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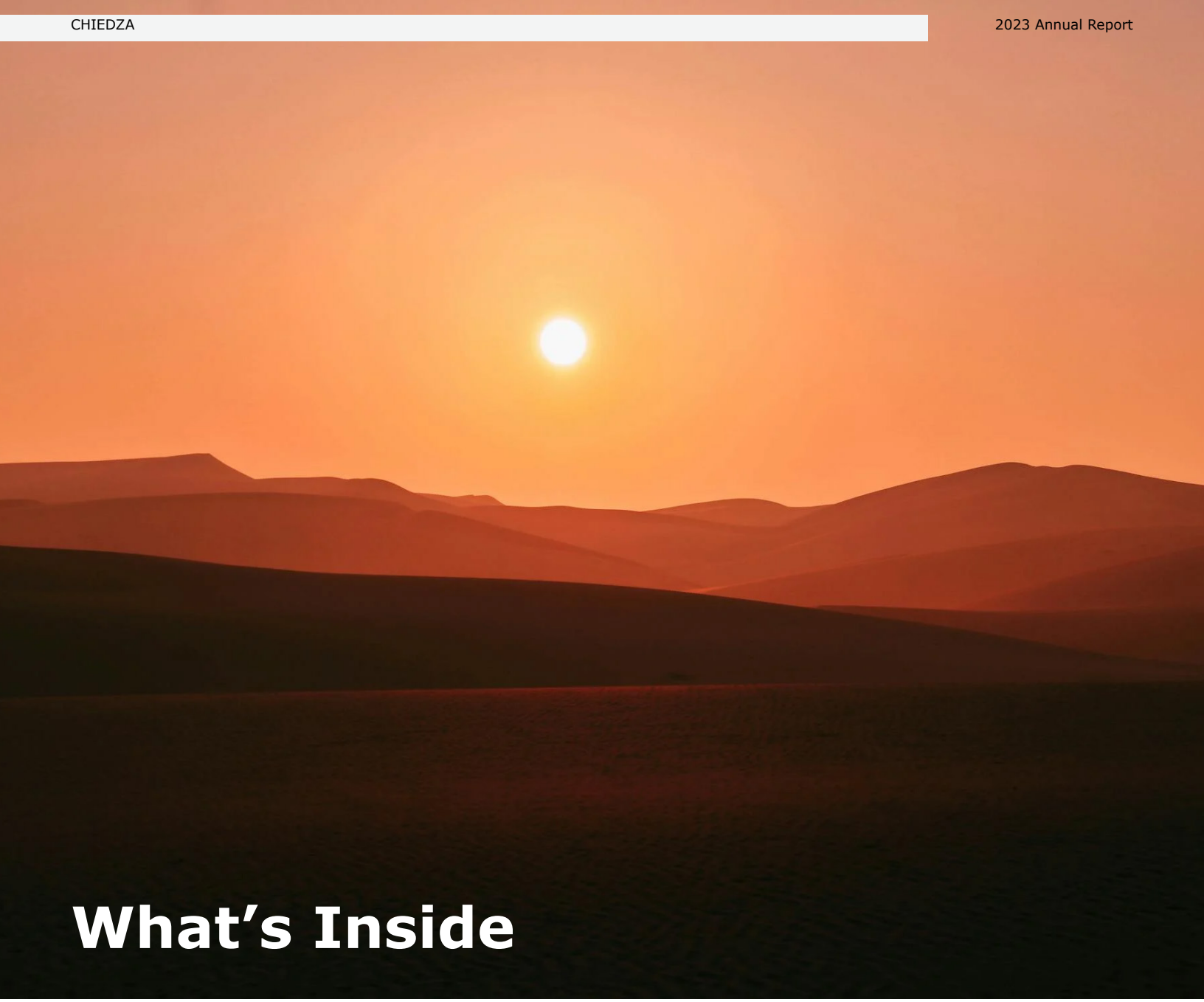
2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Director's message

2023 was another year, where we sailed through with a lot of caution and excitement. A lot of caution because the funding terrain remained depressed for Zimbabwean NGOs including Chiedza. While we anticipated that the situation would have improved post-covid-19 but we realized it was going to be longer than just a year.

It was a year full of excitement as we went through a name Change from Chiedza Child Care Centre since 2001 to Chiedza. We did this to better communicate our work, scope, and philosophy. We took time also to reflect on our strategy and we developed a 3-year strategy to guide our work from 2024 to 2026.

On the program side, we were happy to have our Part Time Continuing Education for Secondary School registered by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education. This made us fit to apply for ZIMSEC examination centre status.

