preparedness (LSJP) and ISAL foundational skills training by the end of the reporting period.

TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING



Lorraine (left) and Caroline painting a window frame during their industrial attachment in Chipinge.

After completion of foundational skills training 327 AGYW were reached with 90-day tailored vocational training through training institutions and local artisans. AGYW were enrolled under the following tailored courses: cosmetology; hairdressing, fashion and designing; welding, electrical installations carpentry; tourism and hospitality; horticulture. Soon after the first block, the girls were placed on internships in companies and with tradespersons with oversight from Mutare Polytechnic College and FACT Economic Strengthening Officers.

A total of 200 AGYW received start-up kits, training materials and safety equipment worth \$150.00 per pack to enhance their learning and allow them to start up their enterprises once training is completed. About 2,903 AGYW who did not access tailored vocational skills training, received one-day specific product development and value addition training on beekeeping, mushroom production, horticulture, hairdressing, confectionery, detergent making, small-livestock production, baobab processing. The one-day Income Generating Activity (IGA)-specific pieces of training were facilitated by local entrepreneurs, Agritex, Working4Bees, the Livestock department (LPD) and the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development.

Strengthening of projects through Human Centred Design (HCD)

In the period under review, FACT Zimbabwe embarked on a drive to improve the participation of the 20-24 in the DREAMS SMART Girls primary package. Having noted subdued statistics in enrolment and high drop-out rate among the age band, the organization instituted a Human Centred Design process of enquiry to fully appreciate the dynamics around this challenge to develop solutions that motivate participation, retention in the primary package and completion of DREAMS.



Human Centred Design workshop in progress in Chipinge district

The process which is still underway had covered; Literature Review to define areas of inquiry for research, Insight Generation through Immersive Research with YW beneficiaries, their spouses, club mentors and community leaders and Ideation and Synthesis with the same by the end of FY22. In FY23, the process shall proceed to build prototypes, selection of ideas for concepts, create and pilot interventions, review results and roll out endorsed interventions. Views gathered through interviews at stage two of the HCD process were also utilized to improve monitoring of the DREAMS primary package.

Layering of services to AGYW

Various approaches were used to reach AGYW with secondary services. These included direct referrals to health facilities; service provision by community outreach workers, mobile clinics with clinical partners like PSH, ZHI and FST, sharing of line lists with clinical partners. In addition to the clinical services, legal and psychosocial support services were also provided through Childline, Simukai and FACT Zimbabwe. Mobile clinics were conducted to assist in increasing the number of referrals generated and completed across the districts. The objectives of the mobile clinics were to raise awareness of GBV issues among AGYW and to provide clinical and non-clinical services to survivors of GBV and other AGYW in clubs who required services. A total of 72 AGYW were reached through mobile clinics.



DREAMS has equipped me with relevant life skills.

Meet 20-year-old Necalar a Siyakha Girl from Mutare district a U.S President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)/ United States Agency for International Development in Zimbabwe (USAID Zimbabwe) supported district. Necalar is determined to enter the male-dominated field of motor mechanics.

"My life has changed, I have gained knowledge in mechanics a field of work which is dominated by men. As a girl, the DREAMS SMART Girls program has equipped me with relevant life skills."

Having completed her Advanced Level studies in 2020 attaining 10 points, Necalar could not continue into tertiary education as both her parents could not raise the much-needed tuition. At this time Necalar felt hopeless and thought the only way out was getting married a development which her parents disagreed on considering her age. Taking heed of her parent's advice, Necalar stopped thinking of getting married and began doing piece jobs coupled with hoarding vegetables and grain for resale to raise money to support her parents and three of her siblings' educational needs.

It was not an easy journey for Necalar, while she was working and selling her merchandise many a time, married and older men would offer her money for sexual favours but Necalar stood firm to the promise she made to herself and her parents.

"While I was selling vegetables and grain and even at work, men older than me and married ones too would come to me and ask me for sexual favours in exchange for money.

I was tempted but stood firm to the promise I made to my parents not to get married or indulge in risky behaviours,” said Necalar. In July 2022, Necalar was identified and enrolled on the DREAMS SMART Girls program and took part in HIV and GBV prevention, financial literacy and social asset-building sessions. After completing these sessions, Necalar was then referred to Siyakha Girls where she received life skills and job preparedness training,

Social Asset Building and Prevention of Sexual Harassment (SASH) sessions. In September 2022 through the DREAMS SMART Girls Program, Necalar enrolled at Mutare Polytechnic College for vocational skills training in motor mechanics and currently is doing her internship in motor mechanics.

Launch of the US\$54 million USAID partnership to save the lives of vulnerable children, girls, and young women in Manicaland and Masvingo



U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires, Elaine French (Centre) cutting the ribbon during the launch event while DREAMS Ambassador, Loveness Chenjerai (left) and FACT Zimbabwe Executive Director, Gertrude Shumba (right) look on.

Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT-Zimbabwe) and its partners with funding from the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched critical programs worth more than US\$54 million to help fight HIV in Manicaland and Masvingo.

These programs are Sustaining Prevention, Increasing Access to Care and Empowerment for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (SPACE for OVC) and the DREAMS- Support, Maintain, Advocate, reduce Risk and Transform (SMART) Girls. SPACE for OVC is a follow-on program from a previous OVC project, which reached 172,000 vulnerable children. It expands into Masvingo Province taking on four new districts. It is part of the broader USAID orphans and vulnerable children program worth US\$78.8 million, reaching over half a million orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe.

caregivers of orphans and vulnerable children to improve families' economic stability. Meanwhile, the DREAMS SMART Girls program is a partnership to reduce new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in Zimbabwe. DREAMS aims to help girls develop into Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe women. DREAMS SMART-Girls has already reached more than 59,000 adolescent girls and young women and SPACE for OVC will reach 70,000 most vulnerable orphans and vulnerable children, in just the first year.

The SPACE for OVC will work in high HIV-burden districts, to help communities and local institutions provide a comprehensive set of services to improve the health, nutrition, and psycho-social well-being of HIV-affected and infected children. It will ensure that these children can access HIV prevention, care, and treatment services, as well as prevention of and response to gender-based violence. Furthermore, it will deliver entrepreneurship, employability, and vocational training to .

U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, Elaine French presided over the launch. She stated:

"The United States is grateful to be working with FACT/Zimbabwe and the Ministry of Health and Child Care to address these issues. The activities we are highlighting today, and the work we all continue to do, all play a critical role in fighting the HIV epidemic in Zimbabwe."

Child Safeguarding, Violence Surveillance and Response



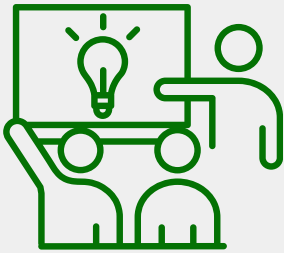
FACT Zimbabwe, in collaboration through government line ministries and community partners under the Children Tariro, DREAMS, UNFPA and UNESCO Spotlight Initiatives continued with Gender Based Violence surveillance and responses through raising awareness, referring for critical post GBV care services and through the FACT established helpline

Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM)

The 10-14 age band were reached with several other interventions such as the Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) model which sought to educate and build capacities of adolescent boys to prevent as well as desist from gender stereotyped, harmful conduct. A total of **3,124** boys were reached with CBIM in Chipinge, Makoni, Mutare and Gutu.



Steppingstones



As part of FACT's primary prevention of violence activities, boys and girls from the age of 5 to 14 were engaged in various PEPFAR-approved, evidence-based, violence prevention educative sessions. During the period under review, a total of **4,621** children participated in stepping stones in Buhera, Chipinge, Mutare, Makoni and Gutu.

IMPower for Adolescent Girls and Young Women/NO Means NO sessions for Adolescent Boys and Young Men program



(LEFT) ImPower facilitators conducting a session in Mutare and (RIGHT) a No Means No ABYM session in Hurungwe

To complement interventions such as CBIM, SPACE for OVC project also adopted the NO Means NO program. This intervention will be used as an instrumental violence prevention activity targeting 10-14-year-old girls. The primary aim of the NO means No program is to educate adolescent girls on sexual violence prevention as well as equip them with self-defence skills.

Makonde District in Mashonaland West province also had the privilege to implement the No Means No Adolescent and Young Men program, a first in Zimbabwe. It was funded by No Means No Worldwide through the Center for Diseases Control and the Elizabeth Glaser Foundation. The sexual violence prevention program kickstarted with a 3-week training of 16 instructors from 7 wards in Makonde. Following training the instructors carried out intervention classes between June and September 2022. Against a targeted 128 interventions a total of 131 interventions were done. The interventions reached out to 2,518 boys between 9 and 14 years with violence prevention information against the targeted 2,560 thus an achievement of 98%. Amongst those that participated in the intervention 82% completed 8+ hours of the classes or in other terms graduated.

Enhancing safe spaces through FACT Helpline



"Do not suffer in silence. Report Gender-Based Violence today."



