



APOSTOLIC WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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ADDIS ABABA KNOWLEDGE SHARING FORUM

In Ethiopia, Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust attended a Spotlight Civil Society Organizations (#CSOs) knowledge Sharing Forum on emerging promising practices and lessons learned on Ending Violence against Women and Girls and Harmful practices (#EVAWG/HR) and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights (#SRHRR). This initiative was supported by UN Women and African Union under the Spotlight Initiative.

Participants assessed program implementation progress in the nations participating in the initiative aimed at ending all forms of violence against women and girls by 2030 at the forum held for eight (8) African Union (AU) Member States implementing National Spotlight Programmes. In order to address sexual gender-based violence, harmful behaviors, sexual and reproductive health and rights, the Spotlight Initiative regional program in Africa provides a regional response. The program gives women's movements a special emphasis. The initiative is currently being carried out by eight African nations: Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Experts from the Ministries of Gender and Women's Affairs and Justice, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders attended the three-day meeting, which was organized by the African Union (AU) in partnership with UN Women. The meeting's main goals were knowledge exchange and learning from the eight Spotlight countries...*continue to pg3*



Child Marriage is RAPE

Did You Know:
30% of teenage marriages are of the
Apostolic girl children.

HELLO MWANA



Ministry of Health and Child Care with the support from UNICEF under the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project is implementing an mHealth program called Hello Mwana through Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) for the first 1000 days for expecting mothers in communities that were affected by cyclone Idai.

mHealth will distribute key life cycle based health and nutrition information to pregnant and new mothers during the first 1000 days using basic mobile phones, while permitting data collection and management to inform health works and assist them in monitoring their maternal, new-born, child health, HIV/AIDS and nutrition programs via an interactive dashboard/user interface in real-time.

Mothers may not always register their births right away or they may exceed the EDD, which could be a danger sign. Village Health Workers VHWs will receive alerts when a mother has exceeded her EDD, set in her registration or pregnancy notification. The first alert is sent 17 days after is sent to VHW 10 days after the estimated delivery date. The alert includes the mother's name, her contact information, and her expected delivery date to easily reach out to the mother and find out why her birth has not yet been registered.

Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust through a partnership with ministry of health and child care and UNICEF are implementing Hello Mwana in apostolic communities, to make sure apostolic women register their pregnancy and new mothers in a bid to reduce maternal deaths and to regularly receive life cycle based nutrition information ...continued to

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AWET continues to conduct community-based COVID-19 vaccination campaigns.

Even though cases appear to be minimal, #COVID-19 is still there and remains a threat to public health as long as cases are still being recorded in the country and beyond. A decrease in number of cases does not mean the end of COVID-19.

The continuing omicron variant outbreak has been connected to prolonged COVID, which is protected against by vaccines. Children from the age of 12 and up should be encouraged and permitted by their caregivers and their parents to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

Let us educate our children about the importance of getting vaccinated and to observe COVID-19 health regulations. Remember all children over the age of 12 can be vaccinated. Children aged 12 and above can receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In an effort to go #ZEROCOVID, more and more sites are increasing their appointment availability, and more vaccines are being sent to providers in your area every day...continued to pg 4





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"No matter if he belongs to this church or not, a good man is a good man."

DEBRA MPOFU



95% OF ALL
GBV ISSUES

CAN BE AVOIDED BY EDUCATING
COMMUNITIES
ABOUT THE DANGERS IT POSES





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“Under the #Risk Communication Community Engagement initiative, supported by UNICEF Zimbabwe, Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust is engaging school children in 40 districts across Zimbabwe through #FocusGroupDiscussions. We're currently focused on primary and secondary school students to collect information about COVID-19 and vaccination.” Said Mr Dutiro.

In our communities, there are still a lot of mistruths and misconceptions about the #COVID-19 vaccine. Resources created to address these challenges can be found at <https://www.gavi.org/vaccineswork/topics/science>. The COVID-19 vaccination is beneficial in reducing deaths and life-threatening illness. Getting vaccinated protects you, your friends, colleagues, family, and the country as a whole. Even when new variants of the virus emerge, people should continue to receive the COVID-19 vaccine since it remains effective against all known virus variants.

#Covid is still alive and well. With support from #UNICEF, #AWET Behavior Change Facilitators are promoting the #MOHCC's efforts to achieve #ZEROCOVID by spreading awareness in various #communities about the need of observing Covid-19 #guidelines and being #vaccinated to protect one another.

COVID-19 FACTS

Where families and communities come together after a loved one passes away from any cause, there is a higher risk of transmission of #COVID-19. #Families and #communities are advised to take preventative #measures and some changes to #traditional or #religious practices are urged in order to help #prevent the #spread of COVID-19 in communities. For more info visit

[#https://awet.org.zw/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Tool-2-Management-of-Funerals-During-COVID-19-Outbreak.pdf...#DoItAll](https://awet.org.zw/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Tool-2-Management-of-Funerals-During-COVID-19-Outbreak.pdf...#DoItAll)
 #WearaMask
 #WashyourHands
 #KeepPhysicalDistance
 #BuildingConfidenceInTheCOVID19Vaccine
 #BeAlertBeAware
 #GetVaccinatedToday!



VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS IN PICS





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THE HEAD OF PROGRAMS



Not only is education a child's right, but it also paves the way for a better future. Girls who pursue education are more likely to follow their dreams and ensure a better future, reducing their probability of getting married or becoming pregnant.

#Education4all #LeaveNoOneBehind
#LeaveNoGirlBehind

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