

## Why we need an Activity Centre?

- The children's homes don't provide the right conditions for studying and doing homework. There is no room or peace and often no light either.
- Schools are short of books, libraries, teaching materials and hobby space. The children need their own library and reading room.
- We prepare about 400,000 meals a year under primitive conditions. We cook over an open fire, and the children eat their meals sitting on the floor. We need proper cooking and dining facilities to cope with the steadily increasing number of children.
- The children's music, choir and drama clubs have nowhere to meet. At present they rehearse under a tree in the backyard of one of the schools. They also need a court for their ball games.
- We want to teach the children computer and IT skills in appropriate facilities. The children also need classrooms for their extra lessons. These are currently given in the school yard.
- We need secure storage and centralised distribution facilities for food, school equipment and other supplies.
- We need an office and a room where the children can share their worries and cares or their achievements and joys, and receive counselling and guidance.

There are over 400 orphans in our programme, and the forms of support are becoming more varied. The programme must therefore be made more effective. The activity centre will help us coordinate the support and services we provide, improve the use we make of our resources, create sustainability and allow us to expand our range of support.



## Every child has a right to education, development and welfare.

We have been supporting talented poor orphans to receive a basic education since 1992. The number of children we support now exceeds 400. Most of them have a personal sponsor in Finland, Germany, England or Scotland. All our orphans are from Dzivarasekwa, a poor township on the outskirts of Harare. They go to 13 different schools, from primary to upper secondary level. We also have students at college and local universities. More than 60 per cent of our children are girls. We pay their school fees, buy their school uniforms, books and other supplies, give them one hot meal every day of the year, see to basic health care needs, and arrange sport, culture, recreation, and environmental education activities. We also provide housing for over 30 orphans without proper homes.

**Dzikwa Trust Fund** was founded in Harare in 2002 to provide long-term direction for our activities. The Fund is chaired by the renowned playwright Stephen Chifunyise.

**Zimbabwen Aids orvot ry** was founded in Siuntio, Finland, in 2003 to coordinate the raising of the financial and other resources needed for the Dzikwa Trust Fund's operations. Each organisation has its own written Memorandum of Understanding: one for education support activities and one for the building project.



## Your help means a lot to us!

The activity centre will house a kitchen, a dining area that will double up as a hobby area, reading and assembly hall, a computer studio and a library, plus study, counselling, office and storage facilities. Outside there'll be a ball court, a playground, a caretaker's cottage, vegetable garden and a waste sorting area. We're also going to purchase a robust generator and sun panels.

## Activity Centre financing and schedule

The Dzikwa Trust Fund owns a site next to the police station and clinic. So far we have spent more than €60,000 on purchase of the site, clearing the land, architect's drawings, building permits, construction of boundary walls and guard house, levelling the ground for the ball court, sinking the borewell, installing water pipes and watertanks, and connecting sewerage and electricity. Currently underway are surfacing of the ball court and building of the kitchen module.

In 2008-2011, the Zimbabwe AIDS Orphans Society is receiving a grant worth €280,000 from Finland's NGO Development Cooperation funds for its education support programme. In addition, the Society has received a separate grant of €80,000 from the Finnish Government for 2010, to finance the construction of the kitchen module for the daily feeding of the orphans. It will take about €400,000 to see the entire building project through to a satisfactory conclusion. Fundraising and use of resources are accounted for separately from operational expenditure in both Finland and Zimbabwe.



The building project is supervised and the Project Team managed by the real estate division of Old Mutual, the leading insurance company in southern Africa. Old Mutual has put its construction expertise at our disposal as part of its community responsibility programme. The accounts and administration of both the Dzikwa Trust Fund and Zimbabwe AIDS Orphans Society are audited by chartered accountants.

## Help us build a better future for Zimbabwe's orphans!

Zimbabwe AIDS Orphans Society account:  
(valid fundraising permit in Finland)

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Don't forget to give us your name and address and let us know if you'd like to make a dedicated donation.

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*It's a place where the children can do their homework in peace, have extra lessons and work together.*



*It's a place where the children can read, sing, act, and play instruments, where they can play basketball or soccer, and learn how to use computers.*

**Dzikwa Trust Fund** Zimbabwe, Harare  
**Zimbabwe AIDS Orphans Society** Helsinki, Finland

## Would you like to know more about our programme?

Take a look at our website

[www.zim-orvot.org](http://www.zim-orvot.org)

You can also order DVDs in English or Finnish about the Dzikwa Trust Fund's work and the formal laying of the activity centre cornerstone.

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The basic values fostered by the Trust Fund and the Society are honesty, hard work, a sense of responsibility and commitment, initiative, openness and help for the less fortunate. Our programme has no political or religious affiliation.

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# Activity Centre for Zimbabwe orphans



*We have a dream.  
You can help us make it come true.*



*It's a place where our kitchen team can cook the children's food without getting smoke in their eyes and lungs!*



*It's a place where the children can enjoy their meals in peace and safety!*