



YASD

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About this report:

This report summaries the performance of Young Achievement Sport for Development(YASD).The report captures programme results from November 2012–October 2013.The objective of YASD is to support development of youth within the Hatcliffe community through sporting activities ,academics as well as service support as tools to alleviate poverty, violence ,drug abuse, poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and HIV/AIDS .



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Executive Summary

YASD entered the 2012/13 year with an impressive track record, a great reputation and many opportunities to do important work, including educating children from vulnerable backgrounds, hosting entrepreneurial seminars to help alleviate poverty, and community mobilisation.

Going into 2012/13 it was clear that if we wanted to sustain our momentum, we would need to address some of the operational capacity challenges which we were facing as an organisation. We brought on board new staff to work on a growing portfolio of projects.

With support from our various partners, YASD set three major priorities for 2012/13: establishing a strong management team, developing a strategic plan, and strengthening our financial, monitoring and evaluation systems.

I am thrilled to report that YASD closed out the financial year in October 2013 with a focused and ambitious strategic plan, excellent financial systems, and a strong management team. Most importantly, we are entering 2014 with an astonishingly skilled and dedicated team and a rock-solid confidence that the organisation has the foundation it needs to fulfill its mission and vision: of developing communities through sport

YASD's work is ambitious. We aim to bring about fundamental social change that includes mentoring role models and leaders, addressing illiteracy, alleviating poverty as well as

responding to HIV and AIDS effects and impact in our community.

We have always worked from the premise that we can only achieve these goals if we use many different but coordinated social change strategies and if we work in sustained partnerships with like-minded organisations, we can develop our communities through sport.

Through the support of various partners and stakeholders, YASD managed to accomplish various projects in the 2012/13:



Petros Chatiza
Programmes co-ordinator



" Our work is ambitious. We aim to bring about fundamental social change that includes mentoring role models and leaders, addressing illiteracy, alleviating poverty as well as address impacts and effects of HIV/AIDS in an marginisilised community which has lost hope"

Petros Chatiza : YASD Programme Co-ordinator

Overview

In the year under review YASD carried out various activities meant to develop communities using sport as a tool to mobilise young people.

The year started off with speculation whether country was to hold elections or not, YASD's focus was to promote peace and political tolerance. Through government efforts and other stakeholders the election were generally peaceful.

YASD also increased its visibility in the community through various programmes. The Educational support initiative saw the organisation introducing remedial lessons during the weekends and school holidays. The children's work in school has improved significantly.

YASD failed to send a team to participate in the Homeless World Cup Poznan 2013. However a 3 member delegation managed to represent the country at the iPass Conference held during the HWC tournament.

YASD also partnered other organisations in mentoring and developing young people through entrepreneurial initiatives. High level of unemployment and lack of resources have meant the organisation has to develop programmes that are relevant and address the issues affecting youths in marginalised communities.

Over and above all the organisation, remained a relevant and integral part of the Hatcliffe Ext Community.

“ when I got to boarding school ,it was a dream come true. Never had I imagined I would be in such a wonderful school.... we have running water ,electricity and have 3 meals per day”

Tariro Mutanga: Education Assistance Beneficiary



Sports Training Programme

Weekly sports training sessions have continued with little disturbance, the numbers of children involved in the programme has increased significantly and is also likely to double in the coming year. We have also managed to introduce the Big Brother/Sister Soccer Training Sessions which are carried out in partnership with local premierships teams. The training sessions provide an interactive foundation on the guidelines, rules and perception of professional soccer.

The year saw YASD hosting 3 major tournaments namely The Spo-Culture Carnival which was held in commemoration of the Human Rights Day. The Tisu Anhu Acho: Building Peaceful Communities through Sport was another tournament held in partnership with Zimrights to promote peace in the community and encourage youths to tolerate each other and respect each other's political affiliation. The Fight for Peace tournament was held to encourage youths to be tolerant and maintain peace in the community. All the tournaments were meant to mobilize the community to be peaceful even in the wake of the elections that were held in July 2013.



" we believe if we get support in the form of equipment and kit our teams can qualify to play in the local premeir league"

