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# GALVANISING COMMUNITIES

"A year after sharing our five year growth plan in Inside Hope 2015, we are keen to paint a picture of the progress that has been possible thanks to your remarkable support.

In twelve months we have already successfully implemented our plans by starting new projects, and extending existing programmes, to reach the most vulnerable children. We are pursuing our target to triple our reach and support 150,000 children every year by 2020.

**By putting community participation and ownership at the heart of our work, we are securing long-term impact, sustainability and change, so the children we reach are empowered and sustained for good.**

We are so grateful to have you by our side. Together we are enabling the lives of children and communities, all across Southern and Eastern Africa, to be transformed, not just for today, but for years to come. Thank you."

**Mark Glen, CEO, WeSeeHope**



# COMMUNITIES AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK



Thanks to exceptional people like you, we are now working in 222 communities across Southern and Eastern Africa, 37 more than last year. Within these communities, we are training and equipping almost 20,000 parents, guardians and volunteers to support nearly 60,000 isolated children. Our total number of beneficiaries has increased by 50%, from 52,000 to 78,000, in a single year! And we are making sure the benefits will be long-lasting.

We train and equip community members to take on the following vital roles to support orphans and vulnerable children sustainably:

- GUARDIANS →
- PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS →
- COUNSELLORS →
- LIFE SKILLS TRAINERS →
- KIDS CLUB LEADERS →
- STREET CHILD WORKERS →
- CHILD RIGHTS CLUB PATRONS →
- HUMAN RIGHTS AMBASSADORS →
- VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINERS →
- BUSINESS MENTORS →
- PARENTING ADVISORS →
- APPRENTICESHIP TRAINERS →
- SAVINGS AND LOANS OFFICERS →



TURN TO THE BACK PAGE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN EMPOWER A COMMUNITY TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES FOR GOOD.





Bess



Bess's classmates

# BESS'S BRIGHTER FUTURE IN ZIMBABWE

**OUR PROJECTS EQUIP AND INSPIRE WHOLE COMMUNITIES, SO CHILDREN LIKE BESS CAN BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES, AND ADULTS CAN OFFER LONG-TERM SUPPORT TO THE VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN THEIR MIDST.**

Bess\* is an orphan who lives with her grandmother. They have limited income so food is scarce and they can't afford school fees. Life was difficult and they used to worry about the future, but Bess was identified as being vulnerable and invited to join one of our free pre-schools, run by teachers in her community. They introduced her to one of our Child Rights Clubs who covered the costs of her primary school uniform and scholastic materials, so she could continue to primary school instead of having to drop out of education.

**The Child Rights Clubs raise awareness of child protection issues and empower communities to support and protect isolated young people.**

Run by volunteers, the clubs empower children to inform both their peers and adults about child rights and the responsibilities of care-givers.

**They teach children how to generate income for the clubs, to support other vulnerable children.**

Guardians like Bess's grandmother are also trained and equipped to start their own businesses. They are invited to join our Village Investors Programme (VIP) groups where they can save and take loans together, in order to build their businesses, increase their income and provide better care for the children.

\* Name changed to maintain confidentiality.

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**Bess's club established a piggery, purchasing a pregnant pig which had many piglets.** A local vet taught the children how to care for them and, when the piglets were sold, the profits covered the next year of Bess's school costs and helped lots of other children too.



# INSPIRING YOUNG LEADERS

**CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES ARE CHANGED BY OUR PROJECTS OFTEN 'PAY IT FORWARD' IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

Garikai moved on to the streets of Harare when he was orphaned aged 12. He had to resort to crime and substance abuse to survive. His life was a daily struggle. But he heard about free lessons at a community centre, and went to meet volunteers from our street child programme. With their support, Garikai moved off the streets and into safe accommodation. They helped him to go back to school and supported him to study for, and pass, both his O Levels and A Levels. They also trained him as a peer mentor, to support other young people to leave the streets and complete their education.

Garikai was selected for our scholarship programme and achieved BSc Honours Political Science at the University of Zimbabwe.

**He chose to keep helping street children and he now works alongside other community volunteers at one of our projects.**

The Oasis Tanaka project team provide young women from the streets of Harare with counselling, 'life skills' and vocational training to transform their lives. Garikai and the other volunteers are empowering these girls to realise their potential too.

## **The cycle of support:**

Communities invest in vulnerable children who later use their skills and experience to help other children.





# CELEBRATING CHANGED LIVES IN MALAWI

**OUR COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, ALEX, VISITED TWO VIP GROUPS IN MALAWI JUST AS THEY CAME TO THE END OF EIGHT MONTHS OF SAVINGS AND LOANS.**

**Here she tells us about the celebration that ensued when this pot of money was distributed!**

"The atmosphere in the village was incredible as we joined two groups to hear how VIP has changed their lives. The women danced and sang, elated by their achievements. They have expanded their businesses, improved their homes and invested in livestock.

They can now pay school fees so the children in their care can be educated, they can buy more food so their families are healthier, and they can even afford small luxuries like sugar and relishes, which has given them confidence to invite friends to visit their homes.

We walked with one lady to collect the goat she had been saving for, accompanied by dozens of neighbours all singing in celebration! Many expressed a wish to join VIP groups themselves, having seen the benefits.

I was deeply moved by the extraordinary effort each member had put into transforming the lives of the little ones in their care. I will never forget the overwhelming feeling of hope that spread throughout the village as these remarkable women shared their stories, beaming with joy!"



**We are enabling parents, guardians and community volunteers to save their money and take loans together to increase their household income.**

Due to the enthusiastic uptake of VIP we are making great progress towards our target to establish 500 VIP groups by 2020. Through the 362 groups already started, we're empowering almost 9,000 parents and guardians to better provide for the average 3-5 children in each of their homes.

# HELP US TO EMPOWER A COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE CHILDREN SUSTAINABLY.

£5

can enable two guardians of orphans and vulnerable children to attend parenting seminars for a year



£25

can give children a pig to start their own piggery business, to fund orphans' school costs



£40

can equip a young person to teach other children to advocate for their rights



£100

can train a community volunteer to teach in one of our free pre-schools



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