

**REPORT ON THE HARARE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT EXHIBITION**

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| **Date:** 20 and 21 July | |
| **Location (venue) of this advocacy activity and why this location?**  The tournament was held in Mufakose at Tendayi Community Hall. | |
| **Facilitated By:**  The tournament was hosted by the Harare Volley Ball Association and partnered with other service providers and other organization including ZCLDN. | |
| **Number of Participants and where they are from:**  There were more than 400 people who came from different communities to watch and support the tournament. 18 teams (gender inclusive) competed in the tournament. | |
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| **1.** | **What was the advocacy objective?** |
|  | * To raise awareness of drugs and substance use among young people who were participating in volleyball tournament and other community members who came to support. * Sensitize the community on the need for a drug policy reform and harm reduction interventions among people who use and inject drugs in order to reduce stigma and discrimination. * To disseminate information on the types of drugs that are commonly used in communities and their effects on the health of individuals who use them. |
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| **2.** | **What method was used? (Lecture/presentation/group meeting/exhibition/role plays/other)** |
|  | * Volley Ball tournament with 18 teams competing * Video interviews * Flyer and booklets distribution * Photoshoot |
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| **3.** | **Activity Narrative** |
|  | ZCLDN partnered with Harare Volley Ball Association in hosting a volley ball tournament for diverse teams. The tournament was held to address, and sensitize and prevent drug use among young people in Harare through sport and recreational activities.   * The Outreach team disseminated information and distributed booklets on the dangers of drug use, the need for treatment and harm reduction services, during the tournament. * The media and communications officer captured some pictures and conducted some interviews with few individuals on the role of sport in the addressing and responding to drug and substance use. * ZCLDN director had an interview with the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporations (ZBC) * Eighteen (18) teams from the different professions competed with Nabba taking the Trophy as the winner for Volle men ball while, won against all ladies volley ball teams. Prizes were won with the 1st winning gold medal, 2nd silver medal and 3rd bronze medal. * There were more than 8 organizations that were present in support of the event who showcased their work in relation to drug use and mental health. |
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| **4.** | **Whom did you advocate with? (Specify stakeholders)** |
|  | * Harare Volley Ball Association * Call centre * For Youths By Youths * Mandipa-Hope Rehabilitation |
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| **5.** | **What were the challenges faced in addressing the advocacy agenda, if any?** |
|  | * Misconceptions on PWUIDs among people whom we engaged |
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| **6.** | **Lessons Learnt and Recommendations?** |
|  | * We learnt that sports play a vital role in preventing drugs and substance use as it keeps our youths occupied. Therefore, we recommend more awareness campaigns on drugs and substance use through sport. * We learnt that collaboration and unity are the key elements that will help in conducting drugs and substance use awareness campaigns. * While engaging people who visited the ZCLDN tent to know about the organization, some were asking for t-shirts therefore we recommend that they should be at least few so that we give those who show interest and appreciate the work of the organization. |
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| **7.** | **Questions asked by individuals who visited the booth?** |
|  | 1. Do you offer referrals to PWUIDS for rehabilitation services. 2. How can we encourage more inclusive attitudes towards people who use drugs within our communities? 3. What role do advocates play in combating discrimination against drug users? 4. How can we encourage more inclusive attitudes towards people who use drugs within our communities? |
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| **8.** | **What is the outcome of the advocacy activity?** |
|  | * The Tournament was a huge success as it played a significant role in the mobilization of people who lacked knowledge on harm reduction services, drug policy and the rights of PWUIDS. * Through the Volley Ball Tournament we managed to reach out to more than 100 people who visited our tent to ask about what we do and the services that we provide to the community as an organization. This was a great achievement as we are now recognized in other communities who did not know about the organization. |
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**Activity Photos**

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