



**Abdullah Dzinamarira Foundation Trust
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Message from Technical Advisor



As we reach the halfway point of 2024, I'm proud to share the incredible progress we have made in our mission to share hope and empower vulnerable communities. Over past six months, our educational programs have managed to equip quite a number of students with vital literacy and trainings. None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors and the unwavering resilience of the populations we serve. Together, we are dismantling cycles of vulnerability and injustice. As we look ahead to the second half of the year, I'm excited about the opportunity to deepen our impact and reach even more people in need. With your continued support, I'm confident that we will continue to be a beacon of hope for the vulnerable and underprivileged.



Who we are?

A dedicated organisation which shares hope and empowering underprivileged communities through compassionate services, educational initiatives and sustainable development programs.

Scholarship program

The scholarship program aims to uplift vulnerable and marginalized children by providing them with educational opportunities based on both merit and vulnerability. This initiative is driven by the collaboration of the community and social welfare organizations. The program recognizes that these children face significant challenges and seeks to break down barriers by offering scholarships that empower them to pursue their dreams and overcome societal obstacles. In the year 2024 we managed to pay for 16 beneficiaries for their school fees that is first and second term. In the year 2023 we had 16 O-Level ZIMSEC examination and 7 of them had 5 subjects and above. By investing in their education, the program strives to create a brighter future for these children and their community, fostering equality and nurturing their talents. Through community support and social welfare efforts, this program aims to transform lives and provide a pathway to success for those who need it most.



Climate Change



Our thematic program focuses on addressing climate change through education for children. We aim to raise awareness, foster responsibility and empower young learners to become environmental stewards. Collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs and scientific institutions, is a key component of our approach. We were involved in clean-up campaign in collaboration with other stakeholders that we work with in Kadoma and Chinhoyi. Together we develop curriculum materials, organize workshops, and implement practical projects to create a sustainable future. By equipping children with knowledge, skills, and values, we strive to inspire meaningful action against climate change and protect our planet.

Drug and substance abuse



Our program focuses on combating drug and substance abuse through raising awareness and collaboration with other organizations. We strive to educate young people, about the dangers of substance abuse and equip them with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions. Through partnerships with government agencies, non-profit organizations and healthcare providers, we develop comprehensive strategies and implement prevention programs. Drug sessions were done in schools By advocating for evidence-based approaches and creating a supportive environment, we aim to make a lasting impact in preventing addiction and promoting healthier communities. A total number reached 300 in schools. Together, we can bring about positive change and support individuals and families affected by drug and substance abuse.

Anti- Child Marriage



Our thematic area focuses on ending child marriage through collaboration with stakeholders and raising awareness. We work with governments, community leaders and organizations to advocate for change and protect the rights of children. By raising awareness about the harmful effects of child marriage and promoting education, we aim to challenge societal norms and prevent early marriages. We also address the underlying causes of child marriage, such as poverty and gender inequality. Through our collective efforts, we strive to create a future where every child can grow and thrive without being subjected to the detrimental impacts of child marriage.



Aflateen and Aflayouth

Aflayouth is a new program that builds upon the success of Aflateen, focusing on social and financial education for young people from the age of 16-24. Aflateen from the year 2021-2023 young people reached 1200. It aims to equip young people with a broader range of skills, including social and financial skills, employability skills and entrepreneurship skills. By providing comprehensive education in these areas, Aflayouth empowers youth to navigate the complexities of adulthood, make informed decisions, and create opportunities for themselves.



Our Impact on Thematic Areas

Water Sanitation and Hygiene : 400 beneficiaries

Climate change: 338 Beneficiaries

Drug abuse :620 Beneficiaries

Child Marriages: 230 Beneficiaries

SRHR : 423 Beneficiaries

Our Impact on Education

Based on the results from 2023 O-Level results our beneficiaries achieved overall pass rate of 43,75%

Social Enterprise Model for Sustainability



We are proud to announce that Abdullah Dzinamarira Foundation (ADF) has successfully established a social enterprise, thanks to the inspiration and training received from the YALI Regional Leadep Center Southern Africa Innovation Challenge in Zambia. Thulani Dzinamarira our Technical Advisor, a YALI alumnus, brought back the design thinking approach to ADF, which has enabled us to create sustainable and inclusive interventions. Our social enterprise is now up and running, and we encourage other organizations to explore similar initiatives for self-sustainability.

Human-Centered Design Thinking

The YALI training helped us adopt a human-centered design thinking approach, which focuses on creative and critical thinking to develop holistic solutions. This approach has enabled us to create a social enterprise that addresses real needs in our community.

To learn more visit our website : <https://adzinafoundation.org/social-enterprise>.

2024 Young Researcher's Initiative



Congratulations to Miriam Mutevere, our Technical Field Officer, on being selected by SAYWHAT for their 2024 Young Researcher's Initiative Program! Miriam will be conducting research on "Barriers and Motivators to Male Youth's Involvement in Gender-Based Violence Prevention in Kadoma, Zimbabwe". She is currently collecting data for this important study, which aims to shed light on the crucial issue of gender-based violence prevention.

