

WALPE Activity update-02

i)Electoral talk steals limelight during capacity building trainings.



With support from FreeFund, the Women's Academy for Leadership and Political Excellence (WALPE) conducted capacity building trainings in Social Entrepreneurship, Value Addition, Branding and Access to Markets for 200 aspiring women leaders from Zhombe-Kwekwe rural in Midlands province.

Some of the topics covered during the trainings include Financial Literacy and Savings Management, Budgeting in Financial Planning and Digital Marketing. This will ensure that the aspiring women leaders explore alternative options to managing finances in the COVID19 period and enhance their participation in leadership processes.

The WALPE team also took time to sensitize aspiring women leaders about voter registration blitz which the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) is carrying out from 01-28 February and 11 – 30 April 2022.

To boost the aspiring women leaders' financial capacity to participate in the 2023 elections, WALPE also distributed Income Generating Projects start-up funds to 40 participants in groups of fours.

ii)Social Entrepreneurship Trainings – a ray of hope for aspiring women leaders.



Before the #LetsGo5050 Gender Equality Project had besieged Muchakata in Masvingo Rural, Valentine Nyoni, aged 26, had no clear plan of how she would improve her livelihood.

With two dependent minor children, Nyoni had tried different avenues to fend for her family but the businesses all seemed to flop until she attended WALPE's Social Entrepreneurship trainings which were supported by Diakonia.

A ray of hope shone over Nyoni's life and for the first time her business ideas began to flourish.

"Before I met the WALPE team, I was never bothered about leadership but after the #LetsGo5050 Gender Equality Project I have become more confident and enthusiastic about getting into leadership positions.

"I had previously tried several times to venture into businesses but to no avail. I am grateful for the lessons I learnt because now I can manage my business effectively and have made a lot of profits with my cakes after getting a boost through the income generating projects seed funding. I am now a secretary at our internal savings and lending scheme which we began after the training," Nyoni said.

Another group of five aspiring women leaders that also benefited from the project are running a thriving peanut butter production business. They have managed to raise enough profits for each one of them to start a separate project adding to the peanut butter project that they have already established.

"We never knew that branding would increase our products' competitiveness on the market until we had trainings on Social Entrepreneurship, Branding and Access to Markets through WALPE. We now produce quality branded peanut butter and our sales have increased. We have also created leadership positions within our group to boost confidence and inspire each other to aim for bigger positions," said the group's vice chairperson Patricia Chisaki.

iii) 2.2 million votes for women from women 2023 elections campaign gathers momentum.










ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION (ZEC) MOBILE BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION (BVR) CENTRES FOR BINGA

Requirements

- National Identity Card or Valid Zimbabwean passport
- Proof of residence
- ONLY those who are 18 years and above qualify to register.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION CENTRE	WARD	DATES
Binga South	Kariangwe Primary School	15	01-02/02/2022
Binga South	Mahobolo Primary School	22	03-04/02/2022
Binga South	Malube Primary School	23	05-06/02/2022
Binga South	Kabuba Secondary School	2	07-08/02/2022
Binga South	Lusulu High School	3	09-10/02/2022
Binga South	Nakabuba Secondary School	4	11-12/02/2022
Binga South	Kkokkoloza Primary School	5	13-14/02/2022
Binga South	Chipale Primary School	6	15-16/02/2022
Binga South	Chibila Primary School	7	17-18/02/2022
Binga South	Stadindi Primary School	8	19-20/02/2022
Binga South	Lubimbi High School	10	21-22/02/2022
Binga South	Pashu High School	9	23-24/02/2022
Binga South	Mupambe Secondary school	11	25-26/02/2022

Opening times - 0730hrs to 1700hrs everyday including weekends



ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION (ZEC) MOBILE BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION (BVR) CENTRES FOR GWERU URBAN

Requirements:

- National Identity Card or Valid Zimbabwean passport
- Proof of residence
- ONLY those who are 18 years and above qualify to register.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION CENTRE	WARD	DATES
Gweru Urban	District Administration Offices	18	01-03/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Gweru City Council Offices	18	04-06/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Child Welfare Clinic	18	07/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Brick And Tile Compound	1	08-10/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Clonsilla Business Centre	1	11-12/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Nashville High School	1	13-14/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Riverside Primary School	2	15-17/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Harben Park Club House	2	18/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Greenvale Business Centre	2	19/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Round About Open Space	2	20/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Batanai Old People's Home	3	21-22/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Twin Peaks (Open Space)	3	23-24/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Randolf Open Space	3	25/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Kopje Open Space	3	26-27/02/2022
Gweru Urban	Lundi Park Primary School	4	28/02/2022

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ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION (ZEC) MOBILE BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION (BVR) CENTRES FOR CHIRUMHANZU-ZIBAGWE

Requirements:

