

NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL CORP. ZAMBIA

COMMUNIJTY REPORT

SINAZEZE COMMUNITY

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To: The country coordinator

From: The Country Director

Subject: Water Purification Program

1. COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Sinazeze Community is situated about 75km from New Life International Corp. Zambia Office, and about 30km before Maamba Township. This is one of the communities whose people were displaced during the construction of Lake Kariba.

This was done in the year 1959 and during the displacement people lost a lot of their property including the livestock. These people were removed from their fertile land and moved to the dry land where farming is almost impossible. Most of them depend on fishing for their livelihood, and some do farming though not enough to take them to the next harvesting time.

The source of water for this community is also of great concern. These people get their drinking water from streams and shallow wells. During the dry season the people cover a long distance to get water as these streams and wells dry up. Because of openness of their water sources, their water is not free from contaminations. A lot of water borne

diseases have been affecting the people especially the children and this caused the children not to concentrate at school

2. GENERAL OVERVIEW

This community applied for the water purifier in May 2007 after learning of it from other communities in Zimba. One of the community members visited Zimba and saw the water purifier there and upon enquiring, he was told about New Life International and where it is found. When their application was received as people concerned, we took a trip and have a physical inspection of the place. It was during that visit when all this information mentioned above was found. The water purifiers were given to this community. From the time the water purifiers were installed, the community has continued to use the machines.

The response from the community is very encouraging. Because of the vastness of the community, the community resolved that they be divided into three villages for easy management of the project. The three villages were given each a water purifier to use in their area, this has made the work very easy. All these three villages have members in the water committee as such there is equal representation.

From the time the water purifiers were installed the number of beneficiaries has continued to increase and this shows that people have come to appreciate what the machines are doing.

Even if the program is going on well, the community is facing some problems in the management of the project. The biggest challenge that the community is the battery, it is not efficient. The water sources are also a very erratic in most times of the year. It becomes very difficult for

the people to come together and do the water purification when their water sources dry up. This is because people do not go to one place for water collection.

2. DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

(i) Water Purification

A lot of developmental programs are going on in the community and among these are:

(a) A women club has been born in the community, and women learn nutrition using their local produce and this has improved their health.

(b) A youth club is sensitizing the youths in the community on how to abstain and this has reduced the HIV/AIDS infection in the community

(c) The community is taking care of the chronically sick and the venerable.

(ii). User Fees Collection and Purpose

The water committee has like in any other community introduced the user fees contribution to easy the operations of the committee. This money has helped the community in so many ways and among them are these:

(a) This money is used for charging the battery and buying salt for water purification.

(b) Communication with the country office is being done using this money.

(c) Some emergencies like illnesses are solved using the same money.

(iii). Impact of water purifier in the community

The water purifier has made a very big impact in the community. Among the positive impact that have been noticed are the following

(a) Water bone diseases have been reduced and most of the children are able to go to school without any disturbances.

(b) The spirit of love and unity has come as people always come together and purifier their water.

(c) People meet and share the word of God and any other developmental ideas that concern their community.

(d) The program has attracted other nearby villages, and this has made them to apply for the water purifier too.

CONCLUSION

Sinazeze community is a very dedicated community in the area of community development. This community is doing very well in as far as water purification project is concerned. From the time this program started the number of beneficiaries is increasing and the demand for the treated water is growing.

The community is not without challenges as mentioned above. Among the major problems the community has are:

(a) The batteries are not effective hence the need for either new batteries or a solar panel for charging the batteries

(b) The storage tanks for treated water are not adequate and these results into high frequency of usage of the machines and these cause the batteries to lose power fast.

(c) The user fees collections are not good due to the fact that people do not have good source of income. The community is willing to contribute but the sources are very limited.

(d) More water purifiers are needed in the community, the three that they are using are not enough to service the large community like this one.

In order to overcome all these challenges mentioned above the community needs to be empowered with some income generating activities. These will make the community generate its own money to meet these requirements. The clubs should be supported in order for them to meet all the community challenges like supporting the sick and some venerable people in the community.

This community can be a better one if the obstacles outlined above are addressed, as the community has shown the commitment from the way they have used the water purifier. This field of the good lord is big and it needs more machinery and resources to make it a better place for God's people. This poor community alone cannot meet these challenges and is appealing to well wishers to help with seed money in any way possible. Give them one talent and they will not hide it but will use it and will multiply and benefit many.

Remember God gave you what you have to help those that are lacking. If you have more, kindly give the exes to those that are lacking and Sinazeze community is one of the needy communities that will appreciate your contribution. New Life International Corp. Zambia is willing to work with any well wisher to make Sinazeze community be self sustaining spiritually, socially and economically.