

FUNDING

We are thankful for any support to enable the smooth running of our programs totally depending on donations. We would welcome any support in cash or kind of toys, clothes, blankets/food, special equipment for children especially wheelchairs.



WHO CAN JOIN

Any parent of a child/young adult living with a disability or any interested person or organization. Please contact our offices if you would like to join or give a donation.

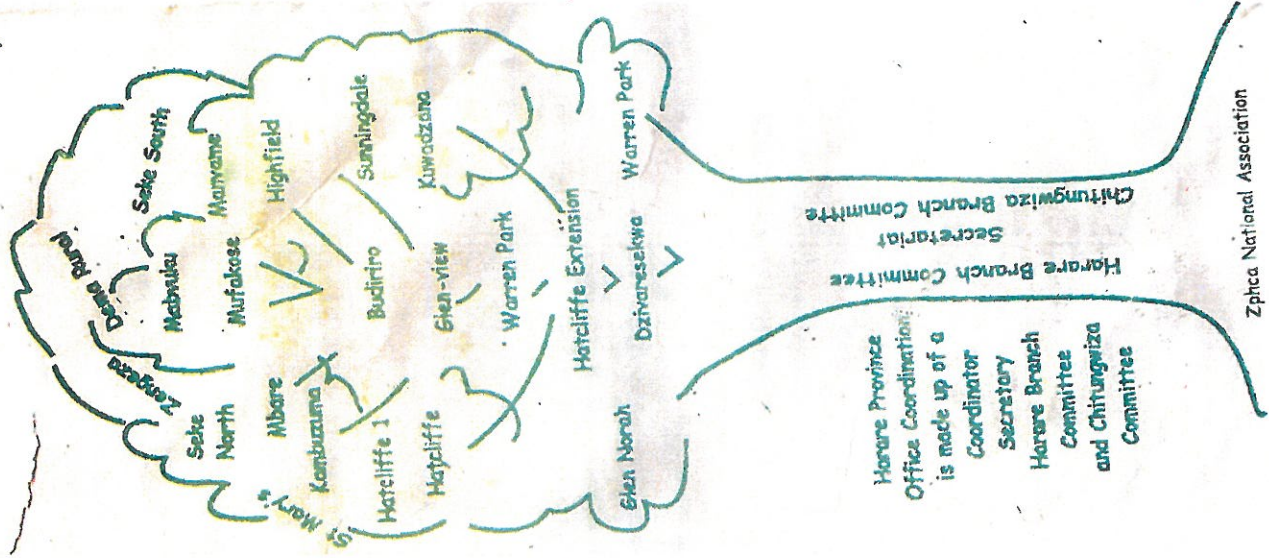


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HISTORY

The Harare group is the largest and it started operating in 1992. It has a growing base of 23 support groups. Since its inception, the Harare province has been actively involved in advocacy and lobbying for the rights of children with disabilities and the rights of women in the areas of health, education, housing, property and land, dignity and recognition in society. The Harare Province was started through parents meeting at outreach points run by Harare Hospitals Children's Unit. The formation of support groups for parents of children with disabilities has offered an important and unique community service. This process has resulted in the empowerment of parents as advocates for women's and children with disabilities' rights.



WHY GROUP MEETINGS

- To offer parent to parent support
- Relief care to parents as they go about doing other chores
- To discuss and share experiences
- To get involved in advocacy and lobbying for the rights of children and women
- To offer stimulation through play and other planned rehabilitation activities

VISION

A society in which every child with a disability can enjoy their rights and be equal to each and every child

MISSION

Improving quality of life for children living with disabilities through protecting their rights as stated in the UN Convention of Children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

VALUES

Team work, Honesty, Creativity and Valuing the individual

OBJECTIVES

Provision of a forum of exchange of information, experiences and advice in the area of various disabilities to parents

Lobbying and advocating for legislative policies and services that affect children with disabilities and their welfare

Promote the human rights of children living with disabilities

Provision of quality and appropriate health and rehabilitation services to children living with disabilities

Lobbying and advocating for women land and property rights as an integral part to care for children living with disabilities



NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Our differently abled children have the same needs as all children have. Love, care, compassion, encouragement and full inclusion in family and society as a whole.



ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTRES

- Relief care/Parent to parent support
- Child stimulation/free play and outdoor activities
- Pre-school activities
- Economic empowerment through income generating activities
- Study circles which enable grassroots women and men to share different development issues
- Gender and disability, HIV/AIDS, Property, Land and Housing Rights issues
- Peer exchange of information and experiences
- Lobbying and advocacy