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Psycho-Social Support, Child Protection
Concerns, Adherence Counselling, Gender
Based Violence and Child Abuse Reporting

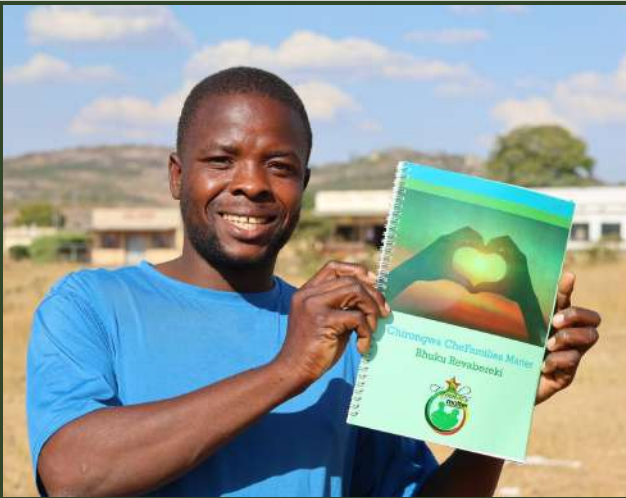
Supplementary to the physical and community-based service provision, the FACT helpline played a pivotal role in providing a safe space for GBV survivors. Due to its nature of being confidential and child-friendly, the helpline was helpful in providing virtual assistance to GBV survivors who were able to call for help at any time. A total of 67 calls came in, concerning survivors of sexual, physical and emotional abuse. FACT was able to respond with required assistance depending on the nature of the call.

Emergency fund

A total of 38 OVC were assisted with the emergency fund (provision of transport and lunch allowances) for the children to access post-violence care and child protection services. The uptake of services included clinical, legal, safety and nutritional support and ART resupply.

Positive Parenting building healthy relations

FACT Zimbabwe introduced the Families Matter Programme (FMP) under the SPACE for OVC project as an intervention designed to promote positive parenting and effective parent-child communication about sexuality and sexual risk reduction, including risk for child sexual abuse and gender-based violence, for parents or caregivers of 9–12-year-olds. A total of 711 caregivers in Buhera and Gutu, Chiredzi and Masvingo districts started participating in FMP sessions. Testimonies from the parents showed that the initiative was helping bridge the gap between them and their children through strengthening parent-child communication.



“The Families Matter Programme has had a huge impact on my life. Now I know that I have to make time for my family to be with them and engage in meaningful, health and welfare-related conversations. I now know my family better, making me a responsible and listening father and husband.”

Peter (30), Rukweza, Makoni District

District Child Protection Committee Meetings (DCPC)

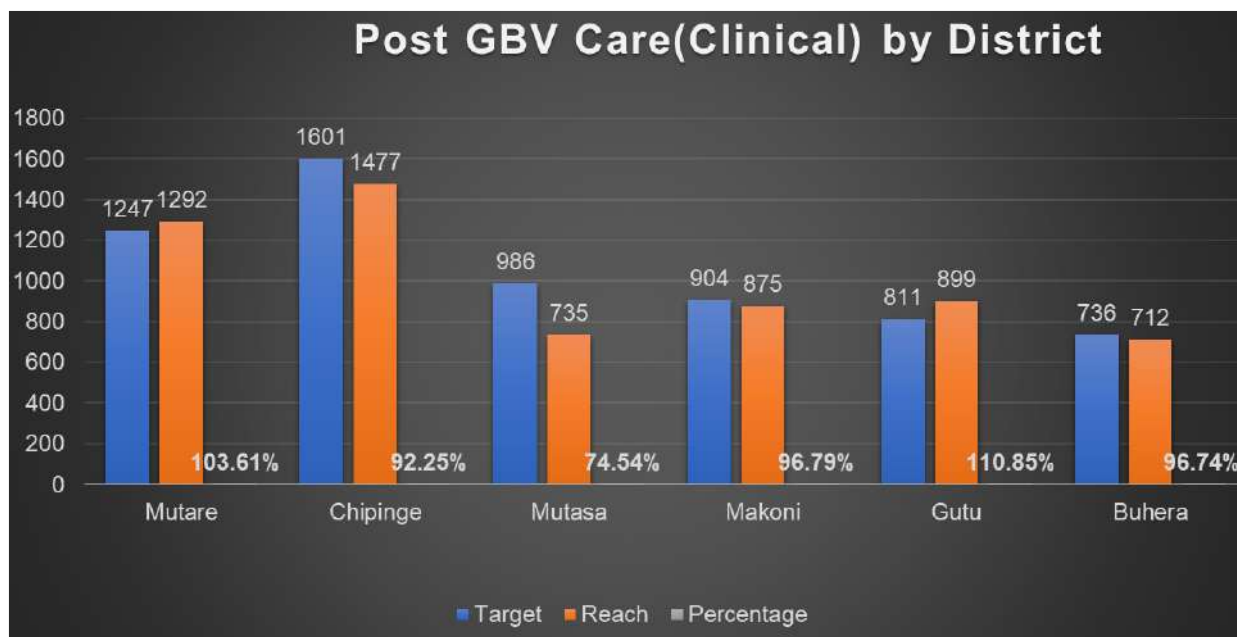
As part of its child protection efforts, FACT Zimbabwe also participated in District CPC meetings held in Makoni, Mutare and Chivi. The stakeholders agreed on sensitising the community through different avenues on the importance of reporting sexual GBV cases within 72 hours to increase PEP uptake.

