

NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL CORP ZAMBIA

COMMUNITY REPORT

CHINGOBE COMMUNITY

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To: THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR

From: THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Subject: the Water purification Program

1. COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Chingobe Community is one of the communities that New Life International Corp. Zambia has collaborated with in the field of water purification. The community is a rural one situated about 38km east ofimba Township. This community got the news of the water purifier at the time when the community was experiencing cholera which claimed 3 lives. The community formed a water committee and applied for the water purifier in 2006. Their sources of water are mainly wells and streams, and this makes their water contaminated as these sources exposed to even to the animals.

2. Program General Overview

New Life International Corp. undertook a community survey to establish the truth about the seriousness of the community's request. The findings were that, the community was really in need of the safe drinking water. The community was experiencing many diarrheal and other water bone related diseases due to drinking of contaminated water.

A meeting was organized and New Life International Corp. Zambia explained to the community the way the organization works. The whole community was agreeable to the terms and conditions under which the organization works. The community started using the water purifier in the second quarter of 2006. However as a strange thing not many people were able to participate, but as the project went on many people followed and now almost the whole community is participating.

3. DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Water Purification

The gallons of purified water have continued increasing and many people have benefited from the project. The following have been the main developmental activities brought about by the water purification project:

- (a) The community has started 5 adult literacy that has done well as the knowledge has been impacted.
- (b) The community always come together and shares the word of God
- (c) HIV/AIDS sensitizations are going on in the community as the water purification is taking place.
- (d) The community share hygiene related ideas.

2. User Fees Collection and Purpose

The community is doing like any other community were user fees is concerned though this has not been very encouraging as few people are contributing towards the same.

Community sensitization is required to make people understand the purpose of doing this.

The little that the committee is collecting is spent on charging their battery and buying salt for the project.

3. Impact of the Water Purifier in the Community

The water purifier has made a good change in the community and the following are some of them:

- (a) Water bone diseases have reduced
- (b) The program brought a sense of togetherness; as a result, love, peace and unity have prevailed.
- (c) People are able to meet and discuss developmental ideas.

CONCLSION

The community needs a lot of sensitization on the importance of safe drinking water and the user fees. Other community developmental projects can be introduced for the people to be self reliant, and these should include the income generating activities as they can improve their livelihood. The community can do better on agricultural related activities as it is a rural set up.

If the things mentioned are looked into, a lot of positive change can be recorded in the community.