

M.E.C. MAKENI ECUMENICAL CENTRE – ANNUAL REPORT – 2004

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Dear Friends,

Warm Greetings from Makeni Ecumenical Centre. We are writing to share with you activities and events that took place in the year 2004.

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ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT: By I. J. Mtonga

Introduction:

The training programme commenced on the 5th of January. The enrolment was at twelve students among them two females. As time went the number of students rose to thirty. These students were basically Grade 12 certificate holders with passes in Mathematics, English and Science.

The current number of students in attendance is twenty two (22). The number had dropped due to the fact that the students from the Defence Services were withdrawn for reasons best known to themselves.

The course of training comes under the following subjects:

- ❖ Electronic Trade Maths
- ❖ Electronic Trade Theory
- ❖ Electronic Trade Communication Skills
- ❖ Electronic Trade Practicals

Staff

The Department has two members of staff

- ❖ Mr. K. Shawa
- ❖ Mr. I. J. Mtonga

Mr. Shawa who was employed middle of the year to enforce man-power in the department teaches Mathematics and Trade Practicals. Mr. Mtonga teaches Trade Theory and Trade Communication Skills.

SIC two students in June enrolled to undertake a short-intensive course in Radio, T.V. and VCR repair. The duration was originally three months but this was extended to four months due to the inconsistent attendance of both students. However, they successfully completed the course of training.

Training Aids

Board and chalk

Test-equipment, in this area the department is not adequately equipped. On average, there is one oscilloscope per 22 students.

- ❖ Four (4) black/white T.V. receivers
- ❖ Two (2) colour T.V. receivers
- ❖ Three Radio receivers

By and large, here practical instructions were not sufficiently undertaken.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of lessons was done on weekly, monthly and termly. This was accomplished through the method of writing and hands on the equipment method.

Recommendation:

More training aids should be procured to reduce the ration of training Aids to students to at least 1 training Aid to 3 students.

CARPENTRY & JOINERY DEPARTMENT: By Roy Adams Ntini

The Carpentry Department enrolled 11 students in the 2004 intake under the sponsorship of Zambia Education Capacity Building (ZECAB) Programme.

The Carpentry & Joinery course, which consists of four subjects, has been able to equip students with the required skills in the carpentry field. Through the project, test and assignments, students have shown that they have achieved the required knowledge in the course. The attendance of students during class sessions was 85% which needs to be improved in the coming year, (intake). Also as part of the course requirements, we as a department have secured places for the students to undergo a period of practical experience in different companies. This means that from January 2005 until the time they will be writing their final examination (April 2005) students will be on industrial break for their practical experience.

Reporting on the 2003 intake final examinations, which took place in April 2004. The exams were conducted on the second week of April 2004, out of 8 the students who sat for their final examinations, 5 got the E.C.Z. Grade 7 certificate.

The Carpentry department is recommending for commercialisation the department next year. Through these commercial demonstrations, we will be able to generate income for the department which will assist in the procurement of training materials. And a few changes will be done soon to come up with a good plan that will bring more income for the department.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT: By Janet Jere Mwape

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Introduction

Home Economics Department offers training in skills and knowledge. The programme runs for a year. All the students are day students as the Institution offers no boarding facilities. The programme offers the following subjects:-

- ❖ Nutrition and Nutrition Education
- ❖ Mother and Child Care
- ❖ House Keeping
- ❖ Tailoring and Designing
- ❖ Students find with the programme we offer is helpful as at the end of the year, they are able to put their skills and knowledge into practice.

Enrolment

Once enrolment exercise started on a very low note. This is because our first term starts in September, where as for other learning institution it is the time they write their Examinations. Usually we look to the second term, that is January each year. 2003 – 2004 intake picked up from a low to good number as the year progressed.

Short Courses

Though we advertised the response was not good. We had only one student in tailoring and designing. She enjoyed the lesson and at the end of it she was able to design, cut and make good garments.

Industrial Attachment

Although not all the students went for Industrial Attachment due to lack money or non-payment, it was very helpful, as those who did, helped the friends through, demonstrations, practical exercises and reports.

Examination

The final Examination for 2003 –2004 intake were successful. Most of the students did well, especially with the experience from industrial attachment. Students valued the industrial attachment as the Examination become easy after doing things in practical.

