



SUKHI 222 INTERNATIONAL in partnership with FOR YOUTHS BY YOUTHS (FYBY)

Activity: Water Filters and Buckets Distribution

Theme: *#CleanWater4All*

Date: Friday 17 June 2022

Venue: Harare (Mufakose, Southlea Park and Kuwadzana)

Time: 09:30am-15:30pm

Background

For Youths By Youths (FYBY) is a youth-led community based association. Its purpose is to bring attention and support to drug and substance abuse prevention, mental health and wellness in young people and to foster youth development in its relevant context. The association has four pillars which are awareness, research, advocacy and partnerships to target social-economic and political issues to champion youth development and wellness. Our goal is to create spaces for young people to speak out on issues that affect their well-being so as to put into effect efforts to create youth friendly environments.

For Youths By Youths (FYBY) is an organization established in 2009 and has been working with youths from all facets of life creating a strong movement of community youth champions. For Youths By Youths is currently operational in Harare Metropolitan Province, Chinhoyi, Karoi, Kwekwe, Kariba and Bulawayo and is currently registered with the Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC). The organization also works closely with the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Ministry of Health and Child Care as well as with the National Association of Youth Organization (NAYO) which is an umbrella body for youth led organizations in the country. For Youths By Youths target group consist of young people between the ages of 10 - 35 regardless of gender, culture, status or religion.

Our Objectives

- Raise awareness and to promote implementation of the SDGs
- Provide space for education on drug and substance abuse prevention.
- Promote good health and mental well-being for the youths including access to SRHR, HIV & AIDS services.
- Facilitate youth active participation in community development initiatives.

Rationale and Justification behind the Water Filters and Buckets Distribution Program

Access and availability of clean and safe water is a basic human right but for many African countries including Zimbabwe continue to face severe shortages of safe water especially in

most urban areas in Harare and other towns. These challenges to access and availability of safe water can be attributed to poor infrastructure, rapid population growth, bad governance and effects of climate change amongst others. Sustainable Development Goal number 6 focuses on access to clean water and sanitation but according to the SDG Report 2020, there are about 2.2 billion people around the world who still lack safely managed drinking water including 785 million without basic drinking water. This is an alarming and worrisome statistics considering the importance of having clean and safe water for all. One of our pillars at FYBY is to promote SDG 6 and access to SRHR service we acknowledge the invaluable importance of having readily available clean and safe water for women and girls. In this regard the organisation has partnered with Sukhi 222 International to distribute water buckets and water filters in Mufakose, Kuwadzana and Southlea Park where we have noted that there is need.

Key Objectives

- Raise awareness on Sustainable Development Goal #6 (access to clean water and sanitation)
- Promote access to clean and safe drinking water to marginalised communities
- To create partnership for community development initiatives.

Strategy

For Youths By Youths conducted a survey to assess areas where there was need for clean and safe water. We noted spaces that had a special need for safe water such as local schools, clinics and community centres in our areas of operation. We distributed buckets and water filters to the following areas:

- **Mufakose**

1. **Mufakose Poly Clinic- 4 Buckets and Water Filters**

The clinic saves a large part of Mufakose, Crowbrough North and part of Budiro communities and on a daily basis the clinic receives close to **350 patients** and has staff members who need access to safe and clean water. The buckets and water filters will go a long way in providing safe drinking water to patients and staff at the local clinic.

2. **Mhuriimwe Secondary School- 6 Buckets and Water Filters**

The school accommodates students from form 1 to form 4 and has about **686 students** and these will benefit from the water buckets and filters which will ensure that the students and school staff will have access to safe water.

3. **Mufakose Family Health Service (Baby Clinic)- 4 Buckets and Water Filters**

We distributed 4 buckets and water filters at Mufakose FHS clinic which saves mothers and infants. The clinic provides a health service to the whole community of Mufakose and areas close by.

4. **Vision College – 4 Buckets and Water Filters**

The institution is located in Marimba, Mufakose and has about **240 learners** and members of staff who will benefit from the 4 water buckets and filters distributed to the college.

5. Mufakose Area A Community Center – **6 Water Buckets and Filters**

There are 5 Community Centers in Mufakose and we chose one from these 5 because the center attracts huge numbers of youths and children from the community and will benefit more people than others. We distributed 4 buckets and water filters to the center.

- **Southlea Park**

Our next point of call was Southlea Park, which is a fairly new suburb and has not yet been fully serviced by the local authorities to provide tap/running water. We distributed **6 Water Buckets and Filters** at Great Academies College. The college has about **170 students** who will directly have access to safe and clean water from the water filters and buckets donated.

- **Kuwadzana**

In Kuwadzana, **6 Water Buckets and Filters** were distributed at Kuwadzana 3 High School and the school has more than **350 learners** who are going to access clean drinking water from the water filters and buckets.

Conclusion

We managed to distribute a total of **36 water buckets and filters** in Mufakose, Kuwadzana and Southlea Park, more than **3500 people** will benefit directly or indirectly from the distribution. Indeed, the day was a busy one as we had to make sure we travel to all the identified areas and we are glad that the distribution was a success. For Youths By Youths would like to express gratitude to the team at Sukhi 222 International for their contribution to the promotion of safe and clean water for all through donating water buckets and filters to the vulnerable communities. We hope to continue working together because we can do so much more when we complement each and we can change lives and improve access to safe and clean water for all.

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