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## **ACRONYMS**

**AIDS: Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome**

**HIV: Human Immuno Virus**

**FBHO: Faith Based Humanitarian Organisation**

**FBO: Faith Based Organisation**

**GMIT: Gershom Ministries International Trust**

**GMIC: Gershom Ministries International Church**

**TMAWP: Tanunurwa Madzimai Anhasi Women Project**

**YYP: Yambukai Youth Project**

**AEFO: Adopt, Educate and Feed an Orphan**

**STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection**

**M&E: Monitoring and Evaluation**

**UNDP: United Nations Development Programme**

**NAC: National AIDS Council**

**AREX: Agriculture Research Extension**

**DSO :Department of Social Services**

**DAAC: District AIDS Action Committee**

**DAC: District AIDS Coordinator**

**SCI: Save the Children International**

**MSC: Mukushi Seed Company**

**TI: Tashinga Investments**



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## Executive Summary

Gershom Ministries International Trust (GMIT) is a Faith Based Humanitarian Organisation (FBHO) engaged in non-profit support programs, working in partnership with National AIDs Council, Department of Social Services (DSO), Agriculture Research Extension (AREX) and other non-governmental organisations in its endeavour to enhance livelihoods in Zimbabwe. Since 2000 the Zimbabwean economy has been facing challenges and the poverty gap has widened, thus GMIT saw the need to promote livelihoods support programs in the country as an opportunity of reducing extreme poverty of vulnerable people who are in engaging in nowhere go informal activities. As such GMIT's thrust is to participate in IDA (Increased Development Assistance) as a measure to capacitate vulnerable people in Norton through capacity building programmes aimed at improving household income levels and ensuring that women and the youth make a decent living through sustainable projects in the absence of formal employment in Zimbabwe.

GMIT is seeking equal access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education and healthcare by adopting particularly transparent assisted projects that are supporting the poor to make a decent living. Therefore GMIT is not a stand-alone mission, but through assistance from the donor community and the local community is seeking to change the story of the poor through effective training and the development in Norton. For the Word says, "Faith without works is not acceptable in the eyes of the Lord." Therefore as GMIT we are doing everything possible at our disposal to reduce poverty and the habit of begging by those in abject poverty through projects promotion in and around Norton communities. Through a powerful team of GMIT volunteers we are seeing overwhelming changes and this dream is being propelled by a dedicated team which is displaying expertise in rehabilitating and infusing a renewed mind and heart to the psychologically affected people in Norton. GMIT programs will further encourage capacity building, awareness and peace building in Norton Township and its periphery. The most outstanding projects are the Youth Project-Solar Drying of Perishables called Yambukai involving the drying of local perishables such as mangos and bananas among others and packing them ready for the market. The other project is Tanunurwa Madzimai Anhasi Women Project (TMAWP) specialising in the



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Manufacturing of detergents for resale and is being done by women in Norton. The last project is an AEFO Project which is Adopt Educate and Feed an Orphan. The year 2017 of our Lord and Saviour holds a lot of opportunities and breakthroughs in projects success through God's grace and together we will shine in the Kingdom of God. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. May you continue to find favour in the eyes of God, who is the provider and finisher of life.

**Alex Mukwewa**

**Programme Director**



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## Chapter One

### Background

GMIT is a faith based humanitarian organisation, which was founded by Apostle and Mrs A Mukwewa in 2010 and mainly focuses on charity works. It is registered as a trust, registration 1035/2010, under the trusts Act of Zimbabwe. GMIT's mandate is to enhance livelihoods in the surrounding communities of Norton. In other words, GMIT is a charity offshoot of Gershom Ministries International Church, anchored on faith and charity to reach out to the outcasts in societies. For the Word in 3 John 1 verses 6 "the witnesses of your charity to those in need ....shall do you well in the sight of our Lord ,God and Saviour". GMIT is expanding its charity works from a neighbour's hand-out to an immense Trust operating in Norton Town and its periphery covering 13 wards respectively. In this case Norton Town is situated along the Bulawayo/Harare road, off Kutama road and its periphery has a lot of struggling poorly paid farm workers who are greatly vulnerable to the hunger caused by persistent drought and the failing economy exposing them to HIV and AIDS. Therefore our thrust as GMIT is to extend an olive branch in this part of Mashonaland West Province in Zimbabwe through sourcing donations in cash and kind to promote livelihoods. The mission is motivated by the fact that Norton Town has a staggering 500 732 000 people and has HIV and AIDS prevalence rate of 12.2%. This area owns a very insignificant industry which has not been spared by the current economic situation prevailing in the country. What is only visible is the poor people who are involved in nowhere going informal trading of fish from Lake Chiwero and this scenario has exposed women to HIV and AIDS from marauding fishmongers who seduce them to sex for fish for resale in the endeavour to irk a living. However our statistics show that women and the youth are the most vulnerable needing capacity building programs to become self-reliant though massive training and development.

