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Welcome to our First e-letter. It's been almost one year since you last heard from us, We last wrote to you during **The Global March Against Child Labour 2007 Zimbabwe initiative**, supported by the **ILO, British Embassy, SCFUK, TDH, CACLAZ AND HIVOS** to name but a few, We have been pretty active since then. For a start, we moved offices – don't worry, there's no change to our postal address but our phone numbers changes (though it will take some time for the latter to be transferred, alas, so for the moment (**YOU USE OUR MOBILE +263-913-107447**).

Child Labour Play and Action activities

First of all I would like to congratulate you and all your partners for the 10th anniversary of landmark ILO Convention No. 182, which addresses the need for action to tackle the worst forms of child labour. As you are aware the Global March Against Child Labour's 80,000 kilometer long march across 103 countries led by the child victims of slavery, prostitution, dangerous work, trafficking and various other forms of exploitation demanded immediate end to this human menace social evil and global crime. Millions of others joined with their strong voice and the slogan "No more tools in tiny hands we want books we want toys and no more child prostitution children want education". It was an historic moment when ILO opened its doors to these marchers where they strongly and loudly questioned the world leaders, labour ministers and government delegation **"Are You So Poor That You Can't Take Away Our Tools and Give Us Books?"** This generated unprecedented moral force which was immediately translated into a collective commitment to adopt a new international law. Global March played a pivotal role in conceptualizing the demands, building and mobilizing widest possible support and for shaping up of the ILO Convention 182 and later on campaigning for its ratification and implementation. The Global March has strengthened all ILO's efforts in this regard as well.

In Zimbabwe New Hope Foundation with support from ILO, SCFUK, HIVOS, BRITISH EMBASSY, CACLAZ, TDH and many more carried out the same activity in December of 2007, a 541 km physical march from Harare to Plumtree, covered in 31 days.

Our cumulative and independent efforts have brought freedom and hope in the lives of millions by putting an end to child labour and giving an opportunity for education. But challenges are still vital, approximately 218 million children are still languishing in child labour and 72 million have never been to schools and 12 million are sold and bought in lesser prices than cows and buffaloes. We cannot sit quiet. We are pledged to abolish child labour in all worst forms as our first priority. We are equally committed to make sure that each single child on this planet is free, safe and enjoying all opportunities of development and getting free and good quality education. Therefore the day June 12th is an important landmark of our decade long success as well as in terms of challenges ahead.



[New Hope Foundation staff and volunteers on The Global March Against Child Labour 2007 Campaign](#)

Other Child Abuse Issues

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One story perhaps stands out and that is the allegations of abusive treatment of juveniles in a Zimbabwean school: [For their own good: Hatfield Police station brings to us a special report on child abuse at Hatfield Junior.](#) Harrowing is a word which comes to mind and reminds us of the potential for abuse in situations where authorities turn a blind eye over many years.

We want to establish 'Child Watch' that will keep an eye on the habit of cities and authorities here in Harare and Zimbabwe in general of legislating enforcements against children simply on account of their age. We will be covering positive stories about the benefits of Play and new ventures. Of particular interest will be doing stories reporting on studies done by IOM and others in Zimbabwe on Trafficking and child labour mentioning: [Sporadic play activity as beneficial to child health as continuous bouts of exercise, study suggests](#) This is fascinating as it provides ammunition for those of us who have campaigned over many years about the true value of Play to children and their futures.

Supporting New Hope Foundation Work We're not the sort who continuously badgers you for funds. However, at this time, we will make what will become a half-yearly appeal. We're not a large organization; we have 8 staff that turns their hands to all that is asked of them, backed by working board of trustees. If everyone reading this newsletter could contribute, say, \$100 or £50 per month I can assure you that that would run this organization for four years! I don't expect that but please do help us. What we are doing is unique: a world where all children can be protected and are free to play properly is a world at peace with itself.

Child Protection is one of **New Hope Foundation's** areas of pioneering work. We are now working towards enabling our staff and community Members to participate in the Vetting and Barring Scheme which will add value to the existing Zimbabwe Criminal Records Bureau. The VBS will create a list of people barred from working with children, and it will be mandatory for many employers to consult it before employing staff or volunteers. It will take time to roll out but we plan at least one major training event for our Responsible Officers before the VBS launches to public access by the end of the year.

Online Publications: Recent **New Hope Foundation** site creation and launch by children in the UK gives ways of publicizing our work. We will in the next two or so months be able to put your work on it. We will do this so we can look at those we publish and those from other organizations which we do not feel we need to duplicate. This is because we respect colleague bodies.

Recent Activity. During the past few months we have been conducting a knowledge assessment on Sexual Gender based violence in communities in the country as we have seen this as a major contributor to Serious forms of child labour as it affects Children's Play and Recreation as a proportion of their expenditure on leisure. Overall, we have chosen 50 such communities, and we are at this time about to start collating the results. Keep an eye on our next e-letter! And expect a major release on ideas we want to put forward about preventive and responsive actions for all communities, and how to involve people in securing a change of attitude amongst policy planners and politicians.

Forthcoming Activities and News On the 12th of June we join the World in commemorating the World day against child labour, to be followed by the Day of the African Child and soon after that, we embarking on yet another big activity [A Call to Action on creating a Sexual Gender Based Violence Free zone Before, during and after the 2010 soccer world cup in South Africa on the Zimbabwean side Project](#), this is an exciting project which needs your support, bearing in mind that some South African provinces have proposed starting escort services during the soccer showcase period. Guess who will work for the escort services? You are right, our unsuspecting Zimbabwean girl children and women, what is that? Its (Trafficking) that's IOM's core business ha!, here we see that we have so much in common and need to put our hands and work together.



[NHF Against Gender Based Violence](#)

Change of Organization Leadership

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Pastor Elfás has now stepped down from being New Hope Foundation Chief Executive Officer, instead of going down he moves to the Board as its Chairperson and NHF Founder.

A new post has been created for the new leader of the organization. We now have, **Fortunate Jowa** leading NHF as its National Coordinator administering three activities namely:

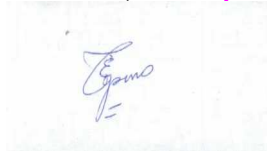
- 1-Basic Education and Training Unit.
- 2-Protection Unit.
- 3- Community Development and Empowerment Unit.

We shall soon inform you on their activities

Thanks for reading this.

Let's Make the World Fit for All our Children.

Good wishes, **New Hope Foundation**



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