We continued to serve communities through the 4 thematic areas: Education, Protection, Health & Nutrition and Economic Strengthening. This was made possible by the hard work of the board, management, staff, volunteers, funding partners, young people, and the children.

Wishing you all the best in 2024!

About the Organization

Registered in 2003 to respond to the plight of children affected and infected by HIV and AIDS, Chiedza has over the years evolved to a more focused holistic approach assisting orphans and vulnerable children and their families.

Chiedza's programmes are premised on four focus areas: education, health and nutrition, protection, and economic strengthening. The key activities under these thematic areas include formal early childhood education, non-formal and formal education, case management birth registration, health systems strengthening, pediatric HIV and AIDS care and support, sexual reproductive health and nutrition support. To ensure sustainability of the programs, economic strengthening initiatives are mainstreamed.

In the past 7 years, the organization broadened its scope to work with young people, children with disabilities and rural communities in Zvimba. The broadened scope meant a change from being a centre-based organization into a broader community-based organisation. This led Chiedza to reflect on its name and successfully went through a name change from Chiedza Child Care Centre to Chiedza PVO 58/23.

In terms of geographical scope, Chiedza is registered to implement projects in any part of Zimbabwe but is currently working in Harare South district.

Key Accomplishments:

EDUCATION – TOTAL REACH 313 (156F:157M)

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)**

In 2023, 23 (13F;10M) orphans and vulnerable children were supported to access early childhood education lessons at our centre. 16 graduated and transitioned to primary school.

- **OUT OF SCHOOL STUDY GROUP – SECOND CHANCE FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN TO ACCESS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We offered second chance education to 105(55F:50M) vulnerable children who either dropped out or had never been to school. The second chance education program aims to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

- **PART TIME CONTINUING EDUCATION (PTCE) – SECOND CHANCE FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN TO ACCESS SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

We support vulnerable children who fail to transition to secondary school or drop out before they finish school by providing part time continuous education lessons at our centre. In 2023, 92(40F:52M) children were supported to access secondary school education, 19 of whom were supported to sit for ordinary level examinations marking completion of secondary school.

- **DIRECT SCHOOL FEES SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNERS**

We paid school fees for 8(21F:27M) primary school learners who were reintegrated into conventional schools to promote retention. 28 of these learners were also supported with examination fees for completion of primary school.

Some learners from the secondary school part time continuing education excel to higher secondary school. In 2023, we paid school fees for 18(10F:8) secondary school learners among them were 4 learners who were supported to complete advanced level.

- **VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Completing secondary school is not adequate without preparing the young people for employment. In 2023, we supported 20 (13F:7M) vulnerable young people to access various vocational skills training courses at various institutions.

- **TERTIARY EDUCATION**

Over the years, we have seen children in second chance education performing exceptionally well beyond high school. In 2023 we supported 7(4F:3M) young people with university fees for the various degree programmes they are now pursuing after benefiting from the organization's second chance education program.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION – TOTAL REACH 1199

- **ACCESS TO, AND RETENTION IN HIV TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT**

We supported 725 children and young people living with HIV to be retained in treatment, care and support services through various interventions including adolescents' support groups, home visits for adherence support and clinics support for undisrupted service delivery.

Children and young people living with HIV to be retained in treatment

- **SOUP KITCHEN**

School feeding is known for its impact on school retention. We provided 230 (103f:127m) vulnerable children with at least 2 hot meals a day for five days a week at the soup kitchen which improved their nutrition status and retention in school.

- **FOOD PACKS DISTRIBUTION**

Households with a child living with HIV, granny headed, and child headed households benefitted from dry food packs supplementary feeding. 191 children in 59 households received bi-monthly food packs comprising of 10kg mealie meal, 2l cooking oil, 1l peanut butter, 2kg dried beans and 500g soya mince.

- **CAREGIVERS NUTRITION TRAINING**

We trained 53 (50F:3M) caregivers on nutrition to equip them with knowledge and skills to provide nutritious meals for their families particularly the children who are still growing.

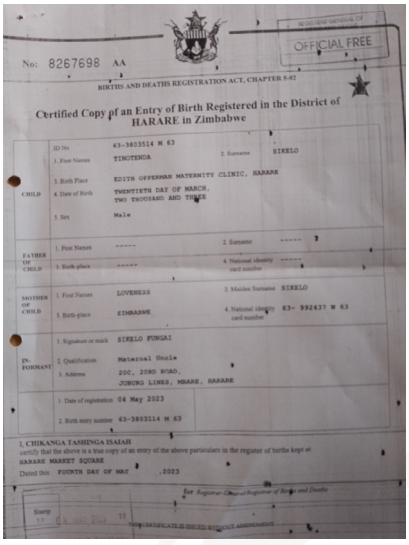
- **DISCLOSURE SESSIONS**

We held HIV disclosure sessions with 116 (104F:12M) caregivers of children living with HIV. The sessions covered basic information on HIV and education on the importance of early HIV status disclosure to children.

