COVID'19 Micro Relief Fund for Vulnerable Women in Solwezi

CHARITY CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT







Children Charity Centre for and Youth Development (CCCYD) is a Non-profit, Nonpolitical and Nonreligious Organizations which was established to help Orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs), Youth, women and persons physical challenges improve with standards of living through the provision of several life skills, education support, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, provision of microentrepreneurship skills and as well as material support.

The Organization's mission is to promote and enhance the capabilities of children, youth and women in Zambia and beyond to effect positive social change that would necessitate the development of their lives, communities and the nation at large.

The organization is providing primary education to 441 orphans and vulnerable children in Solwezi at the school we have established

We envision a society that will work towards the eradication of poverty, HIV and AIDS, illiteracy among Orphans and vulnerable children, youths and women in Society.

virtual learning during school closures and providing free internet to vulnerable students





One of the beneficiaries of micro-loan support in Solwezi District of Zambia



OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

- Date of establishment 28th May 2005 (Kasempa District)
- The organization was first registered with the registrar of societies in 2010 before migrating to the NGO Act No. 16 of 2009 in 2014
- The organization in 2014 partnered with Crutches 4 Africa from the United States who have so far donated over 5000 Mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, Cane, Crutches, etc for the support of persons with disabilities and public health institutions in Northwestern province of Zambia
- In 2017, the organization provided counseling and testing to over 2800 people and Distributed over 64000 male condoms within markets and bus stations in Solwezi.
- The organization in 2017 established the school in order to provide primary education and skills training to orphans and vulnerable children. So far, the organization is providing primary education to 441
- 18 Farmers Business Simulation training in the North-Western Province by March for a total of 426 participants out of which 54% of them were women
- From 2015 2017 the organization has provided microloans to 275 women and youths



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HOW COVID'19 Impacted US

- COVID-19 caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. is a global pandemic.
- As of 30th May, there are 6,033,896 confirmed cases across 177 countries, with 366,894 confirmed deaths as per WHO.
- As of 30th May, Zambia is at a crucial stage with 1,057 Coronavirus cases, 7 deaths, and 779 recoveries.
- Zambia is among the many countries that have been affected by the Corona Virus which has claimed lives in many countries around the world and Solwezi District has not been spared from the pandemic.
 Most of the poor People especially vulnerable women in Zambia live on less than a \$ per day and COVID-19 has just worsened the situation.
- Women are the most affected people in the communities. In Solwezi, all the families have been confined in their homes spending the little income raised from their small business.
- Therefore, COVID-19 has left families in Solwezi without food, soap and other essential basic needs such as medical bills etc which are cardinal for human survival. The loss of business and employment opportunities due to COVID-19 has has caused many vulnerable women to be involved in prostitution and other illicit activities to enable them earn a living which compromises their human dignity.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

- The COVID-19 relief fund will provide the revolving funds to vulnerable women keeping orphans and vulnerable children to start a small home-based business that would help them recover from major negative impacts of COVID-19.
- Vulnerable women are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Women in Solwezi feed households and helps children attend school and meet health costs.
- The goal of this project is to help 500 vulnerable women recover and sustain families from COVID-19 shocks.
- Microentrepreneurship is key in attaining local development and improved income at the household level. Since this shall be a revolving fund, many people shall benefit and the majority beneficiaries will remain with a capital which they have lost during the Country's lockdown.
- All the beneficiaries will also be trained in micro-business management etc. When we empower a woman we have empowered the whole family hence developing this initiative to respond to COVID-19 economic impacts.
- Our Estimated budget: \$24,500

SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENT

The intervention framework for COVID-19 response consists of the following focus areas:

A.Behaviour Change Communication Immediate interventions: Awareness about the situation in the communities. "Empowering women and thus empowering the whole family. Sex workers in Zambia are helping to trace people who have contracted coronavirus after a surge in new infections at the border town of Nakonde, the health minister has said.

B. Disseminate information and Promoting Community Preparedness: While the government is gearing itself to face the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, the poor infrastructure, distribution, and healthcare mechanisms especially in rural areas seem woefully inadequate in terms of the urgent needs to prevent the further spread of the infections to pandemic levels. The following measures need to be taken up in the immediate term to support the ongoing efforts:

Provide the correct information to the community on the availability of health care, testing facilities, and protocols to be adopted in case of symptoms.