Miriam is part of a cohort of talented young researchers from southern Africa who were selected for this prestigious program. We are proud to have her represent our organization and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in this field.

We look forward to sharing updates on Miriam's research journey and the impact of her findings. Congratulations again, Miriam, on this well-deserved opportunity!

Aflateen Closing Event



The Aflateen Closing Event, held on 30 May 2024, brought together key stakeholders for a two-day gathering that reignited passion and enthusiasm among participants. The event emphasized collaboration, advocacy, and collective action, featuring presentations, group discussions, and interactive activities.

Notable attendees included Phenomena Darku, who delivered a presentation on the concept of integration, covering topics such as personal understanding, saving and spending, rights and responsibilities, planning and budgeting, and social and financial enterprise. Participants were divided into five groups to discuss the stages of intervention and prepare presentations, fostering active participation and passionate discussions about the different stages of the Aflatoun program.

The event successfully concluded the Aflatoun program, inspiring participants to become active change-makers in their communities. ADF's presence at the event reinforced our commitment to promoting financial literacy, social entrepreneurship, and youth empowerment. We look forward to continued collaboration and impact in the future.

EQUINET Regional Meeting



We are delighted to announce that our volunteer, Lorcadia Muzenda, was representing the Abdullah Dzinamarira Foundation at the EQUINET Regional Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. This significant gathering was focusing on addressing the commercial determinants of health and promoting urban wellbeing in eastern and southern Africa. Lorcadia was actively engaging with regional stakeholders to:

- Share best practices in urban health and health impact assessments
- Identify policies and tools to enhance health equity and climate adaptation in cities
- Develop strategies to scale up promising health and wellbeing initiatives across the region

We commend Lorcadia's valuable contributions to this critical meeting, which aligns with our foundation's mission to drive progress on key health and development priorities in Africa.

Together, we can continue advancing equitable, sustainable solutions for healthier, more resilient community.

Introducing the ADF Child Advisory Board

We are excited to announce the launch of the Abdullah Dzinamarira Foundation (ADF) Child Advisory Board (CAB)! This innovative platform empowers young leaders to make a real impact by representing their peers and addressing issues faced by children and youth.

Diverse Perspectives

Our CAB comprises students from various backgrounds, including those living with disabilities and primary school students. This diversity ensures a rich exchange of ideas and perspectives, fostering inclusive decision-making processes.

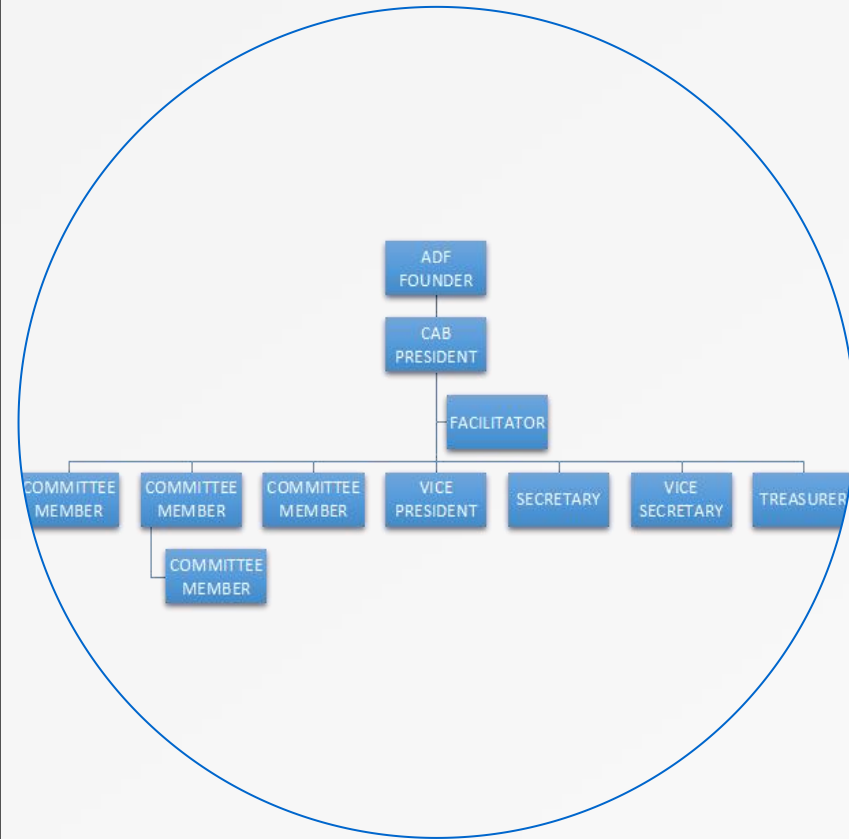
Successful Applicants

We have received an overwhelming response from a number of students and are now notifying those who have been selected to join the CAB. An inception meeting will be held at our Rimuka offices to discuss the program's details, expectations, and answer questions.

