

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT ZIMBABWE Programme Portfolio 2017/18



One of our longest running hubs, Restless Development Zimbabwe has been in operation since 1985. Currently, we have 10 young staff members supporting more than 60 volunteers to deliver nine programmes across six regions of Zimbabwe.

Voice: The European Commission funded Asikhulume (Let's Talk) programme is building the capacity of young people to engage with their leaders and public authorities on rights issues. It promotes a safe and encouraging environment to improve the capacity of young people (and civil society in general) to meaningfully participate in

policy dialogue. The project connects young people and civil society actors with decisions makers in Zimbabwe, whilst generating evidence on the knowledge levels and skills among young people civic/social rights and the Constitution, as well as their level of participation and engagement in policy making spaces. The project supports young people to be the drivers of change, to influence decision making at all levels so that young people's priorities are heard and policies address their needs appropriately.

Sexual Rights: The Samworth Foundation funded Strengthening HIV Prevention and Mitigation Efforts among Girls and Young Women in Matabeleland South addresses challenges being faced by young women and girls - particularly survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Bulilima & Mangwe Districts. Through the project, Restless Development Zimbabwe is increasing young people's and GBV survivors' access to youth-friendly information and services for HIV prevention and support. The project also mobilises communities, local civil society organisations and public authorities to collectively develop solutions to health, livelihoods and migration issues affecting young women and girls, as well as building the evidence of GBV in country and support systems available for GBV survivors in the Matabeleland South Province.

Restless Development Zimbabwe is part of ministerial committees and working groups involved in the formulation and review of Sexual and Reproductive Health policies such as the National Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2016-2020.

The Hub is also part of the team developing the School's Curriculum on Life Skills as well as the School's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) which will be rolled out nationally in 2017/18..

A Living: One of the biggest challenges in Zimbabwe is the prevailing economic situation (soaring unemployment, economic stagnation, and a clampdown on the informal sector) leaving many ordinary young Zimbabweans in abject poverty.

The Egmont Trust and Samworth Foundation funding supports Restless Development Zimbabwe to link young women and girls with livelihood projects in Matabeleland by connecting them to Vocational Training Centres.

Through support from USAID and LEAD, the Feed the Future project provides capacity building to young people on entrepreneurship and management, who are then linked to micro-finance institutions to access capital and then supported to establish income savings and lending schemes to expand their businesses and help those around them.

Through the Youth Employability Programme, funded by International Youth Foundation, Restless Development Zimbabwe is bridging the gap between talented young people and the workforce by working with employers from the private sector and civil society to provide internship opportunities. Young people are provided with much needed work experience through six month job placements in Harare and Bulawayo. During these internship placements, the interns receive training and mentorship from their employers, developing their skills within their chosen profession.

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