C. Building long-term Resilience of Communities: Anticipating massive disruptions to the economic status of individuals, home-based businesses and production units, and small-scale enterprises in urban slums and rural areas, the post-pandemic recovery should include building the resilience of the community to safeguard themselves. These measures include:

1.Livelihood/employment and rehabilitation through effective re-skilling, up-skilling, and entrepreneurship development. This intervention would be targeted at those who are at the bottom of the pyramid, and those who have lost their jobs specifically due to COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath

CCCYD teams on the ground with the support of its leadership will also be assessing the fast-changing situation in the community and adapt program design and operating models that would address the current, medium, and long term needs of the Vulnerable Women Communities.

We seek the support of its donors and partners to augment its resources for the urgent implementation of this COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Strategy.



OUR PLAN

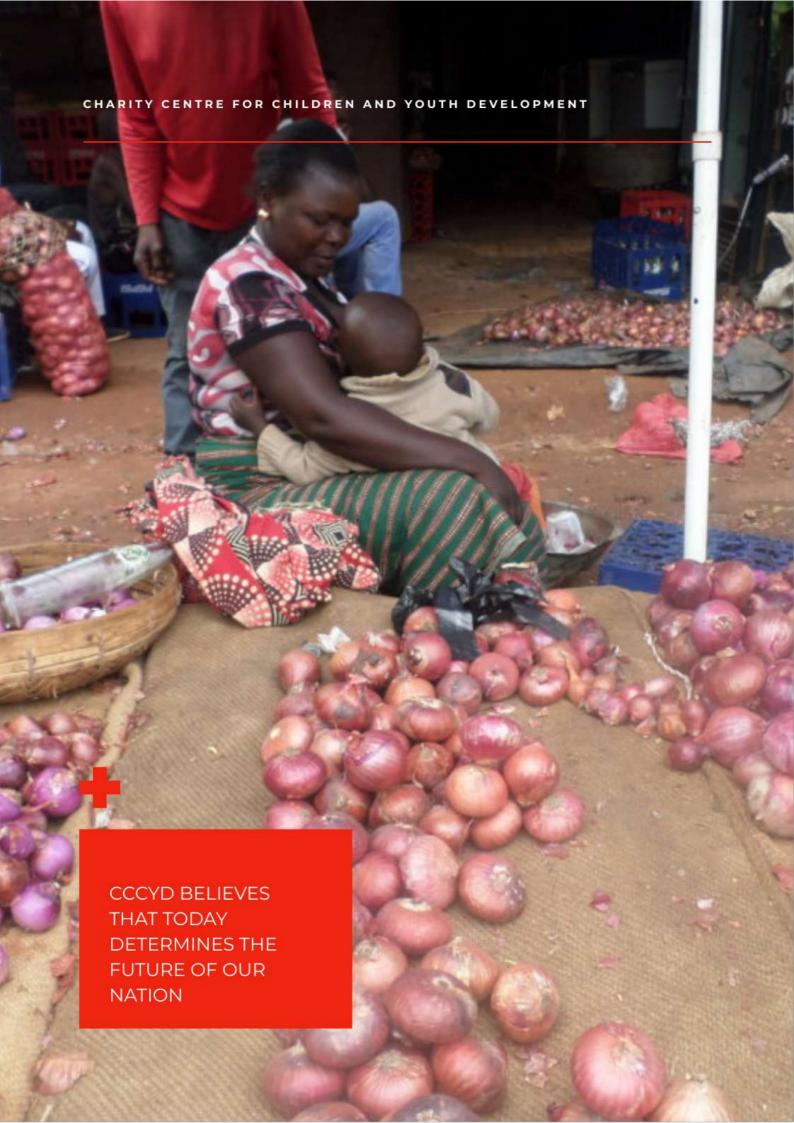
We aim to support **500** women in Solwezi for a start, however since this is a revolving fund, we shall reach out to over **1000** women for a period of **12** months



The Funds will be apportioned on the following budget lines:

- Training them in financial literacy and basic business management
- Formation of village banking groups (each beneficiary should belong to a village banking group). We are going to use the group collateral model to recover the funds, which means group leaders will collect from the members and deposit the recoveries to the project bank account.
- Payment of microloans \$50 per beneficiary
- · Stationery for project management
- Monitoring and evaluation expenses
- Operational costs







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