Academic Calendar

The first term starts second week of September each year. The students for 2004 – 2005 reported on 20th September, 2004. The number is still low, but like I have said earlier on . It will go up next January 2005. Already there are people enquiring now, but they will only be admitted next term in January, 2005. With the few students the year ended well, as students have passed their end of term Examinations.

Recommendation

Home Economics Department is looking forward to starting the new programme in catering. At the moment most of the things to be used are ready. We thank you for all the donations we have received from our supporters.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT: By Towera Mukubu

The courses being offered are as follows:

- ❖ Introduction to Computing & Ms DOS
- ❖ Introduction to Windows
- ❖ Advanced Word-Processing
- ❖ Advanced Spreadsheet Processing
- ❖ All programmes run for five (5) days; 3 hours per day. The sessions are available for, morning, afternoon and evening classes. After successful completion each student is awarded a certificate recognised by TEVETA.

Achievements

The Computer Skills Department is recognised by the Makeni residents as well as those living outside Makeni area for the computer programmes the Institution offers. This year the department was privileged to have Mr. Grey Zulu come and learn Computer Skills. This made the department more popularity and more people have shown interest after in learning Computer Skills at MEC reading the Newspaper article which was published in the Post News Paper.

The department also has updated computers, one is running on Windows XP, three on Windows 95 with Office 2000. The only request we have had from students is if we can also start offering (introduce) Microsoft Access and Powerpoint since they come as one package with Word and Excel. We already have these programmes installed on our computer. The only thing required is permission from the administration.

Computer Courses Statistics

The number of students is as follows:

Description	Number of Students
Introduction to Computing & Ms DOS	57
Introduction to Windows	40
Advanced Word-Processing	38
Advanced Spreadsheet Processing	34
Total number of students	169

MAKENI ECUMENICAL CENTRE BASIC SCHOOL: By L. Chipwalu

General

- ❖ The school is set for opening on 10th January, 2005.
- ❖ Grade one enrolment has been completed. It is expected that all enrolled pupils will turn up on the Opening Day on Wednesday 5th January, 2005.
- ❖ Pre- School and Baby class for children below the age of five will open on 10th January, 2005. Enrolment for these classes is still continuing. The response from parents has so far been encouraging.
- ❖ Demand for places is Grades 1 – 9 from the surrounding communities of Makeni are overwhelming. From this, the school is certain of full enrolment of a minimum of 35pupils and maximum of 40 pupils in each class when the school opens next year.

Classrooms

- ❖ The present number of classrooms is quite adequate to cater for all classes, that is Grades 1 – 9.
- ❖ This will be made possible by bringing in lower classes that is Grades 2 – 4 in the afternoon session thereby sharing classrooms with upper classes. Grade 6 will share with grade 4, grade 5 with grade 3 and grade 2 with grade 1.
- ❖ These arrangements will continue for some time to come.

Furniture

- ❖ There is need to repair some desks in a few classrooms.
- ❖ Classroom cupboards are needed for grades 8 and 9, although an attempt has been made to repair the grade 7 cupboard more attention is still required to make it fully secure.

Textbooks

- ❖ The school has adequate textbooks for nearly all the grades except for grades 3 and 4 who do not have parts 2 and 3 of the Zambia Education Course (ZBEC) English Readers.

Staffing

- ❖ There will be 12 members of staff including the Acting Headmaster employed by MEC to run the Basic School as there will be no Part-Time teachers effective 1st January, 2005.
- ❖ It is hoped that two trainee teachers on teaching practice will be joining us when we open on 10th January, 2005.

The trainee teachers will be expected to be with us up to the end of the third term.

Salaries

- ❖ Teacher's salaries at the moment still remain as they are.
- ❖ Hopefully, there are likely to be some changes in future. After a PTA meeting which usually recommends school fees to be paid by pupils.

Toilets

- ❖ The number of toilets at the school is quite adequate at the moment.
- ❖ It is cardinal that these toilets are kept clean at all times.

Fees and other Service Charges

- ❖ A circular letter was issued to all parents that the fees at the moment still remain the same.
- ❖ However, these are likely to be changed only after the PTA resolution of an AGM to be held early next year.

Renewal of School License 2005.

- ❖ This has not yet been done due to none availability of an Inspection report from Inspectors of Schools.
- ❖ Request to inspect the school has already been made. Several follow ups have been made to no avail. Promises have been made to come and do the inspection; but to date no one has come. We hope that this will be done soon.

