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Facebook: Forum for AIDS Counseling and Training

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## Forum for AIDS Counselling and Training

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Who We Are

We are a local community-driven non-profit organization committed to promoting the lives of children and youth aged 6 to 24. Through our innovative peer-to-peer service delivery model, we provide

- 1. Youth-Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (YFSRHR) information and services
- 2. Protection against sexual and gender-based violence
- 3. HIV and STI Testing and prevention services and information.
- 4. Youth capacity development training
- 5. Education support

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to cultivate a nurturing environment that fosters academic success, personal growth, and holistic well-being.

#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to create a society where children and youth are empowered with knowledge, skills, and resilience, and ensure they lead fulfilling lives.

#### **Our Programs**

#### **HIV and AIDS**

- · Boyfriend and Girlfriend HIV Testing
- Comfort Corner

#### Gender and Violence against women girls

- Promoting gender equality
- Fighting gender-based violence

#### The Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW)

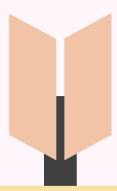
- Msungwana Ovaya
- Back to school program
- Ending girl child marriages
- Ndalama m'manja
- Let girls shine program(Menstrual health and hygiene program)

#### Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



#### **OUR 2023 GOALS**



Adding new staff members to increase the human resource

01

Improve our youth friendly SRHR services and information provision space to make it more youth friendly and welcoming.

02

Increase the educational support that FACT provides to underprivileged girls through our Msungwana Ovaya Program.

03

Intensify social media engagement through sharing facts that impact youth and posting content that drives engagement.

04

Increase our fundraising base, with 5% of funding sourced locally.

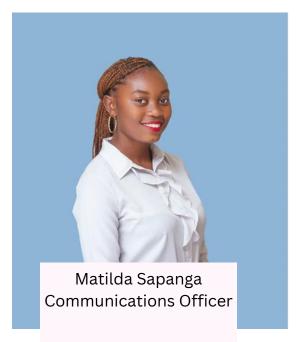
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#### Goal 1

Adding new staff members to increase the human resource that FACT needs for it to reach its set objectives.

1.1. The year 2023 saw a lot of new faces at the FACT Mw office. Through our internship program, we catered for students from the Catholic University, DMI St John The Baptist University, Mzuzu University as well as Malawi University Of science and Technology.

1.2.We were also able to permanently employee four young people. One attained the role of Communications officer, and her duties are centered around growing our social media reach. The other one secured the Community mobilizer position that mainly focuses on engaging with the community, and another, Adolescent Girls and Young Women Programs Coordinator. The last individual is the Youth Advocacy Officer. He is in charge of all youth empowerment advocacy.









#### Goal 2

Improving our youth friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights services and information provision space to make it more youth friendly and welcoming.

2.1.We managed to renovate our premises by landscaping and building two gazebos, all to create a space where young will be able to engage in dialogues, socialize as well as have meaningful conversations with our team. We also purchased trivia games that have so far increased patronage.



#### Goal 3

Increase the educational support that FACT provides to underprivileged girls through our Msungwana Ovaya Program.

3.1. The Msungwana ovaya program was revamped. This is a program that focuses on providing educational support to primary school girls.

3.2.To get the ball rolling, our community mobilizers worked with community leaders, teachers as well as parents. All this was done to ensure that there is a fair selection of beneficiaries.

3.3. For this year, we have worked with two schools, Zingwangwa Primary School as well as Chimwankhunda Primary School.

The Program catered for the student's school fund fees as well as examination fees. We also provided the following materials: School Uniforms, Sanitary Pads ,Notebooks ,School Bags, Pens, Calculators as well as Mathematical Instruments.



Student receiving notebooks and instrument



Student beneficiaries celebrating



FACT Mw officials pose with the beneficiaries

3.4.We also held motivational talks in various Secondary schools in Malawi, namely: Kings Foundation Secondary School, CHISAPI Schools, Rose Garden Secondary School, New Era Secondary School ,Dzuka Girls Secondary School, Mzuzu Government Secondary School as well Mchenga Utuwa Secondary School.