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Case conferencing

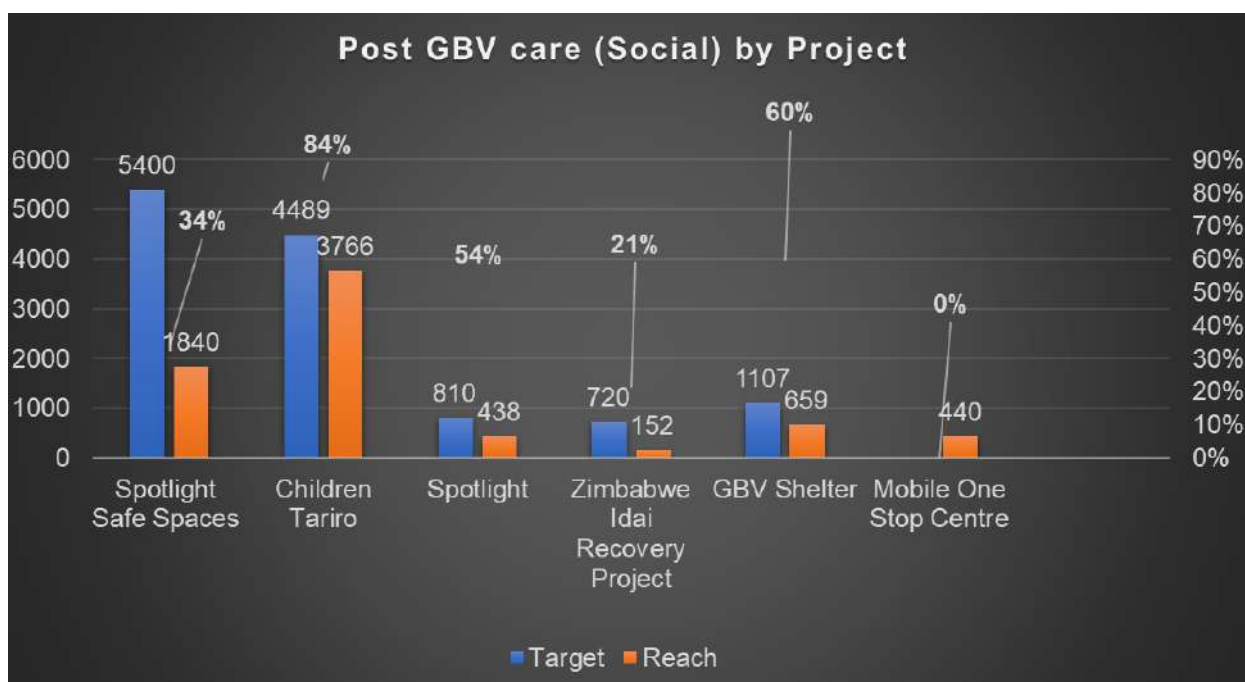
Sexual abuse survivors with complicated trauma and protection cases were reached through CBT. The program reached a total of six children. Three case conferences were also conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Department Social Development, National AIDS Council and Village Health Workers for children who had ART interruption treatment. The case conferences were conducted in Mutare, Chivi and Gutu.

Post GBV Care services

During the period under review, 13,895 survivors were reached with clinical and social post Gender- Based Violence services.



Post GBV Care (Clinical) by project

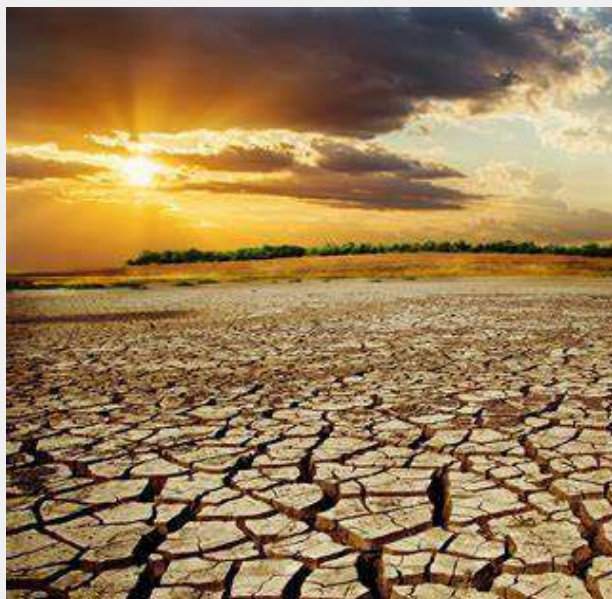


Post GBV Care (Social) by project

Cross-cutting Interventions



Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment



Youth having a discussion during a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment in Chipinge.

Climate change has not only caused a disruption in nature but also affected the lives of many people around the world. There is a growing risk of vulnerability to climate change which is most likely to affect poor people, particularly OVC infected or affected by HIV and their families.