Lastly, I would like to thank the management of MEC for the support rendered during the year. We hope to work even harder in the year 2005.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT: By J. Silwenga

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Introduction

The Agriculture Department has 5 major areas of activities namely; Training, Crop, Piggery, Poultry and Mushroom Production.

The training department has 2 groups namely; Agriculture General and Agriculture Settlement. The department also offers short courses.

Training

The intake in the academic year 2003/04 had twenty-eight students in Agriculture General and Settlement. Each group had fourteen participants.

In agriculture general, a student got their full certificates out of fourteen. The other five (5) a choice of rewriting the subjects. Out of the five, three decided to rewrite the subjects and two out of the three managed to obtain a full certificate making the total number of students with full certificates to rise to eleven. The remaining three students without full certificates have a chance of rewriting in August 2005 during the final examination of the 2004/05 intake.

On the other hand all the fourteen students in agriculture settlement qualified for settlement. In the year under review, we introduced five short course programmes for clients who needed short tailor-made components in agriculture, namely fish farming, poultry production, pig production, mushroom production and dairy production.

Crops

In the year 2004 we planted crops for demonstration purpose namely; green maize, maize for dry harvesting, onions, tomato, okra and cabbage.

We had also introduced a cassava nursery in 2003. The variety is a hybrid called “chella” from Luapula Province. In addition we have also planted two more varieties of cassava from Western Province known as Mutambo and Nakanoya. The purpose for this nursery is to:

- ❖ Supply cassava cuttings for our settlement villages for crop diversification and food security. (We have so far supplied 800 cuttings to three settlement villages).
- ❖ Harvest cassava tubers for pig feeding in our Production Unit.
- ❖ Possibly sell the leaves and tubers for income

We have also introduced an organic demonstration plot on which we are growing commercial crops using organic methods of soil fertility improvement and pest and disease control. We have been able to do seed multiplication for white and red sun hemp and velvet beans. Both are being redistributed to settlement villages for soil fertility improvement. Since velvet beans is a high yielding crop, we intend to try it in pig feeding after having done laboratory tests for nutritive values and toxicity.

In the year 2004, we have finally established a training orchard with 2 lemon seedling bought from GART-C.F.U. Two seedlings have been successfully budded in into oranges sixteen seedlings are also budded well the rest will be done next January 2005.

Piggery

We have successfully increased the stock levels of our unit to break-even point of 25-35 flattening stock for possible surplus income. However, more will need to be done in finding alternative cheap method of feeding and improving the breeding intervals. The financial report was not available at the time of writing the report.

Poultry and Mushroom

Both the poultry and mushroom production were done once in the year 2004. The arrangement was done to coincide with the short courses programme. We intend to begin running poultry production (broilers) regularly in the year 2005.

Future Project – Fish Farming

We intend to integrate the piggery with fish rearing. This is aimed at utilising the piggery waste efficiently. We have partly dug the fish pond. We need a jibbing and blasting contractor to remove the hard rock in the pond to make it even and desirable for rearing fish.

Settlement Project

In 2003 – 2004 we have settled fifteen settlers, in Chisamba eight, Kalwelwe four and Mwomboshi three. This brings the number of settlers settled to three hundred and fourteen.

Loan recovery is gradually increasing from 2% (2001/02) and 2.2% & (2002/03) to 5.4% (2003/04). The overall amount outstanding as at 30th June 2004 was approximately K242,000,000. The repayment by December 24, 2004 amounted to slightly above K13,000,000. The number of farmers who paid for their loans was as follows;

❖ Chisamba	29
❖ Kalwelwe	11
❖ Mwembeshi	11
❖ Mwomboshi	38

Two windmills have been installed in Chisamba and Mwomboshi Settlement Villages. They are helping to reduce the shortage of domestic water and long walking distances which settlers have been covering. A commercial land for crop production will be worked out once the tanks have been installed and the pipes fitted.

A growing number of farmers are taking up the challenge of crop diversification and are venturing into commercial cash crop production such as paprika, cotton, soyabeans and sunflower. Cassava is becoming important for food security and stock feed. 800 cuttings have already been distributed to Chisamba, Kalwelwe and Mwomboshi from the M.E.C. agriculture department nursery.

