

Chikumbuso II: A Single Mom's Project

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Report on Funding from the Ten Dollar Club

It is with much joy and a sense of accomplishment that we write to all of you who are a part of the Ten Dollar Club. In January Chikumbuso II received funding for their single mom's project. The women were so thrilled to know that you were willing to invest in their lives. I only wish you could meet these women, see their joy and their new vision for life.

The twenty young women that are part of the Chikumbuso project are beautiful women who are victims of poverty. Our goal is to bring them hope for a different type of life. Teaching them to care for themselves, their babies, their fellow girlfriends and counsel them in HIV and AIDS. Your gift to them has transformed their lives. They now have a classroom/community room where they meet together for sewing classes and fellowship.



Presently they are filling an order for an NGO here in Lusaka called Changes II of one thousand sanitary bags to be sent to orphan girls in boarding schools. They were able to accept this challenge thanks to you. Your gift also bought them cupboards, tables, and sewing machines giving them ample place to work.



Why A Single Mom's Project?

This project responds to a huge need in the area where we are working. The dirt roads of Ng'ombe are overflowing with girls between the ages of 15-24 who have nothing to do. This slum offers no hope of a different life for

these girls who have had to drop out of school due to lack of money or due to pregnancy.

Statistically women between the ages of 15-24 are at the highest risk of HIV infection. Many of our single moms are already infected and being

educated on how to properly care for their baby and their own health. Our hope is that they pass on this information to other young women and do their part to arrest the spread of AIDS in Ng'ombe.

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What is left to do with the remaining funds?

- Paint the room
- Buy a rug for the babies
- Buy some kitchen materials and a cupboard to store them in.
- Buy an overhead fan once the electricity has been reinstalled.
- Begin the micro-enterprise project of porridge/formula sales.

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