

TEMBA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 10TH NOVEMBER 2011

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Honourable Guests, Honourable House of Traditional Leaders, Honourable Clergy, Partners, Ladies and Gentlemen, I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is an honour for me to table this report today, and I would like to thank you for your participation and welcome you to this very important event. We appreciate the support and collaboration which has been afforded to us by our Partners during this past and current year.

Temba has been involved in addressing HIV & AIDS since 2000 for the past ten years, being in the fore-front of mitigating its impact. In 2006 we went through a Strategic Planning to look at different strategies of addressing the pandemic, especially since the prevalence rate continues to increase. As leaders we have to fast track whatever strategies we are putting in place because as we all know the children are the worst hit by this pandemic, and once orphaned these children are then likely to face poverty, poor health and lack of access to education. What has become more problematic is this issue of Gender Based Violence, especially against women and children, which is becoming the last straw for our children, women and people who are both infected and affected by HIV or AIDS. I would like to urge everyone gathered here, especially the Traditional and Church Leadership to take up this challenge and make a daily effort in changing people's mindset to live life differently so as to preserve the upcoming generations.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our Partners, the Community Based Organizations and NGOs, and some Government Departments who have been meeting in this hall, once every two months, to discuss various successes and challenges which are part of our daily lives. One of the very important outcomes of this Partnership is the formation of the O. R. Tambo Men's Sector, where the Temba Men Circles of Support, Men For Change and South African Men's Forum (SAMFO) participate to work towards a better future for our children and the country. The Men's Seminars which have been held are the right step towards achieving the Peaceful Community, which is the Vision of Temba. One of the challenges facing our Community which has been reported by our Male Fieldworkers is the challenge of the young men who get sick when they go for Circumcision, some of them dying. This is a matter which our Partnership is taking seriously, which has led to the formation of a Monitoring Committee, formed by different Stakeholders, including Traditional Leaders, NGOs and Government Departments. I would like to urge these men who are involved in addressing this to make sure that these matters cannot be addressed through Campaigns only, but to make sure that we all put God first in order to work towards real Transformation and the Restoration of our Communities. I also want to commend and encourage women who work together with these men in the Partnership, for their own betterment and also to improve the lives of others, to continue with the good work.

The Board of Temba would like to thank Mrs. Maconachie who tirelessly continues to assist our clients, as a Professional Nurse, by treating them and also transporting them to different hospitals whenever there is a need. Her assistance is valuable and very much appreciated. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Board/ Management Committee Members, Staff and Volunteers of TEMBA for their tireless efforts in making sure that TEMBA continues to exist and fulfills its mandate. The work which is being done by our Management, Coordinators, Fieldworkers, Supervisors and Carers is very impressive, where they make sure that Communities are mobilized, educated, supported and those who are sick are cared for. There are some Board Members, Felicity and Liz, who have continued to give their precious time to the building of TEMBA, especially the Temba Shelter, and we would like to commend them. The wonderful work done by Temba could not have happened without the Community members' dedication and support. To all of you, Volunteers and Community members, I thank you for your kind support and just continuing being loyal members of our Organisation.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS & SPONSORS:

- **Primates World Relief and Development Fund:** PWRDF started being a partner with Temba in 2006, assisting to fund the Care and Support Programme, Workshops and Gender Campaigns. During the same year, they committed themselves to fund the Temba Home/Shelter which we are currently using in Maydene Farm.
- **Canadian Food Grains Bank:** CFGB is funding the Temba Nutrition Programme for Household Gardens, Shelter Clients Nutrition and Food Parcels since 2009. This Programme has assisted to alleviate poverty in many destitute families.
- **National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund:** During this past year, and the current one, National Lottery have assisted Temba by funding the operations of the Organization, and as such more work was done during the past year, which has also increased during the current year.
- **Department of Public Works and IDT:** During this past year, they assisted to fund the stipends of 200 Community Health Care Workers, and during this current year, the number has increased to 300 CHCWs and we would like to express our gratitude to them. **Diocese of Huron in Canada and Bishop Terry Dance:** Ever since Bishop Terry Dance visited Temba in 2006, he has continuously done fundraising for Temba, and each year together with his Diocese, they send donations to assist Temba in different programmes.
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- **Baptist Church:** Has assisted Temba with monthly donations, and no donation is too small.

- **Churches, Traditional Leaders, Local Businesses, and Individual Community Members:** We thank you because you have always remembered that there are people at Temba Shelter who are not able to pay for any kind of service and you have adopted them as your own family members, thank you.

One thing that HIV & AIDS has taught us is that as human beings we depend on each other and in a way it has reminded us of the spirit of 'Ubuntu' and humility. As families, the country and global village, we have drawn closer. Let us continue to work and fight as partners. As we continue to face more challenges, may the good Lord grant us all strength and wisdom to overcome them, and achieve the Peace, we are all working towards.

God Bless. Mrs. Pat Gebeda