#### Goal 4

Intensify our social media engagement through sharing facts that impact youth as well as posting contents that drives engagement with our audience and beneficiries.

4.1.We managed to launch the "FACT Friday Quiz" competition. This is an activity that takes place every Friday on our Facebook page. Our team asks a set of questions that are in line with SRHR, HIV Prevention, Gender Equality and other issues that as young people we go through every day.



4.2.We also have Wednesdays as sexuality and relationship day. On this day we increase our conversations around sexual health and sexual rights, and making sound choices regarding ones sexuality.



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#### Goal 5

Increase our fundraising base, with 5% of funding sourced locally.

5.1. Through donations from local well wishers as well as internal funds generation activities, we managed acquire funds to help us run our day to day activities.

#### **SET BACKS**

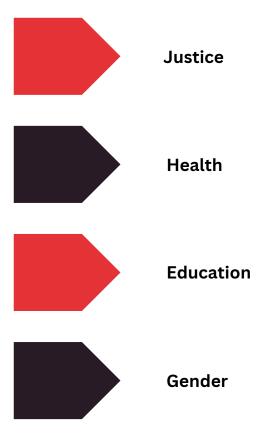
#### **Internship Program**

• The demand for internship opportunity was high, which made it hard to us to accommodate everyone.

#### Msungwana Ovaya Program

- · We were unable to cater for every need due to inadequate funds. This then led us to single out burning needs that required immediate attention.
- · During the selection process, community leaders and parents listed some students who were not financially as beneficiaries. This in return made the selection process lengthy due to credibility issues.

#### **Our Core Values**



#### **COMMEMORATION DAYS**

As an organization, we acknowledge the specific occasions set aside to honor and remember significant events. In the year 2023, we celebrated the following days.

#### **International Womens Day**

On the 8th of March each year, we commemorate International Women's Day. In accordance with last year's theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality", FACT Malawi reaffirmed its commitment to empowering women and fostering a more equitable future for all.

#### **International Youth Day**

This year, the International Youth Day was commemorated under the theme, "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World"



#### **World AIDS Day**

The first if December each year is world AIDS day. To commemorate this day, under the theme "Let Communities Lead", we hosted an event at Zingwangwa Youth Center ground.





#### **TEAM SUCCESS- WOW STORIES**

At FACT Malawi, we play to win, and we have instilled in ourselves a winning attitude. We promote personal growth and keep improving each day.

Achievement Outline:

Our Deputy Executive Director Brian Chumbi Jnr was awarded a Chevening Scholarship to study for his master's in public health (Sexual Reproductive Health) at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK.



Our Executive Director, Pemphero Mphande attended the Segal Family Foundation Annual General Meeting In Kigali, Rwanda.



Our Programs Manager, Madalitso Juwayeyi graduated with a post graduate masters diploma in International Gender Equality Studies and Training from Haskoli Island- University of Iceland under the GEST:Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme.



Our Programs Manager, Madalitso Juwayeyi traveled to Amsterdam, to present an Abstract on "Comfort Corner" which is a platform FACT Malawi developed to create a safe and youth-friendly space for young people living with HIV.

Our HIV Programs Coordinator, Thokozani Jane Kasiya was selected for the YouthWave Change Makers Program.



Our HIV Programs Coordinator, Thokozani Jane Kasiya graduated from Leap Leadership Institute under the Young women leaders Program.

Our HIV Programs Coordinator presented an abstract on "ART Adherence" at the International Conference on AIDS and STI'S in Africa in Harare Zimbabwe.

#### 2023 Partners and Funders

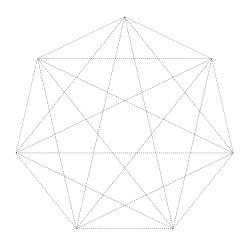
•Segal Family Foundation (SFF)

# Segal Family Foundation

• Local well-wishers through the Msungwana Ovaya program.



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