

**PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR PIG PROJECT: Tigwirizane HIV/AIDS support group**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Kamtande is one of the rural villages in Malawi Dedza -district with low socio-economic indicators, poor living conditions and high infection rates of HIV/Aids. The village like the rest in the world is on the verge of collapse due to the big problem of HIV/Aids. This has resulted in a big number of orphans, widows, elderly people, child-headed homes and those with signs of full blown HIV/Aids. Such children have had to drop from school to look after their siblings! Such children lack decent shelter, food, medical- care, clothing, school fees, water; firewood and definitely lack a source of income!

The number of adults and children with full blown HIV/Aids is on the increase and there are many elderly people now because majority in the age bracket of (20-55) years have passed away!

This therefore calls for urgent attention to redeem the Village. This intervention needs teamwork of all stakeholders both within the Village and outside Malawi in order to overcome the long-term effects of the scourge and reverse the trend.

In trying to reverse the problem the people who are infected have formed a support group called Tigwirizane support group where they share some psychological and social problems. However, this has failed to address all the challenges that the people face.

The support group is therefore, asking for socio-economic support to the infected members and their guardians/community members so as to have a better of life and improved standards of education for their children.

The support group is requesting for 20 pigs from your foundation to be distributed to the 20 members of the support group from the three villages.

The estimated budget is **MWK 1,000,000.00** this will cater for purchasing of the pigs, drugs, and transportation of the pigs, trainings and supervision of the project.

**Description of the area**

Kantande is situated west of Dedza District, at a distance of 4km from Bembeke Trading Centre and 12km from Dedza town. The area is surrounded by four villages with a population of more than 500 households.

**Local contribution**

The support group will be able to provide the following poles, bricks, plastic sheets grass for thatching pig houses and labour.

Required resources: the support group will require the following 20 pigs and at K22, 000.00 each, drugs, and training.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

HIV/AIDS victims face a lot of challenges. Lack of basic needs and poor health is one of the problems. Since most of the people are on Ant Retroviral Drugs there is need to take enough food which is not very easy for the victims due to their health and this project intends to address that.

This problem of poor health has contributed:

- Low crop production
- increased number of school dropouts (children are not eating all meals necessary)
- frequent absenteeism of workers as they do not have the energy to work
- high mortality rate

We feel that it is important that this problem should be addressed as soon as possible because the results of this problem will cause:

- an increase in death due to malnutrition
- Low development and poor economy due to frequent absenteeism of workers
- Dependency due to begging

**The strategic objective and its activities**

**Goal:** All members of the support group have sufficient food supply throughout the year, basic needs and improved health.

This project will address the following Specific objective and activities:

**Specific Objective:** To impart pig management skills and supply pigs to the identified families (members of the support group)

**Activities 1:** Purchase of 20 pigs

**Activities 2:** Three days training on pig farming in kantande

**Activities 3:** supervising pig houses for the beneficiaries of the pig project

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

The people will form a drug revolving fund committee to make sure that they buy drugs for pigs from time to time when need arise.