To conduct rapid assessments of observed and anticipated climate change impacts, and assets at risk, FACT Zimbabwe collaborated with (Pact) to conduct Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments (CCVA) in its operational districts.

During the period under review, Pact drafted the CCVA training module to serve as the main tool for training FACT Zimbabwe and the other prime implementing partners in carrying out CCVAs in their respective clusters.

Pact and FACT Zimbabwe teams defined specific CCVA methodology considerations for the FACT CCVAs, including sample size (381 households) and representation across the numerous awards and agroecological zones; a list of potential key informants across government and donors; and field team size and makeup.

In FY22, Pact and FACT collaboratively developed an illustrative list of themes for the TWG including climate change and impacts on child protection, gender-based violence, mental health, malnutrition, internal displacement, access to water, access to electricity/fuel; insurance for OVC households to increase resilience; advocacy for OVC in disasters; OVC households as part of climate solutions; and assessing climate vulnerability of OVC households and adaptation of programming.



Gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion

Deliberate efforts were made during the reporting period to mainstream gender and ensuring that children with disability are enrolled into the SPACE for OVC programme. The Coaching Boys into Men approach being implemented across the districts is one such strategy which has been adopted and going a long way in raising awareness among boys in respecting girls and women.

FACT partnered with Christian Blind Mission (CBM) on disability inclusion with CBM providing technical backstopping on disability issues. In FY22, CBM oriented the SPACE consortium MEAL staff on the 6 Washington Group Short Set of Questions (WGSSQ) a tool that comprises questions on six core functional domains: seeing, hearing, walking, cognition, self-care, and communication.

The WGSSQ tool was used during enrolment in the new districts to capture CAYs with disabilities enrolled into the project. Disability inclusion indicators were also developed to enable monitoring and reporting on disability inclusion.



"I am happy to be part of a program where we are getting recognition and our needs as children living with disabilities are being prioritized. "

Tafadzwa Muzanechita (11), Masvingo District

Strategic Information and Research

FACT Zimbabwe through the Strategic Information and Research (SIR) department houses a robust monitoring, evaluation, accountability, learning, ICT, MIS, Documentation and communication portfolios. The department ensures that project reports meet their targets with fidelity and accountability to all stakeholders.

Strategic Information Review Meetings

Quarterly, the SI team converged to reflect on the department performance and data quality. The platform was also used to build capacity of the SI team on new donor reporting guidelines, data security and to exchange best practices. The SI team recommended that:

- Development of central organisation MIS that will be used by all projects.
- Develop FACT digital readiness strategy.
- Train staff members on data security and conduct security assessments for all projects.



SIR team during a review and planning meeting held in Harare

Community led Monitoring

In 2022, FACT took the lead with the support of the Global Fund in Coordination with UNDP, to push community-led monitorings in 20 districts across Zimbabwe. Communities have championed advocacy at the local level to improve service provision at their local health facilities.

Community led Monitoring Performance



- Implemented CLM in 200 health facilities



- 118 AGWY trained on community score card.



- Trained 600 community-based facilitators on CLM



- Shamva community conducted a no to drug campaign with all the line Ministries and relevant stakeholders

Routine Data Quality Assessments



SIR team doing data verification at a local clinic for an RDQA conducted in Chivi

Quarterly data quality assessments were conducted in the supported districts to ensure data reported was of high quality. They were no major data quality issues identified on all the reported indicators.

External Routine Data Quality Assessments

An external data quality assessment was conducted by USAID in Mutare district for the DREAMS project and the results were as follows:



USAID Strategic Information Advisor, Sarah Miner stressing a point during the External Data Quality Assessment in Mutare



USAID Strategic Information Specialist Talent Tapera (front) and Mutare DREAMS implementing partners following proceedings during the data quality assessment.

The following recommendations were provided based on the assessment.

- Program participants should sign on the primary package attendance registers.
- FACT to analyse outliers in data where they are low or high performance.

Household Graduation Assessments (HGA)

Under the OVC Children Tariro project, graduation assessments were conducted on:



1,109 households



437 (39 percent) of households graduated with 641 (17 percent) beneficiaries against a graduation target of 3,843 beneficiaries.

The prevailing economic conditions continue to affect households' ability to meet the basic needs of their children hence the need for the provision of startup capital to enhance household income-generating projects.

Capacity Building of Community Volunteers:

Building the capacity of community volunteers was a key focus in 2022. The aim was to empower volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively contribute to program monitoring and evaluation. A total of 2018 community cadres were trained in data management and security in the reporting period. The capacity-building activities included:

- Conducting training workshops on M&E concepts, tools, and techniques.
- Providing guidance on data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Facilitating sessions on data interpretation and utilization for decision-making.
- Offering ongoing mentorship and support to enhance reporting skills.

