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Lorraine's Journey: Resilience, Hope, and a New Beginning

Lorraine's story is one of resilience. Born Deaf, she faced immense challenges, including a life-altering accident. But with Nzeve's support, she refused to be defined by hardship. Now, thanks to the generosity of Aspire Clinic, she takes a bold step forward with renewed hope.



Fostering Inclusion and Economic Empowerment

Nzeve engaged communities in Buhera and Makoni to promote disability rights, strengthen support systems, and create economic opportunities for persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Blessing Chaipa

Nzeve Deaf Centre
Director

The year commenced on a positive note, marked by the enrolment of new parents and learners into our Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme. We are pleased that these families have taken this significant step toward securing their children's education and future independence. In addition, parents of children experiencing delayed developmental milestones have remained committed to supporting their children's progress. We join them in celebrating the achievements of many children who have now reached key milestones and are ready to transition to regular pre-schools.

We remain dedicated to the early identification of children with disabilities, the provision of appropriate services, and the creation of limitless opportunities for their growth and development. Our recent hearing assessments conducted in Chipinge have been instrumental in identifying children with hearing impairments, allowing us to initiate timely interventions and support their journey from the earliest stages.

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A PATH TO HOPE: HOW PARENTING PATHWAYS IS CHANGING LIVES



A Therapist guides caregivers through effective support child development during a Parenting Pathways session. A therapist demonstrates caregiving techniques to support child development during a Parenting Pathways session.

In the heart of Manicaland, Parenting Pathways a program supported by Brot für die Welt and run through Nzeve Deaf Centre is bringing together parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays. Many travel long distances, driven by love and determination, seeking answers and support

Though they often arrive with uncertainty and worry, these families are welcomed into sessions filled with warmth, expert guidance, and hands-on learning led by speech therapists, occupational therapists, and child development specialists. Parents gain practical tools to help their children speak, walk, and thrive by turning daily routines into learning moments.

One mother shared how the program gave her hope and direction, reflecting a wider transformation seen across the group a sense of empowerment and community. More than just a workshop, Parenting Pathways is becoming a movement of support and resilience, helping families shape brighter futures for their children, one step at a time.

STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR DEAF LEARNERS



Teachers receive guidance and counseling on supporting children with hearing impairment during a training workshop.

Nzeve Deaf Centre, with support from Amplify Change, continues its mission to promote inclusive education by equipping Resource Unit Teachers with the skills needed to support Deaf learners effectively.

Through targeted training sessions across several districts, educators gained strategies to create accessible learning environments and adapt teaching methods for Deaf students.

In Chimanimani District, teachers at Mutambara Primary School explored inclusive classroom practices. At Nzeve Deaf Centre, educators from Chirowakamwe, Manzinde, and St. Andrews Primary Schools received specialized training. In Nyanga and Chisuko Primary School, Guidance and Counselling sessions focused on addressing the unique social and emotional needs of Deaf learners.

These efforts are part of Nzeve's broader goal to close the information gap and ensure every Deaf child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. The organisation extends heartfelt appreciation to the committed educators helping make inclusive education a reality.



Empowering Communities: Nzeve's Disability and Economic Inclusion Dialogues in Buhera

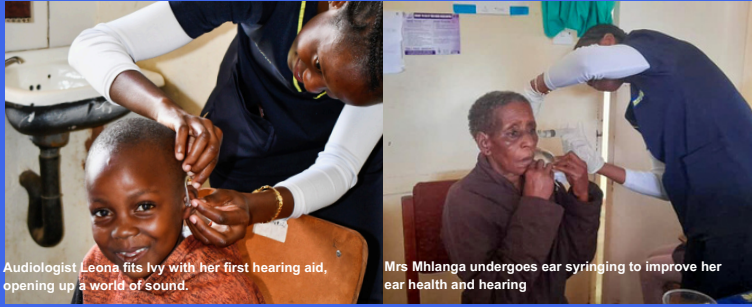
As part of our initiatives for the first quarter of 2025, Nzeve Deaf Centre has been actively engaging communities in Buhera's Ward 10 and in Makoni through Community Disability Dialogues. These sessions aim to promote disability inclusion, eliminate discrimination, and strengthen support systems for persons with disabilities while advancing economic empowerment.

By bringing together community leaders, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities, these dialogues serve as a critical platform for raising awareness about rights, access to services, and economic opportunities. Addressing social and economic barriers is essential to creating lasting change, and Nzeve is committed to ensuring that all voices are heard.

Beyond advocacy, the initiative prioritizes economic empowerment by equipping caregivers and persons with disabilities with the knowledge and skills to access essential services, financial resources, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. This aligns with Nzeve's broader mission to build inclusive and economically resilient communities where no one is left behind.



CHIPINGE'S JOURNEY TO INCLUSIVE HEARING HEALTH



Audiologist Leona fits Ivy with her first hearing aid, opening up a world of sound.

Mrs Mhlanga undergoes ear syringing to improve her ear health and hearing

In the first quarter of 2025, Nzeve Deaf Centre's Deaf Families and Community Impact Program made substantial progress in improving hearing health in rural Chipinge, reaching over 200 individuals across eight clinics and hospitals through early detection and intervention efforts. Supported by the Oak Foundation, the team comprising audiologists, rehab technicians, and community mobilizers provided services to 128 individuals in March alone.

Notable success stories include 7-year-old Ivy Dhliwayo, who received hearing aids and will start speech therapy, and 77-year-old Unice Mhlanga, who regained her hearing after ear syringing. A March hearing project assessment, conducted with stakeholders like the Ministry of Social Welfare, highlighted the program's positive impact and stressed the need for continued outreach.

Key achievements included screenings for 64 children under six, nine referrals for therapy or sign language playgroups, and hearing aids fitted for 21 patients (12 of them children). Mobilizers played a vital role in increasing turnout, particularly in Gwenzi and Muswera.

Challenges such as heavy rains and power outages were met with resilience, prompting plans for a portable generator. The program also identified a growing need for more powerful hearing aids for severe cases. As communities call for more outreach, Nzeve remains committed to equitable healthcare transforming lives through connection, learning, and joy.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES: NZEVE'S WORKSHOP EQUIPS PARENTS OF DEAF CHILDREN

Parents of newly identified deaf children often face denial and uncertainty, which can affect their ability to support their children. Nzeve addresses this challenge through its Early Identification and Families Initiative, offering targeted training and resources to empower parents with knowledge, confidence, and advocacy skills.

In January 2025, Nzeve hosted a Parent Induction Workshop that brought together 14 new parents and experienced caregivers, fostering shared learning and support. One parent shared how the workshop inspired them to pursue further education to better provide for their child highlighting the program's transformative impact.

These workshops go beyond information-sharing; they build strong, supportive networks that ensure no parent feels alone. By investing in parents, Nzeve is laying the foundation for deaf children to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.



Visual Recap



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