**Community Empowerment in Zimbabwe**

**2009 through 2013**

Launched the project in September 2009 in a celebration of more than 1,000 local people.

Trained 2560 women in the Mufakose District on the importance of saving, recordkeeping and creating a business.

Facilitated the creation of over 200 Self Help Groups (SHGs) of these trained women working in a group business as well as individual businesses.

Assisted groups to negotiate better pricing for goods and services

Worked with local government officials to gain their cooperation and assistance.

Trained more than 600 youth in management of 24 Youth Corners

Furnished the Youth Corners with computers, printers and TV and DVD players.

Assisted the youths with business skills so they could effectively manage the Corners.

Provided a basic computer training program to 420 youth with material developed and taught by members of the Youth Corners.

Delivered computer training program to 900 women from SHGs, covering social media and Skype in addition to basic word processing and spreadsheet programs.

Sponsored two Youth Sports Day in 2011 with more than 1,000 youth competing.

Trained 48 community leaders as facilitators to help HIV positive people self manage their disease

Provided 360 community members with a seven-week program in Living Well With Aids, facilitated by the newly trained community leaders.

Trained 170 Peer Educators in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention; these women facilitate six weeks of discussions about AIDS in their weekly meetings.

Reviewed the business plans of 150 Self Help Groups and awarded them small grants to help fund their start-up businesses.

Taught Focused Training in business and health issues to 600 community members

Arranged for participants to appear on the nationally televised Mai Chisamba TV Show to share their stories.

Improved the expectations and perspective of the communities by helping them move to a better life.