

# Proposal for Angels Palace Children's Home



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## Introduction

Every child in this world, either from east or west has a right to good food, safe drinking water, shelter, clothing, health care and an education. It is regrettable that the majority of children in developing countries lack most of the above, if not all. Some go without a meal for days on end, while others live in slums where healthcare is unheard of, hence exposing them to a lot of health hazards. No person, let alone a child should be forced to live in these conditions.

The Zimbabwean child is no exception from the above cases, especially with;

- Years of drought has left thousands of people with failed crops and little to no access to drinking water. This has increased malnutrition and mortality in children\*.
- High levels of HIV/AIDS related cases resulting in young children being left in the care of the aged population, who are unable to look after them
- High levels of poverty with nearly 7.5 million people (1/4 of the population) still earning less than one dollar a day\*. This has resulted in high numbers of;
  - Malnutrition
  - Illiteracy
  - Street families
  - Drug and alcohol abuse
  - Teenage pregnancy
  - Child abuse, exploitation, neglect and abandonment
  - And, early death from preventable diseases, such as malaria, cholera, TB, typhoid and measles. years old \*.

\* Sourced from [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)

## **Background**

Angels Palace Organisation was founded by Miss Sharon Mukucha in 2018. Sharon grew up in Zimbabwe's Chegutu district in Kaguda Village, under the custody of her grandmother who later passed away in 2009. Upon the loss of her dear grandma, Sharon was later transferred to Harare where she has resided ever since. The unassuming founder of APOF, tragically lost her mother when she was just 7 days old. During her childhood she cherished a dream to one day build a home for the orphans, abandoned, neglected and less fortunate children.

As Sharon grew up the dream kept building up as she continuously reminisced that in Kaguda village, some of the children who were of her age missed education, suffered from hunger and lack of affection due to death of parents, breadwinners and guardians. The dream extended to unstoppable pain as she walked everyday in the streets of Harare to and from work seeing so much suffering: dumped, abandoned, neglected children and older people struggling to find food in garbage bins; providing themselves shop verandas as their homes; using cardboard boxes as their blankets and very dirty, small pieces of cloth to cover body essentials as their clothes.

By 2018 Miss Sharon Mukucha felt that the time had come to make her dream come true by giving back to the community of her origins. Instead of waiting for the so-called resources, she decided to come up with a team of committed, dedicated individuals united by the desire to start helping the existing orphanages in Harare. This began by frequently visiting and donating whenever possible using the best way they could, while paving way for the establishment of APOF. From these first steps on the road to APOF's establishment, the founder went on to open the Facebook page Angels Palace Organisation and started to publish some of the events and activities done by her APOF team

## **The Proposal**

### **Mission and Policy Statement**

To provide shelter, food, education, psycho-social support and empowerment to orphans and other vulnerable children. We will provide a loving and safe, family environment that enables children the right to a happy, educated, skilled and healthy life.

### **Aims and Objectives**

- Provide love, food, shelter, clothing, education, safe drinking water, medical care and career opportunities to orphaned, deprived and destitute children
- Help cut down the number of street children in the Zimbabwean society
- Reduce HIV/AIDS related cases, through education and prevention.
- Improve access to education for underprivileged children, by creating a sponsorship program.
- Help children who are not academically inclined to acquire technical skills, which will allow them to support themselves in the future.
- Continue the close working relationship with Zimbabwe Social Welfare Department and Children's Homes in order to help provide the local community with the fundamentals needed in the society.

### **Goals**

- Build a home that will raise, nurture and re-habilitate children, aged 0 and above.
- Employee trained, knowledgeable and caring staff to guide the children down the right paths
- Utilise the land in a way that it will become self-sustainable by growing our own crops, buy milking cows, install a rainwater tank and by creating a poultry farm
- Create an NGO (non-government organisation) that will provide a volunteer program, child sponsorship program and also to assist in fundraising.
- Gain constant sources of funding to maintain the project.

## **The Home**

APOF acquired 3 hectares of land on the outskirts of the town of Chegutu, in Mubaira. The land is lush and fertile, which provides us with excellent conditions to make our home as self-sustainable as possible.

We plan to build a multifamily residential building. The building shall contain 3 Cluster units residential family including the reception area, the library and other necessity for the children. 2 foster parents a husband and a wife each cluster house shall contain not more than 10 Children per family ( boys and Girls). Each home will comprise of male and female bed and bathrooms, a bedroom for the house parent, living area, dining room, kitchen, store and laundry. The - Multi-family residential house should be big enough and should ensure that it is not over populated. The Building should also be in a position facilitate for orphans and vulnerable living with disabilities. The building shall also contain other modern facilities.

There will also be a rehabilitation centre to detraumatize the affected children before we mix them with others that include the children who have been physically abused, raped etc. Eventually we would like to run educational class not only for our children and staff, but for the surrounding community as well.

There will also be a large playing field, a small poultry farm and a communal *shamba* (farm) with crops such as maize, cabbage, spinach, potatoes, carrots, bananas, and avocado and mango trees. As time progresses, we would like to manage and sell our crops and eggs to provide us with more funding to sustain our home.