In order, to increase the impact of the Extension Services being offered to farmers, a pilot project of study groups has been introduced in Mwomboshi. This village was picked because of its good record in community programmes. In this pilot project, farmers are

assisted with printed information on a variety of relevant topics which they discuss among themselves. A follow-up is made by the settlement officer every month. The success of this project will lead to the introduction of similar groups in Chisamba and Kalwelwe.

Various community development initiatives are being undertaken. This year settlers in Chisamba have been able to organise themselves to obtain 80 bags of fertilizer for the 2004/05 farming season.

Kalwelwe has seen the community complete roofing the school and leaving the old school building to be used as a clinic. The area Member of Parliament Rev. Gladys Nyirongo has visited Kalwelwe Settlement Village twice. She has been pleased with the infrastructure in the settlement village.

Mwomboshi settlement village negotiated with the area councillor Mrs. Lubasi to invest a hummer mill in the community and also assist in sourcing funds for construction of the bridge over Chalampa Stream. The Councillor has sent 7 iron sheets (3 X 4m), plunks and one bag of cement to be used for the hammer mill house. M.E.C. has been requested to transport the hammer mill by January 6, 2005.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT: By M. Mbiya

This report looks at the activities of the library from January 2004 – January 2005.

Attendance

The library has been open since the beginning of the school calendar, that is January 2004. Lectures and students have been making use of the library doing their studies research and assignments.

Visitors

The visitors were a couple from Kenya and another one from China and a recent one by a couple of Mr. and Mrs. Milano from the U.S.A.

Reading Materials

There was a donation of books from AID International which we received in May, through their distribution, Zambia Library Services. We received a total of 150 books. The other donation was sent by Canon David Goodacre from United Kingdom. We received the consignment in three separate packages; there is one more parcel to be received. Lecturers are grateful for this donation, most especially that the books cover the subjects which they teach and they are all recent publication. Dr. Pierre and Lee-Ann Dil also sent some books from the Canada which consisted of Encyclopedias, children books and teachers resources.

Agriculture department is grateful to spore and other organisation that provide agriculture books, these reading materials have been very helpful. Students have complained several times that when they are asked by their lecturers to research on certain topics, they are

unable to find the material they need because most books are outdated. This has also caused the decline in students using the library.

Conclusion

The library operations are going on smoothly with the provision of information which is important to the training and education of students. There is a need to improve library services, the library collection needs to be enhanced and stocked with more current materials.

FAMILY PLANNING: By Mwenya Mable Nkandu

Project Goal

- ❖ To conduct individual and group teaching and counseling on family planning
- ❖ To have two nurses at all times
- ❖ To recruit one driver
- ❖ Continue sensitising clients that most family planning methods do not offer protection against STDs, PID, HIV/AIDS.
- ❖ The Project was expected to cater for 3000 clients per quarter.

Static Clinic

Individual and group counseling on family planning continued but no video shows own family planning were shown as it was difficult to get tapes on family planning.

Outcome

A total of 10,431 clients were attended to, of these 498 were New Acceptors and 4793 were Old Acceptors.

The driver relieved of his job in 2004 because of lack of funding in the Family Planning Clinic Project. The second nurse died June 2004 and we have had no doctor for sometime now because the project has no money to pay a doctor. When service needing a doctor are desired they referred to the big hospital University Teaching Hospital (UTH) to the FP Clinic during the year under review.

No abortions were reported to the FP clinic during the year under review. Five clients were pregnant. They just wanted children. Counseling was done and four were referred to University Teaching Hospital (UTH) for Norplant insertion.

A total sum of K1,809,500 was collected as membership fees and the contribution towards the issuance of membership cards.

The Mobile Clinic

It was not possible to start our service delivery activities on time as the other nurse Mrs. Chibesa died. However the mobile clinic was only once in May 2004 before Mrs. Chibesa died and we were also faced with another problem as our driver Mr. Chibelushi was relieved of work.

The service delivery team visited the following stations.

- ❖ Under Mumbwa District; Katobo, Munyati, Mukobela, St. Michael, Sichingolo, Kacheta, Satchel and Shabe Shabe.
- ❖ Under Chisamba District; Fringilla/Seedling/Zambeef/Esquire Farms, Chabusha.
- ❖ Under Chongwe District; Mukonka, mwanachikoka, Chinkuli, Namanongo, Mbongolo.

We worked in collaboration with the Zambia Helpers Society in the following stations in Chongwe – Tengama and Muyanga.

