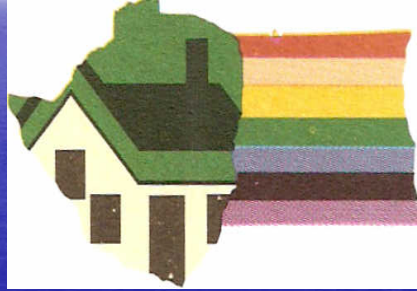
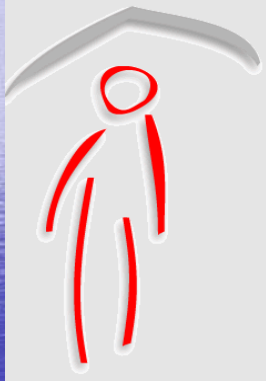


## HPZ / ZINAHCO JOINT PRESENTATION



### HOUSING PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE (HPZ)

- Housing People of Zimbabwe is a not for profit organisation formed in 1992. HPZ works as a technical services provider to housing cooperative societies and groups. The organisation also works with other like minded organisations with interest in improving human settlements conditions for low income earners.

- Through its programs, HPZ hopes to answer the needs of low income earners who were failing to access decent and affordable shelter because of a prohibitive legislative, political, social and economic environment.

## ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING COOPS (ZINAHCO)

- ZINAHCO is an apex organisation made up of primary cooperative societies and housing cooperative unions all over Zimbabwe. The organisation acts as a regulatory board and provides services to its affiliates.
- A housing cooperative is a voluntary society with ten or more people, and a union is made up of more than five housing cooperative societies.

The organizations achieve their mandate through the following intervention strategies;

- Advocacy: to create a favorable legislative and policy framework for low income housing provision.
- The advocacy is targeted at parliament, government departments, Local authorities and key stakeholders

- Poverty alleviation: through provision of capacity building programs focused at livelihood and self help skills (where community members provide own labor for construction purposes).
- Provision of construction skills

- Provision of cooperative development, project management and construction related expertise.
- Provision of financial advisory services.
- Provision of technical advise to housing cooperatives

- HIV and AIDS mainstreaming at organizational and community levels. The community program seeks to assist coop members to mitigate the effects of the disease whilst centered around housing cooperative issues
- The program was started after an impact assessment revealed that HIV and AIDS had a negative impact on membership

- The housing cooperative society provides a platform for the care and support of those affected and infected by HIV and AIDS
- The cooperative also provides a platform for vulnerable communities to access decent and affordable shelter for themselves.

The HIV and AIDS program provides the following interventions:

- Support for community awareness raising
- Mobilising People Living with HIV and AIDS into support groups,
- Provision of information as well as capacity building programs.
- Enhancement of household food security and nutrition through the urban farming program and food distribution.
- Mainstreaming of TB issues, since there is a high prevalence of the disease amongst PLWHA.

- Emphasis is placed on alternative remedies, and promotion of the use of herbal remedies
- To provide psycho social support and skills to housing cooperative members.
- Support for orphaned and vulnerable households (education, school books, school fees)
- Youth awareness and capacity building programs.

## Challenges

- The threat of evictions, as noted in the 2005 clean up campaign and other related cases after 2005, which affects livelihoods and human settlement issues.
- Providing home based care without a home, and adherence to medical regimens becomes a big challenge for People Living with AIDS.
- An increase in overcrowding and the spread of diseases such as cholera, TB etc.

- A crumbling health system which is failing to cope with the high demand for quality medical treatment. Currently, ARV's (new cases) and drugs needed in the treatment of opportunistic infections are unavailable.
- A high rate of unemployment and an increase in impoverishment of Zimbabwe's low income earners.
- Limited resources to carry out a housing program as well as an HIV and AIDS program.

## IMPACT OF PROGRAM SINCE INCEPTION

- Housing cooperatives have managed to create a conducive platform to support people infected by HIV and AIDS
- Cooperatives now have skills to cope with the HIV and AIDS pandemic and come up with innovative ideas on how to support the infected and affected.

- More cooperative members coming out in the open to declare their status. This has resulted in the housing movement opening up, and being able to talk openly about HIV and AIDS issues.
- Provision of information
- Hope and a sense of family

## CONCLUSION

- The HIV and AIDS program has attempted amongst other things to address the human settlement concerns, whilst at the same time working on alleviating poverty through a multi faceted intervention program, as well as addressing HIV and AIDS issues as they relate to housing.
- HPZ and ZINAHCO believe that PLWHA need to have decent shelter to address HIV and AIDS concerns. The organizations endeavor to provide a holistic package to low income groups to access housing.





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