ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (ZIMBABWE)



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**IMPLEMENTING ENTITY**

Association of the Deaf is an organisation made up of deaf and hard of hearing persons in Zimbabwe. The organisation was formed in 1989 mainly to lobby for deaf rights in Zimbabwe. Currently we have a membership of more than 800 in Bulawayo alone and over 2000 around Zimbabwe namely Beitbridge, Gweru, Masvingo and Harare. These figures are based on 2014 records. We have a representative committee in each of these cities with the Head Office being in Bulawayo. The organisation is a non-profit making organization currently based at 15228 Silver Cresent Rd, Kelvin West, in Bulawayo.

ASSODs membership is mainly comprised of youth and women: 75% of members.

**2. Background of the project**

Deaf Women and Girls represent a large part of the deaf community and face significant challenges related to sexual and reproductive health. The major challenge that these women and girls face is the lack of adequate information due to communication barriers experienced between the Health Officials and the Deaf as the Deaf in our community are not really conversant in English and in turn the Health officials are not conversant in sign language. This project seeks to bridge this gap and equip these women and girls with correct information and allow them a platform to be taught in a language they truly understand. The major problems faced have been early pregnancies in girls, unsafe abortion, STIs, HIV, sexual abuse, violence, and discrimination based on gender. With the training these women and girls will receive, this will reduce most of the problems stated above. The trainings will be conducted in groups of 25 people at a time as this will allow for better participation and understanding. The Association would like to hold 20 trainings in 12 months.

**3, Project Summary**

**3.1 Overall Objective**

**-** To empower and educate deaf women and girls in sexual and reproductive health thereby increasing standard of living of the deaf.

**3.2 Expected Outcome**

The project is expected to educate first hand 500 deaf women and girls and in turn the trainees will also share information to an estimated 25% extra.

**3.3 Indicators of Achievement**

- Set targets are achieved: 500 women and girls receive training

- - Improved standard of living of members

- reduction by 50% of all challenges of sexual and reproductive health

**3.4 Key Target beneficiary population**

- The beneficiaries of the project will be over 800 members {first and second hand members} of the Association within member based cities.

3.5 Budget

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| **Line** | **Revenue** | **UNIT** |  Cost | **Grant Request** |
| 1 | Grant |   |   | USD7 236 |
|   | **Total** |  |  |  |
| **Line** | **Expenses** |  |   |  |
|   | Trainers Fees x 20 trainings | Per day | $100 | 2000 |
|   | 2 x Sign Langauge Interpreters | Per day | $40 | 800 |
|   | Training Material | Round | $500 | 500 |
|   | Printing and Photocopying |  Round |  $200 | $200 |
|   | Transport and Fuel X 20  | Round | $600 | 600 |
|   | Venue Hire x 20 | Per day | $100 | 2000 |
|   | Refreshments for trainees x 20 | Per day | $25 | 500 |
|   | Office Expenses |   |  $100 | 100 |
|   | **Subtotal** |  |  | **USD6700** |
|   | General operating (indirect) - 8% |   |   | 536 |
|   | **Total** |  |  | **$7 236** |
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| 35 | **Total Expenses** |  |  |  |