



# QUARTELY NEWSLETTER



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Overcoming barriers, creating futures...



## CELEBRATING MILESTONES



The year 2025 marks a significant milestone for us, as February 2025 marks a year since our inception. Through our work, we have made a positive impact in our beneficiaries' lives and their communities. We are truly grateful for unwavering support, it has been instrumental in achieving these milestones!

It is our mission to, create environments where orphans not only access their immediate needs but also develop the necessary skills and mindsets to navigate real-world complexities with confidence as they transition into adulthood. We are therefore excited that twenty of our beneficiaries have now started identifying our area of operation as a safe space. The project is acting as a catalyst in creating positive outcomes in the community we work in. This is because our beneficiaries have developed skills and knowledge in reading and writing; first aid; and information technology. Since the project is being carried out in a rural community where opportunities are often limited, a larger population of the adult members of the community have had limited opportunity to explore any of the aforementioned areas. Our beneficiaries, on the other hand, have gained skills and knowledge in all these areas, so when they share their knowledge at home with their guardians/parents and the community, they are being listened to. This is happening in a community where young people are not often listened to. We believe that, this means in the future, our beneficiaries and other young people will come up with innovative solutions to problems faced in the community, and these will be welcomed. The program's benefits are visible and tangible to the community therefore, it has created room for collaboration and support.



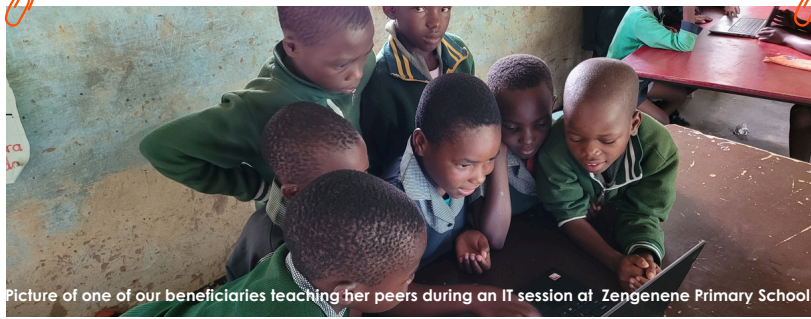
Picture of beneficiaries playing games during a play-break



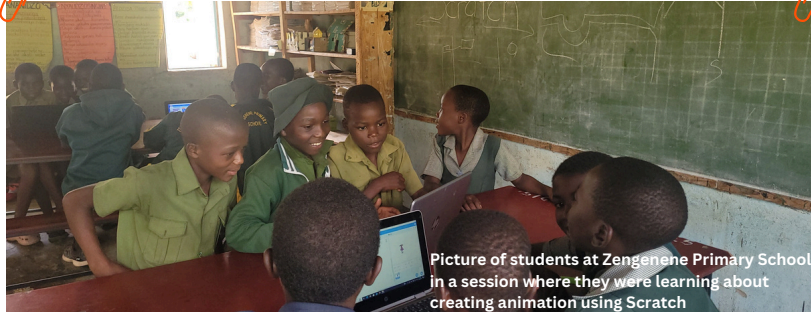
Picture of one of the teachers at Zengenene Primary co-facilitating an IT session at the school



Picture of beneficiaries displaying their flower-pots made from clay



Picture of one of our beneficiaries teaching her peers during an IT session at Zengenene Primary School



Picture of students at Zengenene Primary School in a session where they were learning about creating animation using Scratch



Picture of the project coordinator facilitating one of the sessions at Zengenene Primary School

## INTEGRATION

Our beneficiaries attitude towards education has shifted and they are now eager

to learn and to apply their learnings in their day-to-day lives. Therefore, it came as no surprise when schools re-opened after the implementation of the information technology (IT) camp in December 2024, that six of our beneficiaries took the opportunity to organize small groups in their classes where they shared the knowledge and skills gained during the themed camp.

Thus, the knowledge and program benefits began to extend beyond our beneficiaries. This prompted us to enter into an agreement with the local school, to impart IT skills and knowledge to other children who were not involved in the Overcoming Barriers project. We have been carrying out these sessions on a weekly basis and 250 children from Zengenene Primary School have benefitted from them.

This platform has empowered our beneficiaries to lead activities and has ensured that they are not looked down upon by their peers. A larger audience is now aware that our beneficiaries are not in any way limited. Our beneficiaries are becoming integrated into the community through their peers.

## LANGUAGE THEMED CAMP



The language themed camp

is an on-going project activity whose end date will come after the series of nine-themed camps under the Overcoming Barriers project have all been successfully implemented in the year 2027. Therefore, we continue to meet with our beneficiaries to impart reading and writing skills.

While some of our beneficiaries are still mastering sound-letter relationships, awareness, and word building, others have moved to a stage where they are building on their vocabulary and comprehension skills through reading books. Our overall goal with this camp is that our beneficiaries will have improved communication, comprehension, and presentation skills.



Picture of one of our facilitators assessing the reading skills of one of our beneficiaries.



Picture of our beneficiaries during the sessions

## WHAT COMES NEXT?

- Implementing the plant germination themed camp in April 2025.
- Carrying out psychosocial support activities.
- Continuation of our language themed camp.
- Construction of shelter for our beneficiaries.

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Products from our psychosocial support through art sessions