In this process GMIT has investigated and found out that the cultural- historic pattern has revealed that women and the girl child are regarded as sex objects hence the need for our humanitarian charitable organisation to source funds to create sustainable projects particularly for vulnerable population groups to nip HIV and AIDS in the bud.



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This mission objective have further seen that the gender disparity and formal business regulations have left quite a number of women and the youth vulnerable to the effects of the stressed in Zimbabwe, particularly some periphery of Norton Town. As such these effects have seen a number of youths indulging in criminal activities such as smuggling, prostitution and drug-pushing and at the same time drug addiction exposing them to rape. Therefore since GMIT is a faith based humanitarian organisation, it has taken drastic action by stepping in to help the community of Norton from these vices as an intervention measure of reducing crime, poverty and HIV & AIDS through sustainable projects that seek to empower HIV and AIDS women, youths and the disabled people particularly in the periphery of Norton which is a great intervention measure. This exercise is a noble approach since in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; health living standards are a panacea and essential to wellness of human life. As such HIV/AIDS has affected many families and the economic development in general; hence our humanitarian charitable organisation appreciate by investing in food supply, medicines and financial support as fees and start-up capital to improve livelihoods of the vulnerable people in Norton without any discrimination. Ever since the launch of GMIT, it has gone an extra mile in identifying youths and orphans who need assistance since we cherish them as leaders of tomorrow by mainstreaming them in developmental projects as outlined below. As such we are seeking funding to make an impact on livelihoods anchored on the following **GMIT tenets**;

- **Vision**

A leading, dynamic and reputable humanitarian organisation assisting orphans, vulnerable children, the elderly ,the disabled and women affected and infected by HIV in Norton by 2020 and Mashonaland west by 2025

- **Mission**

To capacity built and empower vulnerable populations, to enhance their physical well-being and development in the area of health, education, infrastructure development, water and sanitation, disaster management and income generating projects.

- **Values**

GMIT shall value the following as pillars of success in its activities

- Accountability
- Integrity



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- Innovation
- Professionalism
- **Objectives**

The objectives of the organisation are;

- To capacity built, youths, orphans, women and other vulnerable groups in project management, proposals, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of income generating, agriculture, social, health, education, economic, infrastructure and community development projects.
- To develop a programme where school fees for orphans and other vulnerable children is raised and paid (provision of basic education).
- To provide nutritious food for orphans, the elderly and other vulnerable groups (food security) including clothing and shelter.
- To empower communities on information dissemination on HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights through advocacy with community leaders
- To reduce the proportion of women and girls who fall victim to gender based violence through education
- To address emergency needs, build resilience and capacity of communities to respond to disasters in vulnerable populations in targeted areas
- **Strategy**
- Sustainable livelihoods and enhancing income generating activities
- **Beneficiaries**
- The primary beneficiaries are orphans and vulnerable children (0-18years), youths (18 - 25years of age), women affected and infected with HIV and AIDS, single parent mothers, the elderly (65 years and above), and the disabled. The secondary beneficiaries are the GMIT staff, volunteers, stakeholders including community leaders
- **Mitigation**
- The vulnerable population will be confined to the Christian Religion against the negative impacts.



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## Chapter two

### Board of Directors

GMIT is a faith based movement and we thank God by providing us with God fearing board members who are ready to deliver the mission and objectives as outlined above in helping transform lives in a Godly manner of the down trodden people to live improved lives and renewed hope in Zimbabwe.

#### Mr Anderson Zaranyika

Mr Zaranyika, our board chairman is aged 63 years old and a banker by profession and has worked in retail Spar Shops for a decade as a buyer. He is our Board Chairperson responsible for steering the organisation to grow. He doubles as a Full Gospel Church Bishop and a counsellor who has managed to assist a number of the under privileged people in Chitungwiza and other areas in Zimbabwe.

