



## CIVACTS COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Councillors are elected to represent local communities on municipal councils. Fulfilling this role councillors must be accountable to local communities and report back to constituencies on council matters. CIVACTS program is an initiative that seeks to amplify the voices of citizens on service delivery challenges and co-create solutions.



## LEAVE NO YOUTH BEHIND VOTER MOBILISATION (CHITUNGWIZA)

Many young people aren't just motivated to participate in national processes; they feel prepared to do so. NAYO has launched a non-partisan voter mobilization and civic education initiative for young voters from across the country. The Leave No Youth Behind project has managed to mobilize and register hundreds of youth in different provinces.



## PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S AND YOUTH CONSTITUTIONAL HUBS (HARARE PROVINCE)

Constitutional issues impact our lives everyday. Everyone has basic rights under the Zimbabwean Constitution and civil laws. To bridge the widening communication gap between youth and parliament NAYO had a constitutional awareness in Chitungwiza where a set of rights were addressed and explained so that youth and women understand the constitution



## COMMUNITY DIALOGUES IN CHITUNGWIZA

Councillors are democratically elected by the residents and ratepayers of the municipality. Once elected, they are responsible for reviewing matters and debating issues before their council. NAYO managed to conduct community dialogues in Zengeza East, Zengeza West, and Seke where Councillors held update meetings with residents. Concerned youths and women attended the meetings in their large numbers with full gender representation of both males and females considered.

The initiative is being carried out at a time where the country is facing the new COVID-19 Omicron wave. Social interactions have not been banned and this has allowed the full interaction of residents to discuss openly under a physical set up. The youth remain adamant and vigilant in attending and engaging in dialogues with the respected local authorities as action and full collaboration is needed in order to pave way for development in the community.

The community of Chitungwiza faces several challenges including: poor roads, abuse of young women and girls at water points and shortage of water in all 25 wards. Residents have taken up

these issues to be serious concern in need of urgent attention from both local and national level.

Residents have of late blamed poor service delivery on the council with emphasis being put on corruption as being the lead cause of failure to deliver services to residents. "Council officers have turned to corruption for survival, demanding bribes to collect refuse and repair leaking or broken sewer lines." States Zengeza West resident. Another concerned resident submitted that, "It is worrisome that we continue to pay rates while service delivery is declining. Zengeza West Council is failing to meet it's mandate on service delivery."

Refuse collection has been affected due to lack of adequate refuse collection vehicles. Council has purchased two refuse trucks which have not started working due to insufficient fuel funds. Residents are also demanding their own source of water and other service delivery needs.

Ward 23 councillor Dingu responded to claims that council doesn't address service delivery issues in Chitungwiza clearly articulating how the council operates. He called for people to continue contributing to council operations and acknowledged the challenges being faced.

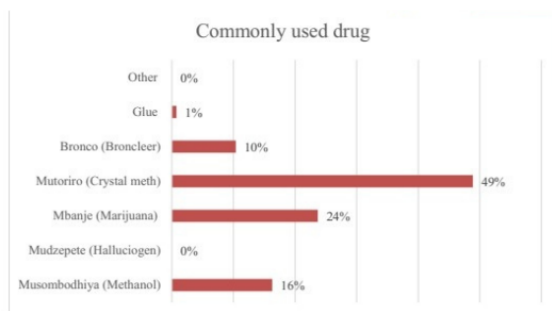






## NAYO CFA, TSITSI MASHIRI DELIVERING A SURVEY ON DRUG ABUSE

Directly or indirectly, every community is affected by drug abuse and addiction. Drugs take a tremendous toll on our society at many levels. The health situation of youth and young women in Chitungwiza is sad and disheartening considering their engagement into drug abuse which has become a societal problem. It is worrisome to note that little is being done in terms of interventions to reduce drug and substance abuse among young people in Chitungwiza.