Training in digital data collection

To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of data collection, FACT programs are transitioning from traditional paper-based methods to digital data collection. This narrative report highlights the successful implementation of digital data collection in Mutare for the DREAMS program, with a focus on the efforts made in educating community cadres on data quality and data security. The process of adopting digital data collection involved equipping community cadres with smartphones or tablets and providing them with appropriate training to navigate the data collection platform. This shift has brought numerous advantages, including faster data transmission, real-time monitoring, reduced errors, and improved overall data quality. Before commencing digital data collection, comprehensive training sessions were conducted for the community cadres. The training covered various aspects, including, Familiarization with the Digital Platform of DHIS2 Tracker.



Data Security Training

FACT has developed an Information Security and Policy guidelines document that is currently under review. In efforts to stay abreast with Cyber Security FACT has ensured that its team members have been trained in data security. More trainings are also scheduled to further strengthen the awareness and best practices. FACT has a mandate to administer the OVC IPs database used for reporting to USAID working in partnership with DATA.FI. In fulfilling one of the objectives of the mandate FACT managed to also train all the OVC IPs (MAVAMBO, HOSPAZ, BANTWANA) using the system on Information Security and Data security

ICT4Development

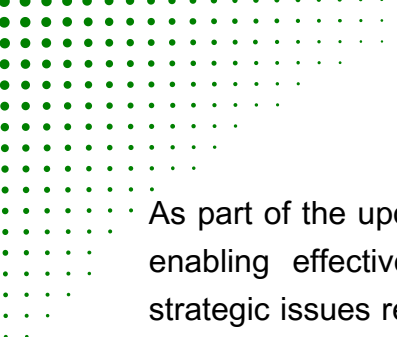
ICT Policy formulation: Developed a comprehensive ICT policy and all users were oriented on the policy. The policy covers key components that include access control, data classification, password policy and change management.

Network set up: Successfully set up a network at Masvingo, Mwenezi and Chiredzi to ensure users can perform their duties efficiently. Added new devices including new printers, laptops and tablets with the implementation of the new projects. This was to cater for the need due to the start of new projects within the organization.

Developed a central communication platform for all staff. The system has improved communication among staff to see updates and common links within the organization. Assisted in the implementation of an automated order process within the financial system this helped to improve the efficiency of orders from the department, thereby reducing duplication, human errors and other inefficiencies that came with the manual process of doing things. This, however, is awaiting further rollout of more modules to fully implement automation.

Technical Backstopping to OVC Partners on the OVC MIS

The OVCMIS (Orphan and Vulnerable Children Management Information System) underwent an update and was equipped with new enhancements. One significant addition was the EID module, which was introduced to track the Early Infant Diagnosis of HIV-exposed priority populations within the OVC Cohort. This improvement has proven to be invaluable for the longitudinal monitoring of these children.



As part of the update process, successful SI technical working groups were organized, enabling effective coordination among OVC IPs (Implementing Partners) on key strategic issues related to the implementation of standard guidance. One of the notable outcomes of these working groups was the comprehensive training of all IPs on Information Security and data security, ensuring the protection of sensitive information.

Additionally, the PLHIV module (People Living with HIV module) was enhanced by relocating Static data points to the participants' profiles in the system. This modification resulted in a more streamlined and user-friendly interface, providing a more efficient experience for users when accessing, capturing, and managing participant data.

Overall, the updates and activities in the OVCMIS have led to improved data management, enhanced tracking of HIV-exposed priority populations, and strengthened security measures to safeguard sensitive information.

Research

In 2022 the organisation managed to conduct two research to improve its programs as well to generate new knowledge. The researchers conducted are:

Children Tariro program Outcome evaluation

Background of the Outcome Evaluation

The overall objective was to assess the extent to which the Children Tariro (CT) program has achieved its program outcomes and demonstrate best practices and lessons learnt from implementation from 2015 up to 30 September 2022. Children Tariro program outcomes were largely influenced by the need to address key drivers of HIV among children as well as the socio-economic situation in Zimbabwe especially in the rural areas. In 2016, PEPFAR established four global minimum benchmarks (Healthy, Safe, Stable and Schooled) that must be met for households to graduate from programs for OVC, and the outcome evaluation was largely to track if households have managed to meet the set benchmarks.

Research topic: Assessment of the availability, acceptability, and affordability of inclusive and responsive gender-based violence essential services in Nyanga ward 4, 5 and 7.

Key Findings

- Locally counselling services by Ministry of Women Affairs ward coordinators, Gender and Community Development are the main services available.
- Health services are available at local clinics.
- The services offered were said to be affordable as some services are being offered freely.
- Service providers cited that most staff are not trained in sign language highlighted a concern and this makes it difficult to communicate with survivors with hearing impairments.
- Service providers noted that there is a lack of training in handling PWD.