#### Mr Alex Mukwewa

Our Apostle, Alex Mukwewa has heeded God's calling to preach the Word of God until to the ends of World, is turning 42 years in a couple of weeks and doubles as the Programs Director, responsible for managing GMIT projects. He is a holder of a Master's Degree in Rural and Urban Planning, a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Politics and Administration and a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning & Management .Before his calling to serve in the Kingdom of God ,his experience is very vast, He once worked as a teacher ,a Customs and Excise officer , a Provincial Administrative officer in Mashonaland East Province of Zimbabwe .His duties were multi-faceted mainly involving the coordination of various government ministries and non -governmental organisations such National AIDs Council. He also worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation officer under the United Nations Development Programme volunteer program who was responsible for developing pilot projects to help Zimbabwe manage a multi-sectorial approach to HIV and AIDS pandemic. Under UNDP support initiatives, he provided technical and specialist services .He also worked as a Programme officer for United Nations volunteering program in the Department of Social Services for the locally led early recovery programs in Hwange District in Zimbabwe.



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## Other Board Members

**Table 1: Board Members**

Name	Designation
Brian Chikombero	Vice Chairman
MasahwaPhiri	Committee Member
Abigail Mukwewa	Committee Member
LovenessMuyemayema	Secretary
Sophia Muyemayema	Treasurer

## Team of Volunteers

### Tinashe Tembo

Tinashe is just 24 years of age and is our GMIT Programs Officer. He is a proud holder of Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Social Work and he once worked as a relief teacher and social worker. His part time posting at Gershom Ministries International Trust (GMIT) as the programs officer has seen him improving the mobilization of resources seeking to improve GMIT projects effectiveness.

Due to the GMIT strides in changing and enhancing livelihoods, we have a team of volunteers who assist in the day to day projects management comprising of:

**Table 2: Volunteers**

Name	Designation	Qualification
NyashaMukombwe	Accounts Clerk	A Level
Tafadzwa Mhende	It Programming	Computer Programming
RutendoMajuru	M and E	Bsc Sociology
WashingtonMwale	Livelihoods Project Officer	BA Development Studies

## Organisation Structure

The programme director is in charge of directing, planning, organising and controlling the entire operations. The entire programme staff will report directly to the programme director who will issue necessary instructions and is the centre of all communications. The



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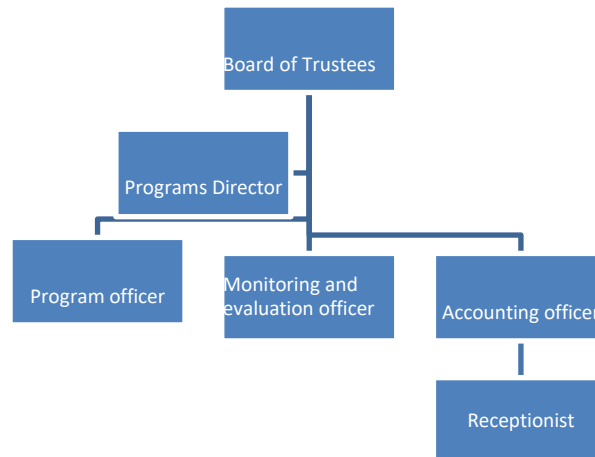
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programme director will report and be accountable to the board of trustee which is headed by the Board Chairman

**Diagram 1: Organ gram**



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## GMIT Thrust

Is to create sustainable livelihoods and our faith based humanitarian organisation has come up with an array of projects which are seeking to address the high school drop outs, cyclical poverty; food insecurity, unemployment and HIV & AIDS prevalence in Norton. These projects are anticipated to increase the household income and basic education emancipation. Our projects are seeking to create and impart knowledge, capacity building and material support to its beneficiaries. GMIT has any array of challenges which are shortages of essential supplies such as equipment and inadequate facilities. As such, our targeted and vulnerable groups end up receiving piecemeal services.

## 2017 GMIT Focui Programme

### 1. Youth Project-Solar Drying of Perishables Initiative

Yambukai 'means as youths we are crossing over to the other side (usually of the river) which is usually a preferred and better side.' Yambukai youth project is involved in capacity building of youths in value addition and marketing of perishable products in Zimbabwe. The project members are involved in the drying of local perishables such as mangos and bananas among others and packing them for ready market. The advantage of this project of drying perishables is preserved in their natural and dry form and would not rot for a period beyond one year.