Meeting Details

Date: 26 June 2024

Location: 7340 Chisangano Infill, Rimuka, Kadoma



Our Publications

ADF is proud to announce the publication of three significant works this year. These publications showcase ADF's commitment to research, innovation, and sustainable development. We are dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of marginalized communities and promoting environmental stewardship. You can click the links below to have access to our publications:



Publication 1



Empowering underprivileged students beyond financial aid: Insights from a scholarship program's monitoring and evaluation <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0149718924000508>

Publication 2

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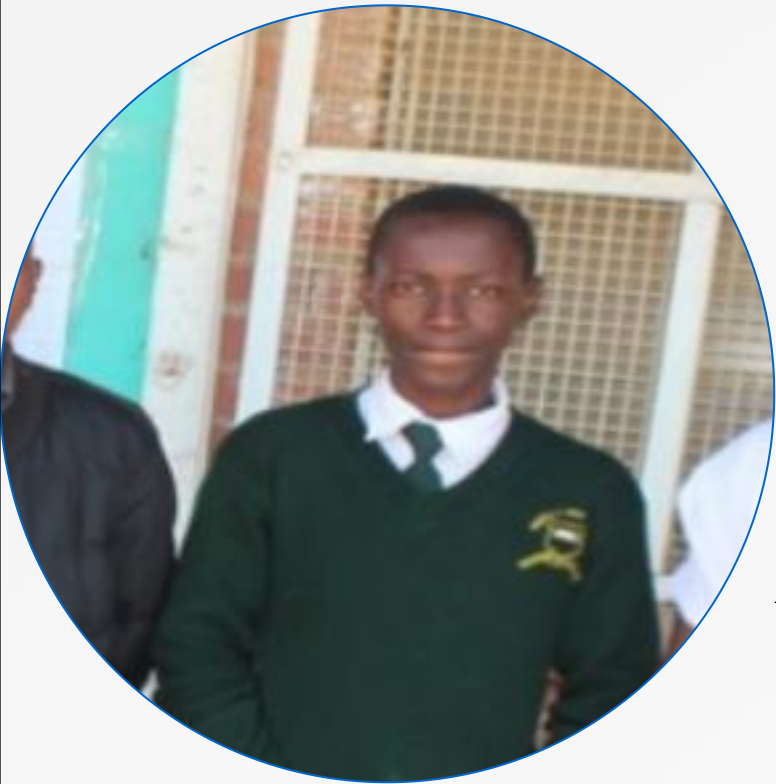


Promoting the Three R's - Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse - in waste Management in Kadoma, Zimbabwe <https://www.equinet africa.org/bibliography/65257.html>

Testimonials



'ADF educates us on vital issues like drug abuse, child marriage and GBV. Their insights empower us to make informed choices. I'm grateful for ADF's friendship , care and dedication for shaping our brighter future" *Isabel Chishiri*
(*Beneficiary Club Member*)



"Coming from child headed family, I never thought I'd have the chance to go to school, but thanks to the Abdullah Dzinamarira Foundation (ADF) scholarship program, I'm now able to pursue my education. I'm so grateful for ADF's support. They've not only provided me with financial assistance, but also with emotional support and guidance. I feel seen and heard, and I know that I'm not alone. Being part of the ADF family has given me hope and motivation. I'm determined to work hard and make a difference in my family's situation. I want to break the cycle of poverty and create a better future for myself and my siblings. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be part of ADF's scholarship program. It's changing my life, and I know that I'll be able to make a positive impact in my community. Thank you, ADF, for believing in me and giving me a chance to shine. I won't let you down!"

(Rabroy Hlabati, Rimuka 2 High School)



‘I’m a firm believer that every young person deserves access to comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Services (SRHR). I’m truly grateful to ADF for providing me with the opportunity to contribute towards ensuring youth have access to SRHS and for enabling me to make a meaningful and positive impact in our community” ***Tawanda Mugoniwa, Volunteer***



“ ADF’s Aflateen club has given my students an invaluable opportunity. They are gaining crucial life skills and strong sense of social responsibility. I’m grateful to be part of this transformative initiative empowering youth leadership. The positive impact on my club members is inspiring them to create meaningful change. ***Miss Enia (Phenomenal Club Leader)***”



Climate change is no longer some far-off problem, it is happening now. People of conscience need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change as it poses one of the biggest long-term threats to investments” *Lorcadia Muzenda, Volunteer*



As the Operations Officer I'm happy to say that our mission is to protect and empower the children we serve. Rigorous safeguarding policies to ensure their safety and well-being in a trusted, supportive environment. We uphold the highest standards of child protection to uphold their rights and dignity” *Fortunate Kakumura, Operations Officer*



' As the Technical Field Officer , I'm proud to be on the front-line of our innovative programs. We leverage the latest scientific research and data -driven approaches to deliver tangible and sustainable impact. Together we are empowering people to become agents of positive change for the environment and their own futures” ***Miriam Mutevere,***
Technical Field Officer

Our Partners

