



**ACTIVITY REPORT ON AN INTERFACE MEETING JOINTLY ORGANIZED  
BY TRUST YOUTH CLUB AND AFRICAN HARMONY COLLECTIVE  
(AHC) In Collaboration And WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM  
UNITED VOICES FOR GLOBAL IMPACT**

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## **AN INTERFACE MEETING ORGANIZED TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PERTINENT ISSUES AFFECTING YOUTHS IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE**



**One of the facilitators (standing) to give his talk**

### **ACTIVITY DETAILS**

**Date of Activity:** 26th October 2024

**Activity Venue:** GVH Liti's open ground in T/A Nkagula, Zomba.

**Starting time:** 10:00 AM.

**Activity Duration:** 1 day.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Trust Youth Club in conjunction with the African Harmony Collective (AHC) organized a one-day interface meeting to discuss various pertinent issues that affect youths in their day to day life. The activity was supported by United Voices for Global Impact through the African Harmony Collective (AHC).

## **MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE INTERFACE MEETING**

To provide relevant technical knowledge and feedback to the youth on some pertinent issues that affect their lives.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERFACE MEETING**

1. To enlighten the youth on the importance of sexual and reproductive health (SRH), but more specifically family planning.
2. To provide a broader understanding of Drug and Substance Abuse among the youth as serious mental health problem.
3. To equip the youth with more knowledge of economic empowerment so that they can gradually become self-reliant.
4. To empower the youth as agents/ champions in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV) in their community.



*The youth listening attentively to the discussion*

## **YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING**

The activity drew two youth clubs together with roughly a total of seventy young people. The two clubs were Trust Youth Club and Tikondane Youth Club. Frankly speaking, the youth's participation was above average as they kept the discussion so lively and constantly provided feedback throughout the meeting.

## **FACILITATORS OF THE MEETINGS**

Facilitators were drawn from three key government sectors in relation to the issues that had to be discussed.

The three government sectors were Health, Youth and Sports, and Community Development.

### **ISSUES / TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE INTERFACE MEETING**

- 1) Sexual and reproductive health/ Family planning.
- 2) Drug and Substance Abuse.
- 3) Youth Economic Empowerment.
- 4) Gender based violence (GBV).

### **SUCCESSSES OF THE INTERFACE MEETING**

The interface meeting registered a number of successes and these are as follows: -

- The organizers of the meeting managed to set everything about the meeting on time.
- Facilitation of the topics was very good arousing the interest and enthusiasm of the young people.
- The youths learned with active listening and where necessary they provided constructive feedback to the discussion.
- The activity was graced by various community leaders. Among them were GVH Liti's; Village Heads from three surrounding villages; some members of the Village Development Committee (VDC); Chairperson of Nkagula Youth Network; and a representative of the civil society (Mr. Brown Masingati).





*The youth now posing for a group photo soon after the meeting*

**SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT THAT THIS INTERFACE MEETING WILL LIKELY BRING TO THE YOUTHS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE:**

The youths will not engage in the drug and Substance Abuse as they will avoid taking any substance that will negatively affect their lives.

The young people will also act responsibly on sexual and reproductive health issues, thereby not engaging in unsafe sex and/or early marriages.

As agents/champions in the fight against GBV, the youths will carry on with the work of sensitizing their fellow young people on dangers of gender-based violence.

Through this meeting, the youths will also gradually become self-reliant after getting an economic empowerment orientation.

All in all, the community will have more youths that are advancing in several areas of life; and that will eventually translate to the socio-economic development of the entire community.



***Members of the two youth clubs (Trust and Tikondane Youth Clubs) now interact in dancing together***

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