The group members are in need of packages and housing warehouse for their dried products since dried foods should not be placed in dump and wet areas because they will quickly rot. This is a means of drought hunger intervention since the reserves would have a lot of dried perishables which would be available for consumption during off of season times. This is creating income for youths as dried products would be sold to the public throughout the year. As such we are appealing for funds to assist 250 youths in Norton since currently they are drying vegetables such as nyevhe, mushroom, muboora, meat and covo using plastics, such as paper bags and their products are prone to dust rendering them to be of poor quality and unattractive to customers, although they are nutritious to health and body building in their



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natural form. Therefore for this dream to be effective, drying of perishables will be done at a larger scale to create employment for the youths. Therefore our budget is as follows;

**Table 3: Budget for solar drying project**

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit cost(\$)	Total cost(\$)
Solar Dryer Materials	solar panel power	12(250)	250.00	3000.00
	copper heating tubes	1x12mm(12m)	50	50.00
	metal box	3x1.5(5m) galvanised	100	300.00
	p.c pipes	10x12mm(10m)	5	50.00
	dc fan	1(BHP)	1000.00	1000.00
	battery bank	2x(200Ah)	2502	500.00
	charger controller	1(15Ah)	40.00	40.00
	epoxyl vinyl steel	1x12mm(10m)	200.00	200.00
	themal mass material	1.5(5m)	75.00	75.00
	vibrator fuse	1x1.4x4m(5.6 )	45.00	45.00
	angle irons	4x6m	12.00	48.00
	gate valve	1xtemperature valve	200	200.00
	air waves	2x(200m x3)	150	300.00
	Bottles	46x(1.48x3)		400.00
	Packages	200	2.50	500
	Labels	200	0.50	100
	Premicy	200	0.50	100
Sensitisation Meeting	Lunch	250	2.00	500.00
	Venue	1	50.00	50.00
	Busfare	250	2.00	500.00
	Fuel	40litres	1.16	46.4
Training Workstop	Breakfast	40pple	5.00x5days	1000.00
	Lunch	40pple	5.00(x5 days)	1000.00
	Bus fares	40pple	3.00(x5 days)	1000.00
	Fuel	40litres	1.16	46.4
	Venue	100	5.00	500.00
IEC material	T shirts	300	8.00	2400.00
	Pamphlets	300	2.50	750.00
	Flyers	1000	0.50	500.00
	Hats	300	6.00	1800.00
M& E visits	Fuel	180 litres	1.16	208.80
	Field allowances	9 visits	10.00(x2pple)	180.00
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>13739.60</b>



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## 2. The Women Project (WP) Manufacturing of Detergents for Resale Initiative

Tanunurwa Madzinai Anhasi (TMA) 'means women of today we have been rescued from our trouble.' The Tanunurwa Madzimai Anhasi(TMA) project is based in Norton and specialised in the manufacturing of detergents .It's a noble project of 100 vulnerable women in Norton who are making detergents for resale such as toilet dip, cobra, soap, engine cleaner, thinners and other related range of detergents for resale in Norton and other areas in Zimbabwe. But there noticeable major challenge is capital injection. The project is being run by 60 HIV and AIDs, 30 widows and 10single mothers. They are seeking a budget as outlined below to grow their project which is as follows;

**Table 4: Budget for Detergent Manufacturing Project**

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost(\$)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>Dish Wash</b>	cleaning utensils home and industrial	1000l	15.50/20litres	875.00
<b>Toilet Cleaner</b>	Industrial +home	1000l	15.50/20litres	875.00
<b>Sanitizer</b>	Industrial +home	1000l	6.00/3ltrs	500.00
<b>Dip+Cobra</b>	Industrial +home	2000l	2/3litres	766.00
<b>Sensitisation Meeting</b>	Lunch	150	2.00	300.00
	Venue	1	50.00	50.00
	Busfare	150	2.00	300.00
	Fuel	20litres	1.16	
<b>Training Workshop</b>	Breakfast	20pple	5.00x3days	300.00
	Lunch	20pple	5.00(x3 days)	300.00
	Bus fares	20pple	3.00(x3 days)	300.00
	Fuel	20litres	1.16	23.20
	Venue	100	3.00	300.00
<b>IEC material</b>	T shirts	120	8.00	960.00
	Pamphlets	120	2.50	300.00
	Flyers	500	0.50	250.00
	Hats	120	6.00	720.00
<b>M&amp; E visits</b>	Fuel	180 litres	1.16	208.80
	Field allowances	9 visits	10.00(x2pple)	180.00
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>7508.00</b>



