

NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL CORP. ZAMBIA

COMMUNITY REPORT

SIMWAMI COMMUNITY

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To: The Country Coordinator

From: The Country Director

1. COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

. Simwami Community is situated 10km south of Zimba Township. This community has a population of 2, 146 people with 409 households. The sources of water for this community are streams and bore hole. This is a village community with no running water and very bad sanitation. People share the source of water with the animals and this pose a danger to the community

2. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Due to unsafe drinking water the community came together and applied for a water purifier in January, 2007 .Water bone diseases were very common, mainly children under the age of five were the most venerable. When the program started just a small number of people had showed interest and participated in the water purification, and this time more than half of the total population is involved in the system. The project has been received well by the community as this can be seen from the quarterly reports that have been received from the time it was introduced. The number of beneficiaries keeps on rising.

3. DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

(1) Water Purification

The project has made a lot of success in the community as outlined below:

- (a) The women have formed a club to help the needy in the community
- (b) The community come together and share successes and other developmental ideas.
- (c) The community sensitization on HIV/AIDS has been made easy as people easily come together.

(d) The people in the community have learnt on how to take care of the sick.

(2) User Fees Collection and Purpose

The introduction of the user fees has helped the community a lot. Some of the things that have been made easy by introduction of the user fees are as follows:

(a) People use this money to charge the battery.

(b) They buy salt from the same money.

(c) Sick people are helped with this money to seek medical attention.

(d) The money is also used for community to communicate with the country office.

IMPACT OF THE WATER PURIFIER IN THE COMMUNITY

The water purifier has brought lot good change in the community and some of the changes are out lined below.

(a) Most of the water bone diseases have been reduced because most of the people are now drinking treated water.

(d) Love and unity is there amongst the people in the community.

(c) The word of the living Lord is being shared during the time of water purification.

(d) Information about HIV/AIDS is shared and this has reduced the infection rate.

Simwami Community is one of the communities that have shown the potential. This community is appealing for some income generating activities for it to be self reliant.

If the community can be helped with some things like the bicycle the movement can be easy.

The storage tanks are also needed to easy the storage of the purified water.

CONCLUSION

The community is ready to work with the organization in all the areas of development. The community has been very organized and have done the water purification program well. If the challenges mentioned above can be addressed, the community can have self reliance and many of the community problems like poverty can be eradicated. The community will appreciate any form of help that can be rendered to it. The community is also requesting the organization not to abandon them as doing so shall take them backwards.