

# JF KAPNEK ZIMBABWE PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS 2022

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## 1. OVERVIEW

J. F. Kapnek Zimbabwe is a local Zimbabwean organisation that works to improve family health, reduce child mortality, and create educational opportunities for the children of Zimbabwe. Our programmes are structured around four main themes: Family Health, Early Childhood Development & health, Orphans, and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and Children with Disabilities.

### Family Health

The organization played a leading role in supporting the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC) to roll out Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV to 7 provinces and 36 districts. From October 2012 to September 2020 JF Kapnek Zimbabwe implemented HIV Care and Treatment interventions in nine districts: three in Midlands province and six in Masvingo province. From October 2020 to September 2024 . We are implementing the Target , Accelerate ,Sustain Quality Care Programme in six districts in Masvingo province which aims to support the Ministry Of Health & Child Care to have achieve the 95-95-95 targets, by ensuring that most of the HIV infected people are identified and initiated on Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART), also by making sure that more people on ART remain on treatment and have low viral load.

### Early Childhood Development & Health

In support of the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, the J.F Kapnek Zimbabwe has been working in rural schools since 2005 in 4 districts, namely Mhondoro Ngezi (2012 to date), Zvimba (2005 to date), Chegutu (2008 to date), Sanyati (2014 to 2020) implementing an ECD programme in partnership with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and the respective Rural District Councils. We are providing support to a total of 217 schools in the 4 districts i.e., 50 schools in Zvimba, 48 in Chegutu, 54 in Mhondoro Ngezi, and 65 in Sanyati.

### Key activity areas under the ECD programme are:

- ✓ Renovation and refurbishing dilapidated classrooms for use as ECD classrooms
- ✓ Capacity development of ECD teachers
- ✓ Capacitating the local clinics to conduct regular health and nutrition assessments
- ✓ Provision of supplementary feeding to alleviate hunger and malnutrition
- ✓ Parenting education sessions
- ✓ Establishing community-based child protection systems to safeguard the rights of the children
- ✓ Infant stimulation
- ✓ ECD and inclusive education

### OVC Programme

In support of the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare and Ministry (MoPSLSW) of Health and Child Care (MoHCC), JF Kapnek works in Bulawayo and Matobo districts to provide services to HIV+ and those orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV through building enabling communities and structures to support and protect OVC while getting to zero new HIV infections with support from USAID through Catholic Relief Services.

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### Childhood Disability

In addition to our HIV and family health work, JF Kapnek's Disability programme currently covers 18 districts, including metropolitan areas of Harare and Bulawayo. Kapnek staff - Rehabilitation Technicians, Social Workers, and Counsellor's work with caregivers of children and youth with disabilities and with the children themselves to improve care outcomes, to overcome stereotypes and negative social norms surrounding people with disabilities, to provide comprehensive child protection services for children with disabilities, to decrease the incidence of preventable disabilities and to provide support and assistive devices to children with disabilities to improve their daily lives.

### Strengthening Sciences for Women (SSW)

JF Kapnek Zimbabwe provides financial support to the education of young women who excel in science subjects so that they can pursue careers in health and science.

## 2. MISSION

JF Kapnek Zimbabwe works to improve family health, reduce child mortality, provide a protective environment, and create educational opportunity for the children of Zimbabwe through the implementation of scalable, sustainable programs.

## 3. ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN

### Child Protection

The AIDS epidemic took a terrible toll on family life in Zimbabwe, creating more than one million orphans and vulnerable children in need of care, support, and protection. Guided by the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), our Child Protection interventions are aimed at addressing the root causes of inequalities, especially to the most deprived group of children, through increasing access to health, education, and protection services. The organisation currently has two Child Protection programmes: the Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme and the Children with Disabilities Programme:

### Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme (ECD)

*Goal:* To establish quality ECD centres with trained teachers and maximized enrolment that will act as entry points for establishing community-based child protection and health care systems. The project is focused in Mashonaland West Province (Zvimba, Mhondoro Ngezi, Chegutu districts)

The IECD programme has the following components to make it a comprehensive package for OVC:

ECD Infrastructure improvements- With the support of the community, the Trust renovates and furnishes ECD classrooms to make them child friendly and age appropriate.

Positive Parenting- Caregivers undergo a series of parenting meetings and discuss with a trained facilitator aspects of child protection with particular emphasis to prevention of violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

**Establishment of Community Based Child Protection Communities**-In all the targeted districts, the JF Kapnek supports the Department of Child Welfare and Protection Services in establishment and on-going capacity building to ward level Child Protection Committees thus strengthening community-based child protection system.

**School based health assessments**- Targeting the children attending ECD, the organisation supports the Ministry of Health and Child Care to conduct health checks of all children at ECD centres during every term.

**Supplementary Feeding**- ECD children receive a hot meal prepared each day by volunteers that is protein- and vitamin-fortified and is at times the only meal the children have for the day.