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## 3. AEFO Project Initiative

The project is **Adopt, Educate and Feed an Orphan**. Our organisation believes in that every child is entitled to education, food, good health and is a constitutional obligation for every child to be accorded a chance to receive the same without strings attached and we would like to see particularly the orphans going to school to indeed shape their future. Our thrust in **Education** is therefore every disadvantaged child has;

- Payment of school levies and provision of school uniforms
- Strong partnership with relevant government departments
- An adult caregiver support to child headed households and shelter renovation
- Provision of clothing and food and ensuring the child is protected against abuse, exploitation and neglect.
- Awareness about child rights and ensuring that no child within the community suffers from neglect and abuse.

The socio-economic problems faced by most extended families in Norton is resulting in failure to pay school fees, particularly for the orphaned children and girl child as they end up being exposed to rape, labour and early marriages thereby affecting their wellbeing-ness, and robbing of their bright future. Subsequently, this has led to school dropouts putting the future life of disadvantaged children into a doomed future of anti-social behaviours notably transactional sex, drug abuse and early marriages and the exposure to HIV/AIDS. However, the Government of Zimbabwe has developed the 6 tier system seeking to protect every child, but what is being practised is the opposite in Zimbabwean societies as many extended families are failing to meet children's needs. As such the following is a current list of some of the OVCs in need of school fees, uniforms and food assistance in Norton. However as GMIT, we are there to complement this government mandate by ensuring that the disadvantaged children are sent back to school through sourcing fees, uniforms and food hampers from well-wishers, as this is a positive step towards the country's sustainable development since education transnationally is a vital ingredient to human capital development.



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**Table 5: Some of the orphans and vulnerable children who need assistance.**

Vulnerable Child	Sex	Grade	Status	The need
Adijah Ajabu	M	6	O/F	School fees/uniform
James Gwaze	M	3	O/M	School fees/uniform
Stencia Majari	F	1	O/F	School fees/uniform
Blessing Chapo	F	1	O/M	School fees/uniform
Lucia Mwale	F	6	O/F	School fees/uniform
Tinashe Mukucha	M	5	M&F	School fees/uniform
Devine Kativhu	M	5	M&F	School fees/uniform
Munyaradzi Mutosa	M	1	O/M	School fees/uniform
Tafadzwa Phiri	M	1	O/M	School fees/uniform
Emely Chinzvura	F	3	O/F	School fees/uniform
Assan Henry	M	5	O/M	School fees/uniform
Lucia Mudhabuko	F	3	O/M	School fees/uniform
Thabelishe Dehwa	F	4	M&F	School fees/uniform
Maline Gwari	F	1	O/M	School fees/uniform
RopafadzoKatibura	F	3	O/F	School fees/uniform
Memory Chikava	F	1	M&F	School fees/uniform
Chipo Maponya	F	1	O/F	School fees/uniform
Judah Mike	M	2	M&F	School fees/uniform
Charity Musevenzi	M	2	M&F	School fees/uniform
Moreblessing Chinamba	F	5	O/M	School fees/uniform

Key: OF-Surviving parent is female

OM-Surviving parent is Male

M&F- Both parents are alive

O-Both parents are a dead

Therefore the current number of children seeking school fees, uniform and food funding in our data base is totalling 50, and the budget is as follows



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**Table 6: Budget for the Adopt, Educate and Feed an Orphan Project**

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>School Fees</b>	Primary level	35(3terms)(7yrs)	30	22050
	Secondary(day)	10(3terms)(6yrs)	80	14400
	Secondary(boarder)	5 (3terms)(6yrs)	500	45000
<b>Sensitisation meeting</b>	Lunch	80	2.00	160.00
	Venue	1	50.00	50.00
	Busfare	80	2.00	160.00
	Fuel	20litres	1.16	
<b>Training Workshop</b>	Breakfast	20pple	5.00x3days	300.00
	Lunch	20pple	5.00(x3 days)	300.00
	Bus fares	20pple	3.00(x3 days)	180.00
	Fuel	20litres	1.16	23.20
	Venue	100	3.00	300.00
	T shirts	80	8.00	640.00
<b>IEC material</b>	Pamphlets	80	2.50	200.00
	Flyers	200	0.50	100.00
	Hats	80	6.00	480.00
	Fuel	180 litres	1.16	208.80
<b>M&amp; E visits</b>	Field allowances	9 visits	10.00(x2pple)	180.00
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>84732.00</b>