" Baba Levy ": Volunteer Coach

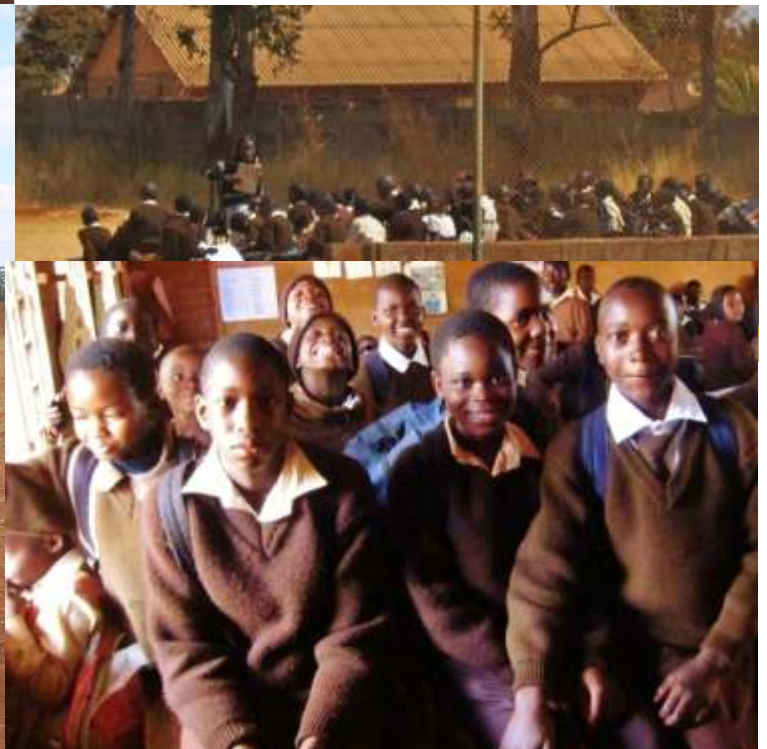
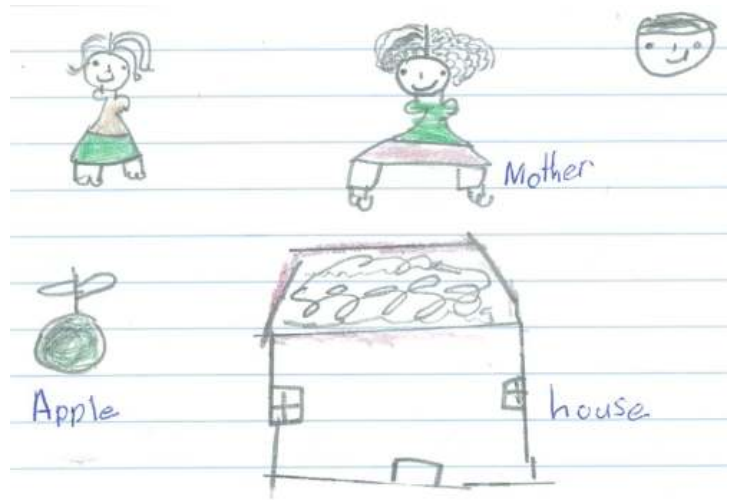
Educational Support

The 2012/13 year saw YASD introducing remedial weekend and holiday lessons for the children under its Educational Assistance. The successes of the classes were evident in the academic work of the children going to these lessons. Support of this programme came from the individuals which sourced books for the library.

ZimSef has continued to support the Educational Assistance program. YASD now has 2 children who are in high school, the students were enrolled into boarding school beginning of 2013. An official from ZimSef Tempe McMinn visited Zimbabwe from Australia during the second academic term. Part of her visit involved touring the boarding school where the 2 High School students were enrolled.

“If YASD pays for my fees it means a change in my life and hope for a better future. I will be able to continue with my studies”

Emma Phiri: Aspiring beneficiary



Youth Support Services

Activities and events were held that involved the youth under the program. There was an entrepreneurial initiative that was meant to benefit the youth, titled "Tisu Anhu Acho: alleviating poverty through entrepreneurship". 40 youths attended the seminar facilitated by well-known writer, author, and TV producer Aaron Chiunduramoyo. The seminar was an eye opener and became the launch platform for the women centred entrepreneurial initiative called "Sisters in Business: developing women to build better communities". This activity aims at developing young ladies to become successful business leaders.

A reading program was facilitated by the organisations' partner YETT. The Reading program saw around 25 young people from the community attending the training.

10 young girls from the community were invited to attend the Taura Womens Conference held in October 2013 an initiative by Zimbabwe Young Womens Network for Peace Building (ZYWNPB). The conference covered issues ranging from economic empowerment and political participation of women in Zimbabwe.



Institutional Development

The organisation underwent various training programs that enhanced the organisation internally. We partnered with various organisations that we felt could enhance our work through trainings they offered

Fight for Peace trained YASD in FFP methodology, how to work well with young people, branding, Monitoring and Evaluation and how to engage young people in community based activities. There was also the Global Alumni Program and developing of an Alumni Program which is to be a network of organizations across the world to link and exchange ideas.

Civinet held a Leadership Training Program. The program covered issues about human rights and democracy.

July 2013 saw Zimrights facilitating a training workshop on Grant Management and Project Management.

The annual Homeless World Cup soccer tournament was hosted in Poland, the coordinator, manager and a coach travelled to Poland for the Homeless World Cup iPass tournament in August. It was an opportunity for YASD to interact with managers and coordinators from other countries to share ideas as well as to network.

YASD attended the Advocacy, Grant Management, Gender Mainstreaming and Rights Based Approach Capacity building training held at Dzimbahwe Conference and Lodge offered by YETT.

In October 2013, Fight for Peace sent a representative Rebecca to assist us with our monitoring and evaluation systems. The visit was an eye opener in assessing the impact the organization is making on the community.



Roadmap

Sports Training Programme

The coming year should see the organization introducing new sporting disciplines such as cricket, rugby and boxing. The introduction of boxing will be done in conjunction with Fight for Peace who already have a vibrant boxing program. This is to add on to the existing activities of street soccer, volleyball and netball. Through sport we are anchored to deliver educational opportunities for all, leadership skills and effective mentoring.

Educational Support Programme

Through the support of ZimSef 4 more children will be added to benefit from the Educational Assistance support program. YASD has engaged a new partner who is interested in providing educational assistance to 10 children making a total of 22 inclusive the 12 already under assistance from Zimsef.

Monitoring and evaluation

We will be working on developing a systematic and robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system and database to ensure accurate analysis of programme data. We continue to monitor implementation and collect regular data on all YASD programme activities

External organizational development

YASD is poised to develop its systems through intensive capacity-building programmes with partner organisations. It is with our recent operational achievements in mind that we are extremely confident that our organisation can develop through the efficient, helpful and supportive guidance of our partners.



The YASD Centre: The yet to be completed centre, will be the hub of all YASD activities. Currently , its running a small library and conducting remedial lessons for the children .

Our Partners

The organization has established strategic partners with whom it has been able to boost its service delivery capacity to the members of the society and the beneficiary community. Such strategic partners include