## **The Children**

The majority of children will come to our homes from Social Welfare department, via the Zimbabwean Children's Court. Children are placed into these centres by government officials after they have lost their families for one reason or another and have no one else to care for them. Some have lost their families due to ill health, death, or abandonment; some have run away due to the abuse and desperation within their own homes, or some are simply lost. Most of the children have been taken off the streets by police and brought to these Rescue Centres.

After all avenues of tracing for their parents or relatives to care for the children have been exhausted, Angels Palace will take these children into our homes and care for them as if they were our own. They will attend a nearby public primary school, from grade ECD to GRADE 7, and then attend secondary school (from form 1 to form 6). We will also provide vocational training for those children not academically inclined. Nursery classes will be held at the home. This home will always be there for the children, even when they leave to pursue their own dreams. They will always be able to call it their home.

We will provide everything a child needs to prepare themselves to gain the most they can out of life. Counselling will be a high priority as these children have been through more hardship than most of us can imagine.

## **Medical Care**

The children will attend a nearby medical clinic/hospital when they fall ill. There will be a small FIRST aid office on site . All staff working at APOF will be trained in Senior First Aid so minor injuries and illnesses can be treated at home. In time ANGELS PALACE would like to extend their first aid to the surrounding community.

## **Qualified Staff**

All staff working for Angels Palace will be qualified, caring and professionals. Additional training will be provided to our staff including, sensitivity training, cultural diversity awareness, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, emergency and safety procedures and hygiene awareness. This will provide them with skills to teach, communicate and build relationships with the children as well as the volunteers within their placement.

## **Volunteer Placement**

A volunteer placement program will be established once the home is up and running. The program will allow persons from our global community to experience APOF and the Zimbabwean lifestyle. Volunteers will stay at the children's home, but have their own area in the community centre. They will be involved with the day to day running of one of the homes, helping the house parents with household chores, preparing the children for school, teaching/educating, counselling, playing and of course provide some much needed love and care. Simply being there for the children is one of the best things you can offer, as it brings the biggest smile to their little faces.

There will be an opportunity for the volunteers to see the beauty that Zimbabwe has to offer. Having a well-rounded approach to volunteering in Zimbabwe will enhance the quality of the lives that participate on the program, the children and the Zimbabwean tourism industry.

Any volunteer wishing to be placed at Angels Palace will undergo an application process before placement will be approved. This is a safety measure to protect all parties involved. Volunteers will also be asked to pay a fee to Angels Palace, which will provide them with housing, meals, cultural sensitivity and diversity training. A caretaker will ease them through their time spent in Zimbabwe

Angels Palace is assisting the orphans and vulnerable children in Chegutu Rural district placed in foster home as we look forward to build our own home. For more information you may visit [www.angelspalace.biz](http://www.angelspalace.biz) or email [angelspalaceorganisation@gmail.com](mailto:angelspalaceorganisation@gmail.com)

## **Estimated Funding Needed**

Angels Palace is starting from square one. There will be the costs of building the land, constructing the home and fence, plus the purchase of a vehicle. There will also be monthly maintenance costs, all of which is described in the attached budget to this proposal

## **Proposed Sources of Funding**

Angels Palace is looking for separate entities to sponsor and fund an individual home. Each home will be dedicated to the sponsor who will be allowed to choose its name and will be responsible for the building and monthly costs of their home. They can choose to be as involved in the project as they wish.

We are looking forward to gain sponsorship and support from international donor agencies and charities for the costs of building and maintaining the community centre. We will run fundraising events around Zimbabwe and will also have monthly supporters helping to fund our monthly maintenance costs.

Funds will be generated locally via several small projects on the land i.e the poultry farm. Crops will be grown to cut down on costs and to become as self reliant and sustainable as possible.

## **Fundraising Ideas**

- Place a donation jar at your workplace
- Raffles
- Custom T-shirts
- Talentshows
- Barbeque day / night
- Music / comedy nights
- Golf tournament day
- Car boot market
- crowdfunding
- Sponsored run – Half marathon, marathons

**For more information or to donate please go to [www.angelspalace.biz](http://www.angelspalace.biz)**

## Summary

Angels Palace (APOF) is a private voluntary organisation registered here in Zimbabwe. Our main goal is to build and maintain Children's Homes in order to provide basic needs, education, love and care beginning with a pilot run in Chegutu Rural District Mubaira. APOF was also formed to de-traumatize affected children placed in our care and prepare them to be productive citizens. The establishment of APOF in Chegutu Rural District is very possible and will bring a transformation into the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and the community as a whole. APOF is not established to separate children from their families and put them into an institution but to provide temporary care to orphans and vulnerable children until they can return to their families or a long-term alternative living arrangement is achieved. growth and development, including their physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs. The primary mission of APOF HOME Project is providing the orphaned and vulnerable children with a home, love, happiness, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual nourishment, the highest level of education possible, and a hope for a bright future.

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