Static Clinic

	New	Old	Supply
Pill Microgynon/Microlut	273	2149	6563
Noristerat	126	2353	5598
Depo Provera	11	47	58
Male Condom	88	244	11887
Total	498	4793	24106

Recommendation for improving the project for next year. Family Planning Project to have a computer as the reporting is changing in Lusaka and the whole country F/P to be trained in computers skills, to make the reporting of statistics easier.

Total No. of New and Old Clients for Project

	New Acceptors	Old Acceptors
January	31	439
February	33	450
March	38	470
April	38	417
May	23	352
June	38	527
July	69	540
August	37	382
September	42	482
November	67	549
December	87	568
Total	503	5176

ST. NICHOLAS ORPHANAGE: By Judy Passmore

Our children have grown and are healthy. We don't have very sick children any more. Two of them attend hospital very month/ every two weeks. The rest only develop a common cold or a cough or a fever, a cut or a bruise.

They are all trying to their best in school. They sometimes have a volunteer to help them with their school work mostly with English and Mathematics. Now that they are on holiday Mr. Mulenga helps them with reading in the afternoon.

We are very blessed in that we received some mobile hangings made by a group of ladies the change made eyes project, which are hanging in their rooms. They also got some teddy bears that were hand knotted. They each got a teddy in a bag also hand-made to show love, with the teddies, were a lot of clothes, shoes, toys and books for the children. These were sent by Mrs Lee Ann Dil and friends. We truly appreciate the work all these people are doing. These donations make a big difference in that it provides almost all we need.

Through Mrs Lee-Ann Dil, we have made a connection with an organization called "AIDS Angels". This organization makes little cloth angels, dressed in chitenge material. They are named after the children and people who have died of AIDS. The proceeds of the sales of these angels are donated to charities dealing with AIDS Orphans. We were very fortunate to receive these funds.

Truus and Jan Veldkamp from Holland newly retired in July. Truus is an expert in Child Care and Child Psychology. She worked for Social Services in the Hague. Jan was a High School Teacher in Art and Music.

Truus and Jan spent a lot of time with the children drawing pictures which Jan later transferred to the walls of the dining room by way of an overhead projector. He later painted these pictures on the walls, giving them a very cheerful appearance.

They brought with them donations from Holland for toys books and revamping of the play park. They had many ideas which will be put into operation when they hopefully return to Zambia next year.

We also received maize, High Energy Protein Supplement (HEPS), cooking oil, breedlove and rice from Project Concern International (PCI). Breedlove is a complete meal consisting of lentils, carrots, onions rice and salt. It has helped a great deal as we have enough HEPS for porridge. We have been receiving the above mentioned food supplements since June 2003 mostly on monthly basis.

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROJECT: By Catherine Oreta

The HIV/AIDS Prevention Project recorded a lot of activities during the year.

The Project organised HIV/AIDS awareness workshop which ran from the previous year November 10, 2003 – April 5, 2004. The workshops were funded by USAID self Help Project. We targeted adults and youths from; Mukobela rural, Chinkuli, Fringilla/Seedling/Zambeef/Esquare Farms. Church Leaders from various denominations, church members, church youths and women only from a church setup were also sensitised. During the year 2004 a total number of eighty four people were sensitised in HIV/AIDS awareness at a five day workshop held at Fairview Hotel in Lusaka along Church Road.

The eighty people trained from different rural communities and church got equipped with information on HIV/AIDS so that they could be resource persons in their communities as far as HIV/AIDS awareness is concerned.

The aim and objective of the workshop:

- ❖ To enhance the participants understanding of basic issues and concerns in the spread and prevention of HIV/AIDS as well as in the care and support of people living with AIDS (PLWA) and orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs).
- ❖ To share knowledge on how societal norms, beliefs, attitudes and values influence the spread and growth of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Zambia.
- ❖ To identify strategies that can address the challenges of HIV/AIDS from a local perspective.

The workshops were held between January 5 – April 9, 2004. The workshops run from 08:00 – 16:30 hours for five days per each group of twelve participants.