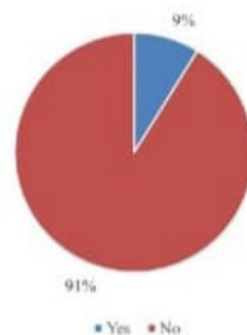
### Ease of acquiring drugs

Ease of acquiring drugs	Frequency	%
Very easy	96	72%
Somewhat easy	32	24%
Somewhat difficult	6	4%
Very difficult	0	0%

### Is enough being done to deal with people selling drugs?

Is enough being done to deal with people selling drugs?	Frequency	%
Yes	12	9%
No	123	91%

### Is enough being done to deal with drug dealers



### Community's biggest concern

Biggest concern	Frequency	%
Increased crime	77	57%
Gender based violence	27	20%
Increased suicide rates	15	11%
Other	16	12%



## LEAVE NO YOUTH BEHIND CAMPAIGN

The LeaveNoYouthBehind2023 Campaign, a non-partisan campaign which brings together all political divides and which is driven by the Youth and inspired by the quest for universal suffrage. The campaign seeks to improve the participation of Youth in the election cycle leading to the 2023 Harmonized Elections by complementing the efforts of the Zimbabwe Election Commission (ZEC) through five pillars: supporting efforts at civic education (Go Educate); to mobilize citizens for registration (Go Mobilize; Go Register) highlighting the importance of universal suffrage (Go Vote) and fostering civic engagement between Youth and elected leaders (Go Demand).

During the 1st phase of the biometric voter registration blitz, the campaign has managed to Register hundreds of youths across the country through the multiplier effect as the coordinators continue to spread the word of registering to vote to young people.

The initiative has largely contributed to improve the capacity and capabilities of youth to engage in political and electoral processes. In February, the campaign had a Twitter space dialogue and a radio interview which were encouraging young people to

be part of the electoral and political process.



**YOUNG ADULTS FROM THE HUB EFFECTIVELY MOBILISING THEIR PEERS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AS WELL AS PROVIDING THEM WITH CIVIC KNOWLEDGE**







## VOTER MOBILISATION SCENES IN CHITUNGWIZA: YOUNG PEOPLE ARE READY TO MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD

Youth in Chitungwiza said they are more enthusiastic than usual about voting; as the incredible number was energized and motivated to register to vote.

A lot of youths were not aware of how to register to vote while others did not have national identity documents threatening them from exercising their democratic right ahead of the country's upcoming by-elections and national elections scheduled for next year.

Meanwhile the second phase of mobile voter registration blitz is expected to run from 11 April to 30 April this year. The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) has set up mobile registration centres in areas where there are no permanent ZEC offices, and the mobile voter registration blitz will be conducted at 2 700 mobile registration centres.

Although time is running out to both register to vote and to educate young people on the importance of youth participation in national processes, it's



definitely not too late to do either. Young people are the backbone of a society and their participation in all aspects of society is important. We encourage more and more youth to register to vote and turn out in numbers in March 26's national by-elections.



## Provincial Women's and Youth Constitutional Hubs (Harare Province)

At the heart of the Zimbabwean society is the constitution and for our societies to thrive, every youth must understand the constitution. We can do and achieve more when we invest in peer to peer education within the youth. Through our Constitutional Hubs, youth are building literacy on the supreme law.

NAYO had a constitutional awareness in Chitungwiza where a set of rights were addressed and explained so that youth and women understand the constitution. The Hub looked at the basic and fundamental sections which included section 7, 19, 20, 26, 27, 67, 118 and 119.

There is big communication gap between youth, parliament and council. Some young people in Chitungwiza do not know their local representatives as they only show up during election campaigns. Youth become empowered by their participation in the institutions and decisions that affect their lives which in turn can lead to real positive change in the community. Their opinions shouldn't be dismissed out of hand on the grounds of age.





## Focus group discussions and constitutional presentations in Harare

NAYO also conducted a constitutional rally where a set of rights were addressed and explained so that youths, young women, and the public can understand the constitution. The online constitutional rally looked at the right to safe, clean, and portable water, sufficient food (Section (77) and section 75 which stipulates the importance of basic adult education. The twitter rally also discussed section 67 (Political Rights) which is quite important considering that we are heading towards election.



**KNOW THE BILL OF RIGHTS**

**RIGHT TO FOOD AND WATER**

**According to "Section 77"**

**Every person has a right to:  
'safe, clean and portable water'; and  
'sufficient food'**

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