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Celebrating Milestones: Nzeve's 15th Graduation Ceremony



Nzeve Deaf Centre proudly hosted its 15th Graduation Ceremony for Children with Disabilities, celebrating meaningful developmental milestones achieved through its Early Intervention programme, supported by Masana waAfrika and Brot für die Welt. The ceremony honoured five Deaf children who successfully completed Early Childhood Development (ECD) at Nzeve, alongside twenty children with disabilities who reached key milestones such as improved speech and mobility and are now ready to enrol in mainstream schools.

The event underscored the critical role of early intervention in shaping positive long-term outcomes for children with disabilities, reinforcing Nzeve's commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Her Excellency Minoli Perera, the Australian Ambassador to Zimbabwe, graced the ceremony as Guest of Honour. In her address, she commended the progress made by the children and families and emphasised the importance of continued support for initiatives that advance inclusion and empowerment for persons with disabilities. The celebration brought together families, dignitaries, government representatives, members of the business community and friends of Nzeve in a shared moment of pride and hope.

At Nzeve, we remain committed to championing inclusive pathways and building brighter futures for children with disabilities.



Competing, Leading and Excelling: Deaf Youth in Sport

Nzeve proudly participated in the City of Mutare Paralympic Sports Festival, where Deaf young people demonstrated outstanding talent and teamwork. The Deaf Girls' Netball Team secured first place, the Deaf Boys' Senior Football Team finished second, and the Junior Football Team achieved third place.

These results highlight the potential of Deaf children and youth when provided with inclusive platforms to participate and compete. The teams' success reflects commitment, discipline and leadership, reinforcing the importance of accessible sports spaces in building confidence and community pride.



Blessing Chaipa

Nzeve Deaf Centre
Director

As we conclude the final quarter of 2025, we reflect on the lives touched, milestones achieved, and partnerships that have strengthened our mission of inclusion. From children reaching key developmental stages to young women gaining skills and independence, these stories remind us that every step forward creates lasting impact.

Looking to 2026, we are inspired to continue building opportunities, fostering resilience, and ensuring that every child and person with a disability is seen, valued and empowered to thrive.



A Wish Granted: Restoring Dignity and Hope This Christmas

This festive season, a simple act of kindness brought renewed hope to a family in Gandanzara, Makoni District. Nzeve Deaf Centre supported Godwillings (13), a child with cerebral palsy, through the handover of a wheelchair and essential groceries, following a Christmas Wish appeal submitted on his behalf.

The support, made possible by TM Pick n Pay and the Meikles Foundation, has transformed Godwillings' daily life by improving his mobility while easing immediate household needs. For his family, the assistance represents more than material support it restores dignity, strengthens independence and offers reassurance during a season that can be particularly challenging for households caring for children with disabilities.

This moment reflects the power of responsive partnerships and community-driven giving. Through compassionate support, children with disabilities and their families are reminded that they are seen, valued and supported, during the festive season and beyond.

Deaf Young Women Advancing Through Skills Training

Nzeve celebrated the graduation of Deaf young women who completed skills development programmes aimed at strengthening economic independence and long-term stability.

These milestones included hairdressing training supported by Women Against Violence through Empowerment (WAVE) and the graduation of Deaf youths from the Sangana Vocational Skills Programme at Magamba Training Centre, under the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Development and Vocational Training.

Through practical, hands-on learning, participants gained marketable skills that expand income generating opportunities and reduce vulnerability to gender-based violence.

These inclusive pathways, implemented in collaboration with the Mutare Vocational Skills Centre and government partners, are empowering Deaf young people to build confidence, resilience and independent futures.





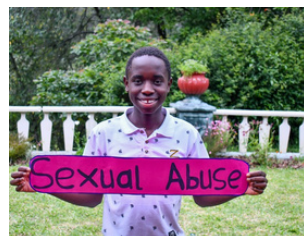
Inclusion in Action: IDPD 2025 Partnership with ZINA

As part of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2025 commemorations, Nzeve welcomed the Zimbabwe Nurses Association (ZINA) in a meaningful show of solidarity. ZINA donated grocery hampers to persons with disabilities and their families, providing practical support during a challenging period.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to inclusion, dignity and community wellbeing. By standing together, Nzeve and ZINA demonstrated how collaboration can help build communities where persons with disabilities are valued, supported and empowered.



Engaging Deaf Men and Boys in Ending Gender-Based Violence



As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Nzeve Deaf Centre strengthened efforts to include Deaf men and boys in conversations about safety, respect, equality, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Through the #LetsCommunicateMoreTauriranai Project, supported by AmplifyChange, Nzeve recently held a Deaf Boys and Men's Camp. Participants explored GBV, HIV/STIs, family planning, mental health, SRHR and safeguarding, gaining knowledge and practical skills to prevent violence in their homes and communities.

Engaging men and boys is essential for lasting change. By fostering awareness, understanding, and practical skills, Nzeve is helping to build safer, healthier and more inclusive spaces where everyone can thrive.

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