Topics covered during the workshops were:

- ❖ Basic Facts on HIV/AIDS
- ❖ AIDS overview of ASRH/HIV/AIDS
- ❖ Sex & Sexuality
- ❖ The ABCDE method of HIV/AIDS Prevention (Fleet of Hope) – PMTC- (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission)
- ❖ Voluntary counseling & Testing (VCT)
- ❖ Caring for people with HIV/AIDS
- ❖ The SALT Concept
- ❖ Stigma and Discrimination
- ❖ Caring for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs)
- ❖ Gender Issues in HIV prevention and AIDS care
- ❖ Youth Adult Partnership Formation (YAP)
- ❖ Mobilising Community Action against AIDS
- ❖ Action Plan

The participants were presented with certificates of attendance each from Makeni Ecumenical Centre HIV/AIDS Prevention Project.

The Project has purchased a new VCR and Television Set 21” from the USAID funding for the project for video shows program on HIV/AIDS awareness at the Centre.

The Project also organised another workshop during the year. The workshop was funded by NGOCC Basket Fund (Grant Management Unit). We targeted the people we had earlier on trained in HIV/AIDS awareness for training as Voluntary Counseling Testing and Care Counselors. The planned budget targeted 20 counselors to be trained but because we received inadequate funds we only trained fourteen counselors from the various rural sites namely:

Name	Rural Site from	Sex
Francis Zilifi	Chinkuli	M

Rose Jere	Mwembeshi	F
Michael B. Mwamba	Esquare Roses	M
Maurice H. Shimukayi	Sichingolo	M
Chambwa Maxon	Sichingolo	M
Judith M. Mubamba	Sichingolo	F
Martha Chali	Mukobela	F
Philip Chasauka	Chinkuli	M
Isaac Shamakamba	Mukobela	M
Catherine Nkhuwa	Fringilla	F
Mackson Shakalima	Sichingolo	M
James Chiwuswa	Mwembeshi	M
Charity Ndala	Mwembeshi	F
Griffin Chikaile	Linda	M

The workshop was held at Capital Hotel in Lusaka. The participants were accommodated at the Hotel for fourteen days. Sessions run from 08:00 – 17:30 hours and sometimes had sessions after dinner.

Participants were exposed to practical in counseling skills as well.

Topics covered were:

- ❖ Pre-Course and Post-Course Knowledge Assessment
- ❖ Orientation to Counseling
- ❖ Basic Counseling Skill
- ❖ Qualities of a Counselor
- ❖ Counseling Theory and Practice 1 & 11
- ❖ Spiritual Counseling and the Biblical Basis for HIV/AIDS counseling
- ❖ Counseling Process
- ❖ Crisis Counseling/Problem Solving/Decision Making Counseling
- ❖ Counseling Practicum

The last workshop organised during the year was funded by Zambia Interfaith Networking Groups on HIV/AIDS (ZINGO). We targeted Traditional and Cultural Leaders from the same rural sites including the Makeni Settlement Villages namely; Chisamba, Mwomboshi, and Kalwelwe Settlement villages.

We targeted the cultural and traditional leaders for sensitisation on HIV/AIDS issues because the peer educators trained earlier on in the year were finding it hard to talk openly over the HIV/AIDS matters as the traditional and cultural leaders viewed it as indecent talk. We also targeted some more youths for sensitisation too.

The workshops run for two days per site from 08:30 – 15:30 hours. They were held at every site as selected. The sites reached were:

- ❖ Mukobela Both Youths & Adults were sensitised
- ❖ Fringilla/Seedling/Zambeef/Esquare Roses Farms Only Adults
- ❖ Mwembeshi Both Youths & Adults were sensitised
- ❖ Chinkuli “

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| ❖ Sichingolo | “ |
| ❖ Mwomboshi | Only Adults were sensitised |
| ❖ Kalwelwe | “ |
| ❖ Chisamba | “ |

The Background of the Workshop:

To encourage community members to talk about VCTC as it is was a very important part of social action on HIV/AIDS. Talking about VCT could raise very personal issues about peoples private lives and hence bring about behaviour change e.g. it would lead to a person realising that their sexual behaviour has put them at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Aims and Objectives:

At the end of the two day sensitisation workshop for each site the cultural & traditional leaders and youths would;

- ❖ Have good knowledge about HIV/AIDS and VCT in their communities – such as what VCTC involves and where quality support and services can be found.
- ❖ Have a better understanding of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the total person and his/her relationship
- ❖ Be able to offer compassionate spiritual care and guidance
- ❖ Share knowledge on how societal and cultural norms, beliefs, attitudes and values influence the spread and growth of HIV/AIDS pandemic in Zambia.
- ❖ Identify strategies that can address the challenges of HIV/AIDS from a local perspective.