**Infant Stimulation Pilot Project**- The project trains and deploys home visitors who visit households twice a month to teach parents / caregivers how to engage their young children 12-36 months in stimulating activities, such as singing songs, playing games, reading books, and creating simple toys from locally available materials.

**ECD and Inclusive Education**- Children with disabilities are at heightened risk of abuse and neglect, so community awareness on protecting children with disabilities is also a key activity in this project.

### **Children with Disabilities Programme**



JF Kapnek was the main partner working with children with disabilities under the UNICEF managed National Action Plan for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Phase III (NAP III). Support was targeted at strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect, and violence against children with disabilities.

*Goal:* Children with disability in Zimbabwe enjoy their right to a protective and nurturing environment within which they

can reach their full potential. We work in 21 districts (Epworth , Chitungwiza, Fort St, Tredgold, Murewa, Mudzi, Zvimba, Sanyati, Gokwe North, Shurugwi , Kwekwe , Mwenezi, Binga , Umzingwane, Beitbridge ,Bulilima, Mangwe, Buhera, Makoni, Marondera)

**Spotlight Initiative.** Prevention and response to violence against women and girls with disabilities (VAWGWD) We work in 12 districts: Hurungwe, Makonde, Muzarabani, Shamva, Mutasa, Nyanga, Chipinge, Chimanimani, Matobo, Umzingwane, Insiza, Hopley

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## Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Project



We are building enabling communities and structures to support and protect OVC while getting to Zero new HIV infections in Bulawayo (Fort Street district) & Matobo district. JF Kapnek Zimbabwe under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services is implementing the Pathways program which seeks to roll out various interventions supporting the prevention and management of HIV in the communities

The following interventions are being supported.

- -Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) methodology
- -Parenting using Better Parenting Plus and Sinovuyo Parenting for life- long health curriculum
- Education subsidies
- Support linkages to care and treatment for Children living with HIV and exposed infants
- Case management of all beneficiaries
- Monthly monitoring of community cadres supporting the Pathways program (CCWs, CHWs, CATs, CPCs)
- the roll out of PMTCT Integrated Mothers and Babies Course
- Supporting the roll out of Father – Child Dialogues

## Promoting access to inclusive SRHR + SGBV information and services in Zimbabwe



Increased inclusive access to reporting mechanisms and SRHR knowledge and services for adolescents affected by sexual and gender-based violence and abuse.

### 4. HIV CARE & TREATMENT



JF Kapnek Zimbabwe, with funding from UNICEF, EGPAF, CIFF, USAID through EGPAF and OPHID has implemented health programs to provide quality HIV services, EMTCT of HIV, TB care and treatment as well cervical cancer screening and treatment services in Zimbabwe since 2001. We have implemented several programs within communities to support treatment monitoring and adherence. JF Kapnek has worked with MOHCC structures at national, provincial, district and hospital / clinic site levels to support the geographical expansion of the National Prevention of Mother to Child

Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) Programme.

The Families and Communities Eliminating HIV (FACE) programme was implemented from October 2012 to September 2020. FACE began as a PMTCT programme in which Kapnek trained and supported nurses at over 800 hospitals and clinics in PMTCT. Following great success in reducing

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PMTCT in Zimbabwe, coupled with the PEPFAR pivot, the programme adapted in 2015 to focus broadly on treatment and care for all HIV positive clients. Kapnek's team of nurses and data management specialists supported nearly 300 health facilities in the provinces of Midlands and Masvingo for care and treatment services across all the departments of the health facilities.

In October 2020 JF Kapnek Zimbabwe embarked on a new 5-year HIV Care and Treatment programme as a sub-recipient to the Organisation for Public Health and Development (OPHID). The Target Accelerate and Sustain Quality Care (TASQC) for HIV epidemic control implemented in Six districts in Masvingo Province - Masvingo, Chivi, Chiredzi, Mwenezi, Gutu, Zaka)The program aims which aims to contribute to the achievement and sustainability of HIV epidemic control in Zimbabwe, is being implemented by JF Kapnek Zimbabwe in collaboration with OPHID and ZNNP+ in Masvingo Province in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC)

## 5. STRENGTHENING SCIENCES FOR WOMEN



JF Kapnek Zimbabwe's Strengthening Sciences for Women (SSW) programme provides support to young women and girls through scholarships which take them from Ordinary Level to Advanced Level. Several of the young women also receive University grants.

As of 2018 the SSW Programme has managed to support :  
51 Doctors 9 medical Students, 3 Civil Engineers, 2 Eye Specialists, 2 Dentists, 2 Lecturers, 1 Nutritionist 1 casualty Officer, 1 Lab Technician, 11 Unspecified Occupations, 2 Engineering Students, 5 Pharmacists, 1 Analytical Chemist, 3 Physiotherapists 2 Biotechnologists 1 Parasitologist.