Recommendations

- Introduction of one-stop centres to enhance the availability of services at local level.
- Capacitate GBV service providers to have a broader appreciation of their role and provide an all-inclusive care structure.
- Capacitate service providers in handling PWD.
- Conduct programmes to raise awareness on services available. The programmes should aim to reach PWD, Caregivers of PWD and community members.

Supporting Civic Society and Community Based organisations through the BACKUP project

The BACKUP project focused on supporting CSOs and CBOs around Zimbabwe to actively and timely contribute to GF resources monitoring, utilization and allocation at community and national levels and improve CSOs, networks and KP Communities' participation in Global Fund and CCM-focused data generation and effective programming.



Representatives of CSOs and CBOs participating in the data generation for effective programming workshop

Under the project trained 100 people from CSOs/CBOs, networks and KP communities across 10 provinces of Zimbabwe in GF cycle, processes and allocation mechanisms. The project provided Logistical support to 35 CSOs/CBOs and KP Communities in remote districts of Zimbabwe to contribute and participate in GF processes

BackUP Milestones

Activity #	Milestones 2022	Achievement of Milestones 2022	Progress towards achievement of outcome
1.1	Report on knowledge gaps (situational report)	0	In progress
1.2	42 CSOs trained on GF cycles and CCM processes	42	Achieved
1.3	35 CSO staff participating in grant writing	0	In progress - Activity moved to the grant writing period 2023
1.4	6 SR staff trained on GF cycles	8	Achieved
1.5	85 CSO staff supported	0	In progress - Activity moved to the grant writing period 2023
2.1	6 SR staff gaining knowledge on Power BI and Commcare	9	Achieved
2.2	10 SR gaining knowledge on Data Management	8	Achieved
2.3	40 participants from CSOs gaining knowledge on M&E basics	37	Achieved
	Total Number Reached	104	

Documentation & Communication

Radio Infomercials

During the period under review FACT and partners continued to engage beneficiaries through the use of radio infomercials to communicate key messages on GBV and HIV prevention and response; COVID-19 among other issues.



30 Radio Infomercials
flighted on **Diamond FM,**
National FM and Hevoi FM



5, 5 Million listeners
were engaged with
messages through radio

Social Media Growth

Social media has become an integral part of FACT Zimbabwe's communication. Through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube our organization has transformed its way of interacting with stakeholders and sharing our stories with the world around us. Over the year, FACT Zimbabwe Social Media pages experienced gradual growth as highlighted below:



8,000
Followers



2,130
Followers



829
Followers



1,605
Followers

Media Features

Orbit International- <https://orbitinternational.org/2022/11/07/us-govt-pours-us54-million-in-zimbabwes-hiv-prevention-efforts/>

Health Times- <https://healthtimes.co.zw/2022/11/10/us-government-injects-us54-million-towards-facts-dreams-smart-girls-and-space-for-orphaned-and-vulnerable-children-programs/>

Kwayedza- <https://www.kwayedza.co.zw/us54m-yekurwisa-hiv-nekupedza-hurombo/>

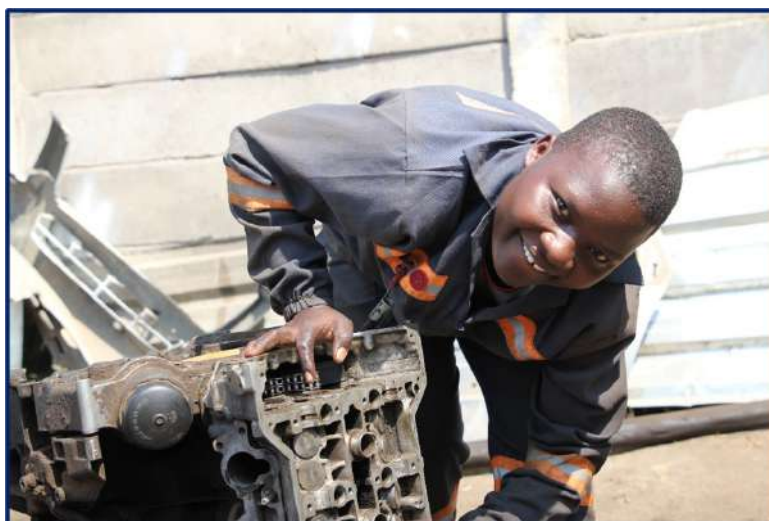
Manica Post- <https://www.manicapost.co.zw/new-fact-zimbabwe-launches-2-new-projects/>



USAID 2022 Photo Contest



#GenerationEquality



Meet 20-year-old Necalar from Mutare district a PEPFAR/USAID supported district. Necalar is determined to enter the male dominated field of motor mechanics. "DREAMS has equipped me with the relevant life skills."



#USAIDTransforms

"DREAMS has equipped me with the relevant life skills." DREAMS has allowed me to be self-confident and safe giving me a chance to work towards securing a bright future after completing my education."