A total of ten people (five men & five women) or (five girls & five boys) were invited from each site for sensitisation. A total of 120 people were sensitised at the end of the program. Despite the short sensitisation period, some groups were able to form continuity groups for their sites. i.e in Chisamba they formed an Ant Aids Group headed by a chairperson of their own choice who was a participant too. Their request was on transport to ease on their movements since they planned to reach out to the neighbouring villages disseminating information on HIV/AIDS. They requested if Makeni Ecumenical Centre HIV/AIDS Project could assist in helping them obtain bicycles or solicit for funds to purchase them the same. Equally in Mwomboshi, Kalwelwe and Sichingolo formed similar groups but had not elected office bearers to lead their groups. The Youths sensitised too formed Drama Groups but were equally handicapped on the side of movements if bicycles were to be donated that was their plea.

Another request was on VCTC centres to be introduced in their communities. They felt that, if most people accessed VCT early it would be to their own advantage to change hence reduce new infections on HIV in their communities and also seek early treatment and the available free ARVs. Conducted Group and Individual Counseling. Sessions held were mostly HIV/AIDS/STDs/STIs related. The Project distributed information, education and communication (IEC) material to all the outreach rural sites during the sensitisation workshops.

Conducted Home Visits to homes in the compounds around Makeni, John Laing, Along Bayuni Road, Behind Panjira and some areas of Kanyama Compound. During the home visits, also conducted Individual and support Counseling and shared Gospel Message. Most of the counseling sessions during the Home visits were on HIV/AIDS/STIs related issues.

Never went for outreach to the Family Planning rural sites for HIV/AAIDS activities because our colleague Mrs. Chibesa passed away as she was the in-charge of the Family Planning Static Clinic. The mobile nurse Mrs. Mwenya had to sit in her place, so I could not go alone as we were always combining both activities per trip. The Project never visited the Truck drivers during the year because we had only one driver. However, the Truck Drivers have never given up inviting me to their trucking offices.

The Project facilitated for the orphanage staff to attend workshops for Caregivers at the Family Support Unit (VCT) UTH and also for Mrs. Passmore St. Nicholas Supervisor to be trained in Palliative Care by Jon Hospice. Also facilitated for other members of staff to attend workshops at PCI. Facilitated for the Children at the St. Nicholas Orphanage to attend a workshop at Family Support Unit. (VCT) UTH.

Attended workshops on Gender Mainstreaming and Monitoring & Evaluation organised by NGOCC.

Conducted monthly Home visits to the orphans and vulnerable children who are living with their guardians under the Home Based Project within the compounds in Linda, Chawama, Kanyama and Chunga. Mealie meal ration and HEPS were delivered during the visits. School fees were also paid for all the forty-two (42) Home Based Project going children and provided school requisites like school uniforms to only some children who were in schools that demanded uniforms. Held counseling sessions with some of the children who needed to be encouraged to go to school so that they could see the meaning of being sent to school and also encouraged them to go to church within their locations. One of the patients under the Home Based Project died during the year and left behind four children and a wife.

Attended various meetings especially at the NGOCC and PCI. Prepared monthly reports over the feeding program of which the St. Nicholas Orphanage and the children under the Home Based Project are benefiting.

