Divine Foundation Trust (DFT) is dismayed at how young girls in Chiredzi and Mwenezi District face financial challenges that result in them not affording basic sanitary towels. This often leaves them with no choice but to use old rags among other unhygienic alternatives.

In a bid to alleviate challenges faced by young girls, DFT has conducted awareness campaigns with organisations such as ChildLine, Coalition Against Child Labour in Zimbabwe, FACT and the department of social service to enlighten them on the issues affecting girls in Masvingo. These awareness workshops were largely hinged on sharing experiences and deliberating on issues affecting young people. Through these, young people manage to get information and entrepreneurship skills.

Sexual reproductive health issues were also brought to the fore during these engagements.

With support from CORDAID, Africaid Zvandiri and Care and Treatment Supporters DFT carried out a number of projects in the two districts. One of the projects is a quarterly client satisfactory survey that was held in a Chiredzi District Hospital catchment area. This was a follow-up on discharged patients and they are asked about the quality of service offered. The DFT then came up with recommendations to improve health services offered to patients. The organisation also conducted some training on HIV/AIDS mitigation which was also done in collaboration with Africaid Zvandiri. Through this training young girls were educated on the adherence to treatment.

These activities have led DFT to achieve its aim of improving the livelihoods and standard of living of youths by offering mentorship, focusing on carrier guidance, food relief and emergency responses as well as advocating for social and education issues. The organisation is also driven towards meeting educational requirements of underprivileged children and children with disabilities.

DFT is a youth led community based organisation that operates in Chiredzi and Mwenezi District in Masvingo Province. The organisation targets children, youth and women with disability.

DFT was established as a platform to share experiences and develop skills for under privileged and children with disabilities in various communities. Motivated by the challenges being faced by the disabled, the organisation has, since its inception, been working on the provision of immediate relief which includes water, sanitation and livelihoods restoration with integrated approach such as sustainable projects and construction of classroom blocks in schools. In Masvingo, DFT also spearheads empowerment of children with sustainable skills.

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