- National Identity Card or Valid Zimbabwean passport
- Proof of residence
- ONLY those who are 18 years and above qualify to register.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION CENTRE	WARD	DATES
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Rambakombwa Secondary School	15	01-02/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Herbert Mahlaba Primary School	15	03/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Musena Primary School	19	05-06/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Chiwodza Primary School	12	07/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Central Estates HQ	12	08/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Savanna Primary School	12	09/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Chishuku Secondary School	16	10/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Makuti Primary School	16	11/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Hillview Secondary School	22	12/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Nethernburn Primary School	22	13/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Lalapanzi Secondary School	17	20-21/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Tokwe 4 Clinic	18	22/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Chitenderano Primary School	11	23/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Driefontein Primary School	20	24/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Ortons Drift Secondary School	20	25-26/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Njerere Primary School	14	27/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	St Theresa Primary School	24	28/02/2022
Chirumanzu-Zibagwe	Nyagari Primary School	12	03-04/02/2022

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ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION (ZEC) MOBILE BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION (BVR) CENTRES FOR CHIMANIMANI WEST

Requirements

- National Identity Card or Valid Zimbabwean passport
- Proof of residence
- ONLY those who are 18 years and above qualify to register.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION CENTRE	WARD	DATES
CHIMANIMANI	Chiramba Primary School	4	01-02/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Matendeudze Primary School A	4	03-05/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Mutambara Reserve Primary School	4	06-07/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Chayamiti Primary School	6	08-09/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Shinja Primary School	6	10-11/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Mashonjowa Primary School	2	12-13/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Mhandarume Primary School	2	14/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Chakohwa Primary School	3	15-16/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Hotsprings Primary School	5	17-18/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Nenhohwe Primary School	5	19-20/02/2022
CHIMANIMANI	Arex Office Tent	8	21-22/02/2022

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ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION (ZEC) MOBILE BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION (BVR) CENTRES FOR CHIREDDI NORTH

Requirements

- National Identity Card or Valid Zimbabwean passport
- Proof of residence
- ONLY those who are 18 years and above qualify to register.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION CENTRE	WARD	DATES
Chiredzi	Sangwe Primary School	2	01-03/02/2022
Chiredzi	Dombo Primary School	1	04-06/02/2022
Chiredzi	Mukazi Primary School	24	07-09/02/2022
Chiredzi	Matedzi Primary School	24	10-12/02/2022
Chiredzi	Nyangambe Secondary School	23	13-15/02/2022
Chiredzi	Mkwsine Primary School	21	16-18/02/2022
Chiredzi	Ruware Primary School	20	19-21/02/2022
Chiredzi	Sebanani Primary School	20	22-24/02/2022
Chiredzi	Marambakuzara Primary School	32	25-28/02/2022
Chiredzi	Chipabwe Primary School	16	21-23/02/2022

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The last few days have seen women from different areas across the country coming out to register to vote under WALPE's 2.2 million votes for women from women 2023 election campaign.

WALPE has been mobilising women first voters in provinces as part of efforts to increase women's participation in electoral processes. The organisation is on the ground encouraging women to take advantage of the current voter registration blitz and register enmasse and vote for female candidates during the 2023 elections and beyond.

The organisation has escalated its social media campaign aimed at increasing awareness on the electoral process and outstanding electoral reforms that continue to inhibit women's full participation in democratic processes. are currently ongoing on the organisation's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. The social media campaigns are being supported by the Netherlands Embassy and FreeFund, respectively.

The campaign was set up to increase women's active and free participation in electoral processes after realising that they constituted the majority of the population and registered voters but were still underrepresented in leadership and decision making positions at all levels. WALPE is also in the process of breaking down registration centres released by ZEC for the blitz into districts and sharing with Zimbabweans so that they are able to easily note dates, times and areas where the blitz will be taking place.

iv) Private Voluntary Organisations (PVO) Bill: An enemy of progress!



The WALPE strongly condemns the coming in of the Private Voluntary Organisations Bill which is a major blow to the progress that had been made towards improving socio-economic and political status of women and the nation at large.

As an organisation working to improve the status and representation of women in the political, economic and social spheres, we are deeply concerned with the repercussions that this will have on the women constituency that we represent and serve.

The WALPE has made strides in enhancing the knowledge and skills of women aspiring to take up leadership positions through various capacity building trainings and sensitised women of their constitutionally enshrined rights. All this will be put to waste with the coming in of the PVO Bill.

Here are some of the reasons why the bill should not be passed:

- It exposes the vulnerability of women and marginalized groups and impact on their participation in the political, economic and development of their communities.
- Limits the freedom of association which pushes women away from participating in politics and development.
- Impacts negatively on the mobilization efforts of women-led CBOs and CSOs that advocate for women rights.
- Instils a culture of fear that also limits women participation in leadership and decision-making processes.

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3080 women were trained in transformative feminist leadership



1000 women benefited from our Income Generating Projects



3080 aspiring women leaders and PWDs took part in our capacity building training on Social Entrepreneurship



Our citizen accountability forums were attended by 3205 people

750 women registered to vote under the 2.2 million votes for women from women election campaign



We submitted 4 petitions to Parliament on gender equality and women political participation



3080 women went through our intergenerational mentorship & coaching sessions

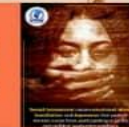


Our media and publicity campaign on #Lets-go5050 reached 2,5 million people

We launched the network of women led community based organisations (WeCOBs)



Our No to violence against women and girls campaign reached 800 000 people



Our #WomenForElectoralReforms campaign reached 750 000 people



Developed a model law on Sexual Harassment, policy brief on Unpaid Care & domestic work & a gendered social services budget

Our male engagement sessions reached a total of 4000 men