## Programmes life cycle

The project life cycle is 2years 4 months (28 months) and final evaluation should be carried out for possible scale up and expansion of programme into other districts and provinces depending on the availability of funding and donor support. The project phases are as follows:

Phase 1 (3mths)	Phase 2 (3mths)	Phase 3(15mths)	Phase 4(3mths)
Concept	Specify objectives	Design/implementation	Post Completion
Sensitisation& marketing	Set targets	Design reviews	Post Mortem Analysis
Baseline survey	Set quality assurance	Assessment Reports	Final M&E reports
	Procedures	Revise cost and	
	Establish Project Organisation	performance target	



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## Administration

In order for us to run smoothly the day to day activities of the organisation there is need to ensure that 10% of the total programs cost is taken into account for administrative costs. These costs include telephone bills internet, stationery among other things and the budget is outlined below

**Table 7: Administrative Budget**

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost(\$)	Total Cost(\$)
Stationery	Box file	15	3.00	45.00
	Punchers	1	5.00	5.00
	Staples	2	5.00	5.00
	Bond paper	20	5.00	100.00
	Ball point pens	2	7.00	14.00
	Pencils	1	5.00	5.00
	Dairies	15	5.00	60.00
	Cash box	1	25.00	25.00
Bills	Electricity	28	26.70	747.60
	Water	28	10.00	280.00
	Rentals	28	100.00	2800.00
	Telephone	28	12.00	336.00
	Internet	28	13.00	364.00
	Bank charges	28	5.00	140.00
	Post office	28	3 .50	98.00
Incentives	Volunteer allowances	28	135.82	3802.96
Office equipment	Laptop	2	500.00	1000.00
	Printer	2	110.00	220.00
	Video camera	1	150.00	150.00
Consultation	Fees	1	400	400.00
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>10596.6</b>



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## Possible Risks

The programmes face possible risks of inflation currently affecting the economy of Zimbabwe. The other risk is the failure to incentivise volunteer there by killing the moral in their camp. This can be addressed by giving them a token of appreciation of the great work they are doing through monthly allowances.

**Table 8: Summary of Programmes Costs**

Name of Project	Cost(US \$)
Yambukai Youth Project(YYP)	13 739.60
Tanunurwa Madzimai Anhasi Project(TMAP)	7508.00
Adopt and Educate and Orphan Project	82 732.00
<b>Total cost projects</b>	<b>105 979.6</b>
Administrative costs(10% of total projects budget)	10 596.60
<b>Total Programmes Cost</b>	<b>116 576.2</b>

## Community contributions and Programme sustainability

The community is expected to contribute in a greater way through local participation in decision making in the whole project cycle. The community is also expected to contribute in the form of labour where necessary as and when needed to reduce on other costs. Programme sustainability is achieved through participation and involvement of the community decision making processes including setting up of local structures that support the programme.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation department will develop and implement data collection tools, assess instruments, develop data base system and conduct routine monitoring. The main focus will be on data collection analysis, verification and reporting for decision making purposes.



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## Chapter Four

### Programme Achievements

#### Programme Outreach and Child Protection

During one of GMIT's annual outreach programs, we came across several burdened headed families. Many of them lack food and proper shelter. For example the breadwinner in the Phiri family was terminally ill and the eldest child at 12 years was looking after the father and other siblings through getting part time jobs around the community, as their mother passed on five years ago by succumbing to HIV and AIDS. As such due to their father's failing health and the inability to cater for his children's basic needs, both girls lured by food got RAPED and one got pregnant (all their cases are currently being pursued by the relevant authorities). The older child who is a male only went up to grade 7, he is unskilled and unemployed. Unfortunately on the 28th of June 2014 their father passed on and indeed eventually they came to our rescue and fortunately our field team is assisting through psycho social support and counselling.

During the same outreach program we came across an eleven year Patient Chikwanha who was forcibly married to a young man in his late twenties. Our team tried to offer psychological support to these two to separate and they in the midst of the night vanished, though both cases have been reported to the police and social welfare department. From this scenario, we see that some of the disadvantaged children below the age of 18 are forced into early marriages and sexual encounters with persons of older age who infect them with STIs and HIV when there is no one to look after them properly.