PROTECTION SERVICES – TOTAL REACH 284

- **BIRTH REGISTRATION**

We facilitated birth registration for 15 vulnerable children that enhanced their full access to basic services like education.



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BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 5:02

Certified Copy of an Entry of Birth Registered in the District of HARARE in Zimbabwe

ID No	63-1803514 M 63	
1. First Names	TINOTENDA	2. Surname SIKELO
CHILD 3. Birth Place	EDITH OPPERMAN MATERNITY CLINIC, HARARE	
CHILD 4. Date of Birth	TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND THREE	
5. Sex	Male	
FATHER OF CHILD 1. First Names	-----	2. Surname -----
FATHER OF CHILD 3. Birth-place	-----	4. National identity card number -----
MOTHER OF CHILD 1. First Names	LOVENESS	2. Maiden Surname SIKELO
MOTHER OF CHILD 3. Birth-place	ZIMBABWE	4. National identity card number 63- 992437 M 63
INFORMANT 1. Signature or mark	SIKELO FUNGAI	
INFORMANT 2. Qualification	Maternal Uncle	
INFORMANT 3. Address	20C, 20RD ROAD, JOBURG LINES, MBARE, HARARE	
1. Date of registration	04 May 2023	
2. Birth entry number	63-1803514 M 63	

I, CHIKANGA TASHINGA ISAIAH certify that the above is a true copy of an entry of the above particulars in the register of births kept at HARARE MARKET SQUARE

Dated this FOURTH DAY OF MAY ,2023

for Registrar-General of Births and Deaths

Stamp

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED WITHOUT ALTERATION

- **CASE MANAGEMENT**

We work with volunteers to provide continuous support to vulnerable children through a case management approach. 203 children and adolescents living with HIV had their cases managed through the help of trained community volunteers helping to identify various child protection issues and getting them addressed for children's well-being.

The education facilitators also helped in the case management and identified cases of 19 vulnerable children benefiting from the education intervention which needed attention.

- **PARENTING SESSIONS**

While parenting can be a result of the nurture instinct, there are other aspects of parenting which require coaching. 47 caregivers attended positive parenting sessions helping to improve the children's care environment in communities.

ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING – TOTAL REACH

- **SAVINGS METHODLOGY TRAINING**

131 (3m/128F) caregivers were trained in Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) savings methodology after which they formed savings groups. The groups met weekly to save, creating a pool of funds from which they utilised through credit and debit to start income generating projects.

131 (3m/128F)
Caregivers trained

- **PARTICIPATION IN SAVINGS GROUPS**

147 caregivers actively participated in the savings groups, including caregivers trained in the previous year. They saved from at least US$3.00 per week to at most US$20.00 per week. By end of year the groups had total savings of US$23 176.00 which group members shared using the funds to meet children's needs and growing their projects.

US$23 176.00
Total savings

- **INCOME GENERATING SKILLS TRAINING**

153 caregivers received training in petroleum jelly, floor polish and detergent making. The trained caregivers used the acquired skills to start income generating projects to enable them to contribute to their children's basic needs.

153 Caregivers
Fully trained

- **BOOST UP CAPITAL PROVISION**

71 caregivers accessed boost up capital enabling them to grow their income generating activities.

71 Caregivers
Accessed boost up capital

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at December 31, 2023

	Dec-23 US$	Dec-22 US$
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	**-**	
Property, plant, and equipment	-	
Financial assets-RBZ treasury bills	-	
Current assets	**153,578.48**	**181 405**
	-	
Project Advances	4,180.90	-
Cash and cash equivalents	149,397.58	181,405
Total assets	**153,578.48**	**181 405**
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity	**150,787.01**	**178 777**
Share Capital	-	
Retained earnings/ (loss)	150,787.01	178 777
Revaluation reserve	-	
Non-current liabilities	**-**	-
Shareholder`s loan	-	**-**
Loan	-	-
Current liabilities	**2,791.47**	**2 628**
Trade and other payables	2,791.47	**2 628**
Sundry creditors		
Taxation liability		-
Total Equity and liabilities	**153,578.48**	**181 405**

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AUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS

for the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	**2022**
	USD	USD
Opening	178,776.91	245,436.19
Deficit for the year	- 27,089.10	- 66,659.28
Prior Year Adjustment	- 900.80	
Balance	**150,787.01**	**178,776.91**

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