

# Decision memo on small grant for development project in South and East

## Summary

The long term goal is to change discriminating attitudes towards persons with disabilities in Harare, Zimbabwe. This will be done in cooperation between Headway Africa, SvEO, and Zimbabwe Parents of Disabled Children Association (ZPHCA), LEO, by strengthening LEOs capacity. The project is focusing on increased capacity to identify and cooperate with relevant local stakeholders in advocating in favour for disabled people's rights.

## Target groups

Primary target group: People in org. / networks

Target group size women: 150

Target group size men: 50

Target group size total: 200

Secondary target group: People with functional disabilities

Target group size women: 450

Target group size men: 150

Target group size total: 600

## Forum Syd's assessment

### Initial formalities

Headway Africa (SvEO) was constituted 2011 and is assessed by Forum Syd to have sufficient capacity to administrate grants. The project was initiated and planned in co-operation with Zimbabwe Parents of Disabled Children Association (ZPHCA), LEO, in a pre-study performed 2004.(30006437).

### Relevance

The project aims to organizational development within the fields of cooperation and advocacy and organisational structures, to stimulate positive community behaviour change towards persons with disabilities. Goals and activities were identified in the pre-project using, among other, a common SWOT-analysis. Zimbabwe has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on 23/09/2013 and the current Constitution of Zimbabwe as of May 2013 explicitly recognizes the rights of persons with disabilities. Though legally established, disabled's rights are often

neglected due to prejudice and attitudes against disabled persons.

The project is assessed as relevant CSO-strategy and to Forum Syds result-model as it tackles empowerment for marginalised groups from two directions, by forming and strengthening cooperation for advocacy in favour for disabled persons rights and the other direction with focus on strengthening the local partner-organization within the fields of advocacy and co-operation.

The intervention is relevant for the agreement strategy/result model: Yes

The intervention meets requirements for Forum Syd's profile issues: Yes

The intervention meets requirements for Forum Syd's context-dependent issues: Not applicable

### **Effectiveness**

The goals and activities are logically formulated and well-corresponding with concrete and measurable indicators. The Zimbabwean organisation SCAZ is engaged to follow the ongoing project and to support with leadership training etc. The project, to strengthen LEO in its capacity to advocate and cooperate to change disadvantage attitudes towards disabled people, is assessed as effective given in the given context.

Set goals are assessed as: Likely to be achieved

Either project goal or all sub-goals are specific (S in SMART – is it clear who is targeted by what change?): Yes

The intervention has a baseline of sufficient quality as to allow follow-up (Does it give an accurate description of the situation against which progress can be assessed or comparisons made?): Yes

The intervention is assessed as: Feasible with risks

### **Sustainability**

During pre-study the long-term goals and strategy was formed, of which the proposed project is the first step. In order to reach the long term goal, to change attitudes in the society, the long term work is depending on functional cooperation and structures. The project focuses on engaging relevant partner-organisations in advocacy, to find and set a functional structure for co-operation and to strengthen LEOs capacity. Forum Syd hereby finds that the project is sustainable.

Planned effects are likely to be: Sustainable

### **Risk & risk management**

A risk-management plan is included in the application. Risks are identified on sub-goal and activity level with adequate plans to manage the risks. Forum Syd hereby finds that

the combined risk and risk management connected to the intervention and its context to be of such a level that they do not pose a serious threat to project implementation.

The intervention context is: Not applicable

The intervention is assessed as having unacceptable risks associated with inadequate risk management capacity – intervention context: No

The intervention is assessed as having unacceptable risks associated with inadequate risk management capacity – thematic areas/ profile issues: No

The intervention is assessed as having unacceptable risks associated with agreement partner's capacity: No

The intervention is assessed as having unacceptable risks associated with inadequate risk management capacity – corruption: No

## **Decision**

The project is assessed as relevant to the CSO-strategy and to Forum Syds result-model by strengthening the local civil society with focus on organisational development by LEO and increased capacity for cooperating to advocate in favour for disabled people's rights.

Decision: Granted

## **Conditions:**

- Valid cooperation agreement(s) between the Swedish organization and local partner(s) specifying the division of responsibilities between the parties shall be submitted to Forum Syd no later than six months after decision of approval.
- Disbursement will be made once reports on previous projects have been received as per agreement(s).

## **Forum Syd's objectives:**

Forum Syd finds that the project aims to contribute to the result model for Development Co-operation used by Forum Syd in the following:

Goals:

- A.1 Strengthened internal democracy
- A.4 Increased networking/new forums

Profile markers:

Gender: Not principal

Environment: Not principal

## **Attachments**

1. GOAL AND RISK MATRIX
2. BUDGET