These people end up in;

**1** - Prostitution and ritualism -due to the financial difficulties faced by families within such a society of less privileged children causing them to either get pregnant or contract sexually transmitted viruses and diseases

**2** – The other half of the same age group (10-17) are forced into ritual intercourse with men under the pretext that having intercourse with minors undo spiritual curses.

**Note:** As GMIT round the clock, we have taken it upon ourselves to inform, educate and assist vulnerable children and women and we have obtained help from well-wishers such as



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Miss Carnival Zimbabwe 2014, churches, business people and local leaders. We went further to protect affected children and we sought legal assistance for rape victims through the ministry of home affairs and other parallel organisations to make sure they gain community support and improve their lives.

During GMIT outreach programmes, our team came across Mrs Mukandavire who is currently in her early 60's caring for over 6 grandchildren who were left by their parents who succumbed to AIDS. In the door to door outreach we met many single mothers who were into prostitution, forcing them to leave their children with grandparents. So we have taken it upon our teamwork to assist these children and single mothers by doing project such as detergent manufacturing, to turn a new leaf into their life through self-reliance projects. However due to a lack of funding we are doing it at a small scale and we would want the donor community to assist our projects to come to fruition, as a measure to sustain livelihoods.



*Left:* Far left Miss Carnival Zimbabwe 2014 extended her role by visiting GMIT centre

*Right:* Tambudzai Phiri during pregnancy and her born child, Tariro.



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*Left: Patricia Chikwanha who was married at the age of 11 years by a 22 year old man*  
*Right: Patricia Chikwanha & her mother at our offices*



*Left: Program Director & Answer who is orphaned and staying at Mrs Mukandawire's homestead.*

*Right: Program Director, Answer and Patricia Mukandawire who dropped school due to lack of school fees.*

Patricia Mukandawire standing close to the Program Director in this capture failed to continue with her secondary education due lack of funding and she has been spending most of her time loitering ending up being lured into prostitution. Our organisation has found it necessary to make her join the detergent manufacturing project. And she is playing a pivotal role in teaching others on how to manufacture, pack and resale to end users. Ever since joining the women project her life has changed tremendously.



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## Distribution of Blankets

### Beneficiaries of Blankets Donated by Tashinga Investments (TI)

GMIT distributed blankets it received from a local company Tashinga Investments for distribution to the disadvantaged children in the first quarter of 2016. The beneficiaries were recommended by the local community and were as follows in the Table below;

**Table 9: Beneficiaries of Blankets**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</u>
TATENDA PHIRI	12	F	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
TARIRO PHIRI	3 MONTHS	F	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
MONICA PHIRI	12	F	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
JULIAN MUKANDAWIRE	10	F	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
BRIGHTON PHIRI	18	M	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
TINOTENDA MBEWE	7	M	3057 KATANGA NORTON
VIMBAI MUKWIRIMBA	11	F	4280 CABS NORTON
ISRAEL MAKUYANA	15	M	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
NOREST TEMBO	16	F	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
ASANI HENRY	13	M	KAWANZARUVA PRIMARY SCHOOL ZVINAVASHE FARM
FORTUNE MUFANDEDZA	12	M	2190 KATANGA NORTON
STALLINE MUYANIKE	11	M	2434 MARIDALE NORTON



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*Left : Tashinga Investments Director handing over a blanket to an orphan. Next to her in orange and white dress is her assistant and Mrs Mukwewa by the bag.*

*Right : Tashinga Director with beneficiaries of blankets.*

## Distribution of Seed Maize from Mukushi Seed Company

A total of 40 bags of 5kg maize seed received from Mukushi Seed Company (MSC) were distributed to the elderly in conjunction with National Aids Council and the Department of Social Welfare in the last quarter of 2016. Some of the bags were distributed to the disadvantaged at Gershon Ministries International church (GMIC) and the other bags were given to NAC for distribution to the elderly. Below is a list of below, the elderly and HIV and AIDS people benefited the exercise.