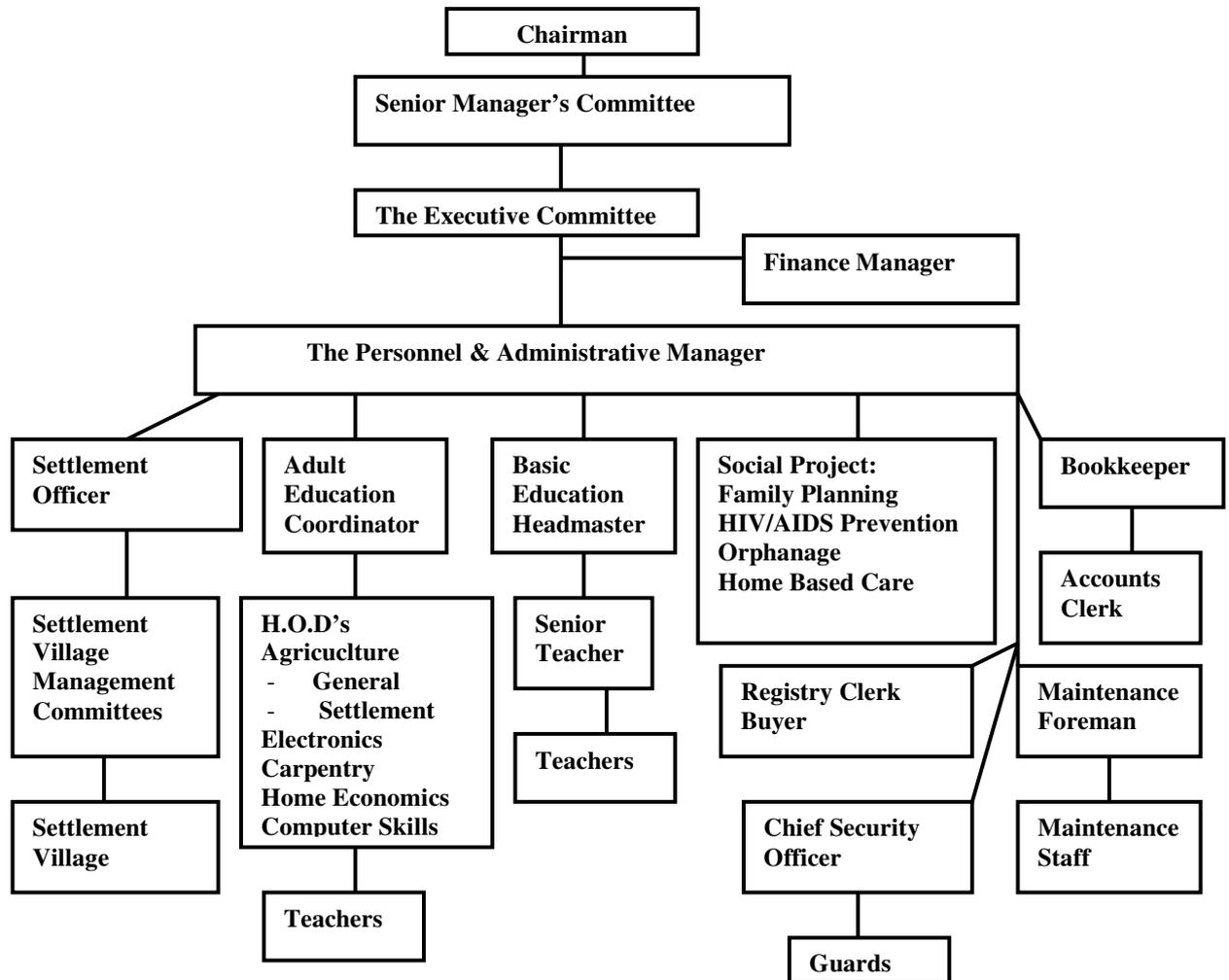
The Project also helped with typing work for the Centre during the year whenever asked to do so.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

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| 1. | John Kruituit | Professor | Sweden |
| 2. | Gemma Norkette | Volunteer | England |

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| 3. | Steve & Joan Mann | Canada |
| 4. | Naomi Swan | U.K |
| 5. | Jan Van Schydil Judith Vassebeld | Holland |
| 6. | Nina Marshal | U.K |
| 7. | Sisi | Myanmmar |
| 8. | Mrs. Dee Aernaadts – Zebron | Belgium |
| 9. | Bruce & Deborah Milano | USA |
| 10. | Martin & Aunt Taylor | Canada |
| 11. | 11. Fr. David B. MC Conkey | U.K |
| 12. | De Vries Family | Holland |
| | Rodof, Wilma, Myrthe, Nick, Cmloe | |

ORGANISATION CHART



Sub Committees

Each Department has a sub committee

Adult Education Sub Committee

Basic Education Sub Committee

Family Planning/HIV/AIDS Prevention Project/Home Based Care Sub Committee

Makeni Ecumenical Centre is administered by an Executive Committee, consisting of senior members of staff, supported by five chairperson of the sub committees mentioned above. The Senior Managers' Committee deals with policy matters and with the help of sub-committees plans for future activities and programmes. The Executive Committee therefore meets once every month to ensure that the projects are running smoothly.

We hope that the information contained in this report is helpful in keeping you up to date with the activities at MEC. Please visit our website.<http://Makeni.org.uk> for more details.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

Christine Allen
Personnel & Administrative Manager.