Building Sustainable Partnerships



FACT Zimbabwe Management and Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe team sharing a lighter moment in Mutare after a fruitful engagement

In 2022 FACT Zimbabwe management hosted Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe led by the group's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Solomon Nyanhongo at our National offices in Mutare. The teams had an opportunity to discuss possible areas of partnership as part of the institution's corporate social responsibility. Key from the deliberations was the support for less privileged children with school fees payment to university level, support for health, water and sanitation in schools and clinics in Zimbabwe.

4th USAID Global Health Local Partners Meeting



A FACT Zimbabwe delegation to the USAID Global Partners Meeting in Johannesburg South Africa led by the Executive Director Gertrude Shumba (5th from left-right)

FACT Executive Director, Gertrude Shumba and Finance and Operations Director, Violet Garaba joined other USAID implementing partners from across the world for the 4th Annual USAID - US Agency for International Development Global Health Local Partners Meeting, held in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Corporate Social Responsibility Award

FACT Zimbabwe was recognised for distinguished service in impacting and helping communities of Manicaland and Masvingo provinces through a Humanitarian award from the Corporate Social Responsibility Network of Zimbabwe.

In the Picture: FACT Zimbabwe Executive Director Gertrude Shumba and Programmes Manager receiving the CRS Award



FACT 2023-2025 Strategy Development



FACT Zimbabwe outgoing Board Chairperson, Dr Geoff Foster highlighting key considerations for the FACT Zimbabwe 2023-2025 Strategy

In 2022 FACT Zimbabwe began working on the 2023-2025 Strategy. Key to the strategy development, engagements were done at different levels with consultations with board members, executive management, staff and key government stakeholders contributed towards FACT Zimbabwe's strategic plan which will be implemented for the next three years.



Professor Joseph Kamuzhanje facilitating a session during a consultative meeting for the FACT Zimbabwe 2023-2025 Strategy

Organisational Efficiency and Effectiveness

2022 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Through robust resource mobilization, which is part of the organization's business development plan, FACT managed to secure SPACE for OVC project.

1. Sustaining Prevention, and increasing Access to Care and Empowerment for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Zimbabwe (SPACE for OVC project)

Funding Partner(s): The U.S President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and The United States Agency for International Development in Zimbabwe (USAID)

Coverage: Manicaland (Buhera, Chipinge, Makoni and Mutare) and Masvingo (Chiredzi, Chivi, Masvingo, Mwenezi and Gutu) provinces.

Technical Partner: FACT engaged two technical partners: Pact and CBM.

Implementing partners: Rujeko Home Based Care Program (RHBCP) and Zimbabwe AIDS Prevention Program – Trust

The SPACE for OVC is a five-year project (2022-2027) targeting orphans and other vulnerable children, adolescents, and youth. SPACE for OVC programme seeks to improve health, safety, education and stability outcomes for orphans and other vulnerable children, adolescents, and youth affected and infected by HIV in Zimbabwe.

Projects Ended in 2022:

1. CHILDREN TARIRO program (February 2015 - 30 September 2023)
2. Family Health International (FHI360) MNCH-FP June 2019- November 2023

Financial Statement

FAMILY AIDS CARING TRUST (FACT)
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

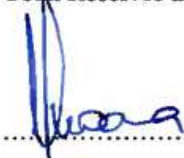

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Notes	2022 USD	2021 USD
Income			
Deferred income brought forward	2	334 909	1 377 355
Grant income	3	15 815 269	11 956 590
Interest income	4	1	516
Other income	5	44 650	164 901
Total income		16 194 829	13 499 362
Transfers to deferred income	12	(1 439 551)	(344 453)
Transfers to capital reserve for property and equipment	25	-	(39 473)
Net income For the year		14 755 278	13 115 436
Expenditure For the year	24	(14 810 619)	(13 099 343)
Transfers to deferred expenditure	8	3 534	8 557
Net expenditure For the year		(14 807 085)	(13 090 786)
(Deficit)/ Surplus For the year		(51 807)	24 650
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total (deficit) / surplus For the year		(51 807)	24 650
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2022 USD	2021 USD
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property and equipment	6	810 932	903 049
Current assets			
Inventories	7	7 700	611
Deferred expenditure	8	3 534	8 557
Accounts receivable	9	456 396	8 055
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1 345 444	553 686
		<u>1 813 074</u>	<u>570 909</u>
Total Assets		<u>2 624 006</u> =====	<u>1 473 958</u> =====
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Capital reserve		532 851	604 201
Revaluation reserve		480 720	480 720
Accumulated (deficit)/ surplus		(28 395)	23 412
		<u>985 176</u>	<u>1 108 333</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	11	199 279	21 172
Deferred income	12	1 439 551	344 453
		<u>1 638 830</u>	<u>365 625</u>
Total Reserves and Liabilities		<u>2 624 006</u> =====	<u>1 473 958</u> =====
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