**Table 10: Beneficiaries of distributed maize seed**

NAME	I.D NUMBER	ADDRES S	WARD	VULNERABILITY CATEGORY
FOREMANE BIKILIMONI		N 73	6	ELDERLY
S TARAKINO	63-413697-F71	K 1983	7	ELDERLY
M NEMUCESO	42-031005T-42	K 173	7	ELDERLY
K. TINARWO	75-065850P-15	N 300	5	ELDERLY
C MUSHAYANDEBVU	63-414135G-35	N 227	5	ELDERLY
E RANJISI		N 223	5	ELDERLY
NOWA MARITINA		H 52	8	ELDERLY
MAKONI LAMEKI	42-072218L-42	N 301	5	ELDERLY
MWALE RE DAH	32-008519S-32	H 46	8	ELDERLY
MLECHE KAMPAMA	32-050966F-32	N 7	6	ELDERLY
ANNAH TMUZUNI	63-636392Q-63	K 833	8	ELDERLY
LILIAN KUPARA	32-055802M-15	K 129	7	ELDERLY
MUJONGODI ANNAH	63-344147H-70	K 379	7	ELDERLY



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NARE ENNIE	32-051111N-02	K 929	8	ELDERLY
MBAMA JESSIE	32-051052L-38	N 307	6	ELDERLY
MAKONA KETINA	32-008504B-61	N 27	6	ELDERLY
MUGUTO STELLA	63-114357L-07	H 25	8	ELDERLY
NGAPAWA CECILIA	32-048121N-48	N 3731	6	ELDERLY
VIRGINIA GONERA	08-438288B-22	5704	7	ELDERLY
VIRGINIA TAUSA			NAC	DEMONSTRATION



*Both pictures: show the elderly who received maize seed. Left picture in yellow is the T shirt is the District AIDS Coordinator (DAC) for Norton Mrs Tausa.*

## Networking and Coalition

GMIT networks and collaborates with other humanitarian and developmental organisations.

The objectives for networking and coalition is

- To provide a unique platform for learning, sharing and exchanging
- To evaluate the program's effort in quality and scale up programming for sustainability
- To create market linkages and value chain in government and civil society linkages
- Share experiences and success in programmes
- Bridge the gap between civil society, government and beneficiaries

Through networking, GMIT has managed to develop a child protection policy with the assistance from Save the Children International (SCI). We have also benefited from a number of workshops held by Zimbabwe National Council for Welfare of Children (ZNCWC) on child rights and protection. At district level we are a stakeholder in the District AIDS Action Committee (DAAC).



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## Challenges

As a private and dedicated organisation whose main aim is directed at the less privileged and voiceless communities we are facing the following challenges:

- Low scale operating capacity and lack of adequate equipment
- Lack of adequate and reliable transport to access remote areas, and finance backup
- Lack of technical staff and Lack of land to enable smooth operations as rentals are far reaching.

## Conclusion

Given the GMIT thrust, Norton Township will never be same as an array of projects which have been put in place and if full funding is availed the high school drop outs, cyclical poverty; food insecurity, unemployment and HIV & AIDS will be surely addressed in support of local authority, NAC, AREX and other supporting organisation. The household income of Norton and its periphery will basically improve.



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**WE CAN NOT DO IT ALONE**

**WE NEED GOD**

**WE NEED GOOD PEOPLE**

**SIYABONGA!!!!!!!!!!**

**MAZVITA!!!!!!!!**

**GOD BLESS YOU**



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## TESTIMONIES OF SOME OF OUR BENEFICIARIES

“My name is **Munyaradzi Mutosa**. I am six years old and doing grade one yellow. When I grow up I want to be a pilot, Thank you GMIT I am no longer an orphan one”.

“I am doing grade 6 and my name is **Lucia Mwale**. Thank you GMIT for giving me uniforms and school fees in advance and when I grow up I want to be a teacher”.

An elderly 74years, **Virginia Gonera** is happy and thankful to God and GMIT aka GAMITI as she is fond of our organisation and she ran out of words for the continuous provision of food ,blankets and maize seed.(May God increase you abundantly for ever and ever).

**Nomatter Sululu** is a woman aged 35 years and is a living testimony of a recipient of cobra making and she now sells in and around Norton. She is thanking GMIT for the provision of a starter pack of cobra making and she is providing for her family.

**Getrude Mukandawire** is one of an HIV & AIDS Widower now aged 65.He is thanking GMIT for the provision of blankets .He is happy that God has come to give him more years through GMIT to see his grand and great children grow. May God continue to use Apostle Mukwewa to give us food in these bad and trying times in Zimbabwe.



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