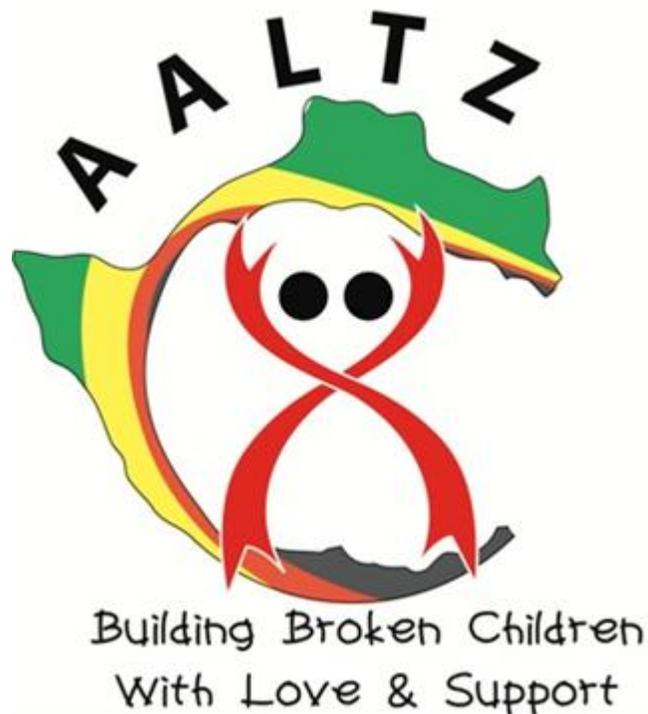


# ALL ABOUT LOVE TRUST ZIMBABWE

## ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

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# CLINIC VISITS CONCEPT

## *FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV*

### INTRODUCTION

There are general assumptions that children living positively will eventually die and don't reach adulthood, however AALTZ has a different thinking about these colorful kidz. These children need to be provided with psychosocial support, counseling services, support from peers as well as moral support. They also need guidance on the need to adhere to treatment, hence the realization of the need for support groups for the 5-24 year olds started. The catchment area is the clinic where they go for reviews and resupply. All About Love Trust Zimbabwe has already done preliminary visits to 7 clinics to introduce the concept to young children as well as involving stakeholders such as clinic staff and village health workers. We have these seven support groups running right now which are Chiwundura clinic, Maboleni clinic, Makepesi clinic, LOGUS mission clinic, Mkoba 1 clinic, Mkoba poly clinic and Mtapu clinic.

### OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To reduce stigma associated with being an infected child
- ❖ Provide psycho-social support to children living positively
- ❖ Provide a platform for peers support through support groups
- ❖ To counter fear, ignorance, prejudice and discrimination faced by the children
- ❖ To facilitate communication and exchange of information between children of different support groups

### OPPORTUNITIES

In 2014 January, the organization has made plans to start new support groups in the following areas:

- ✓ Gunde Clinic
- ✓ Masvori Clinic
- ✓ St Patricks Clinic
- ✓ Tumbure Clinic – Lower Gwelo
- ✓ Senga Clinic
- ✓ Kwekwe Rural Clinics
- ✓ Zvishabane Urban & Rural Clinics
- ✓ Zhombe
- ✓ Gokwe South

## **BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANISATION.**

### **Organizational Motto**

***Building Broken Children, young adults and families with Love and Support.***

### **Vision**

AALTZ envisions offering effective services to children and young people both affected and infected with HIV/AIDS. It aspires to mould a purposeful young generation that strives to fulfil its calling of leadership in life through psycho-social support and Lifeskills.

### **Our Values**

- Care and support
- Transparency and accountability
- Credible information
- The dignity of humanity

All About Love Trust Zimbabwe (AALTZ) was established in 2009 to work in support with others in the coordination of efforts in achieving a better understanding about HIV and AIDS, encouraging new attitudes and behaviors towards the pandemic, and raising a sound leaders for tomorrow from amongst the vulnerable children of today. The organization mainstreamed psycho-social support amongst its programmes in the bid to provide for special attention children in its undertakings. As such AALTZ have resolutely developed an operational scope of four strategic pillars in its strategic plan:

- Psycho-social Support
- OVC and HIV/AIDS Management
- Life skills Development
- Gender mainstreaming

AALTZ is in pursuit of its mandate to support and enlighten the children in safeguarding and upholding their future. The organization had been and still remains committed to the achievement of five ultimate results:

- i. Reduced HIV and AIDS prevalence rate amongst youth;
- ii. Dependable and gender-unbiased youth leadership;
- iii. A gender mainstreamed society;
- iv. Increased visibility and resources for programming and implementation of programmes;  
and
- v. More effective and efficient implementation of programmes.

## Why children and young adults?

More often people question why the focus on children and young adults, in Zimbabwe for that matter. Ravaged by the effects of the economic meltdown especially in the new millennium, Zimbabwe has witnessed an upsurge in the effects of HIV and AIDS and this has left millions of children without parental guidance. UNICEF has recorded that about 1,3million have become vulnerable or rather Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs). Vulnerability has not been felt in terms of unavailability of food alone but even in all facets of life including life and leadership guidance. Children have been severely affected by the acute shortage of adequate or safe water, deteriorating infrastructure, increasing demand for service and even the decadence of the moral fabric. This has choked the fabric that is associated with Africanisation of communities, especially Ubuntu. AALTZ envisions that if the children are caught young and groomed with an African mindset yet embracing modernization, Zimbabwe can be a beneficiary tomorrow. The education of the children in the schools has appallingly dwindled because funding has run dry especially because of the economic meltdown. The out of school youth has also been left looking for guidance, be it morally or career wise. One needs to highlight that statistics from a research by UNICEF still rates Zimbabwe as the most literate in Africa (with an impressive 94% literate rate) but this does not necessarily reflect on the quality of educational services prevalence on the ground neither does this reflect potential of children which in a way remains underutilized if not undercapitalized. This has been the major drive for AALTZ to fill the gaps created by the economic meltdown and the diverse contemporary challenges that affect today's child and youths.

## Ian Mathole Profile

Ian Mathole is a devout Christian who had (at the time of its launch) more than 10 years' experience in working with children with different organizations including Scripture Union specializing with in-school and out of school children/youths. His experience with children especially those infected and affected with HIV and AIDS, made him realize that children need **LOVE**, attention and even appreciation. In 2009 Ian started a support group which was operating at his home in Kwekwe Zimbabwe. The support group started with 11 children, but within 2months it had grown to 176 children. This support group gave birth to the idea of the establishment of an organization which was to focus in assisting HIV affected and infected with specific focus on sharing love with children and in the long run mould them to be better leaders for better tomorrow. The dream came true when All About Love Trust Zimbabwe (AALTZ) was registered (**registration number MA 218/2010**) to start operating as a trust. During the registration process the founder cum-director realized that 'taking care' or looking after the young ones was not enough hence he in consultation with board members, thought and agreed on expanding the scope of operation of the organization. As a result they incorporated the idea

of moulding these children to become enterprising, focused leaders, and realize their purpose in life. Resultantly the organization registered with the focus on effects of HIV and Aids especially on the children, peer education, leadership development, leadership coaching and entrepreneurship (that is, life skills), hence AALTZ was established to fulfill the passion of sharing love with the children and young adults- focus is on LOVE which everyone dreams of having daily, thus it is ALL ABOUT LOVE.

### AALTZ WORK in PICTURES



Lower Gwelo Support Group



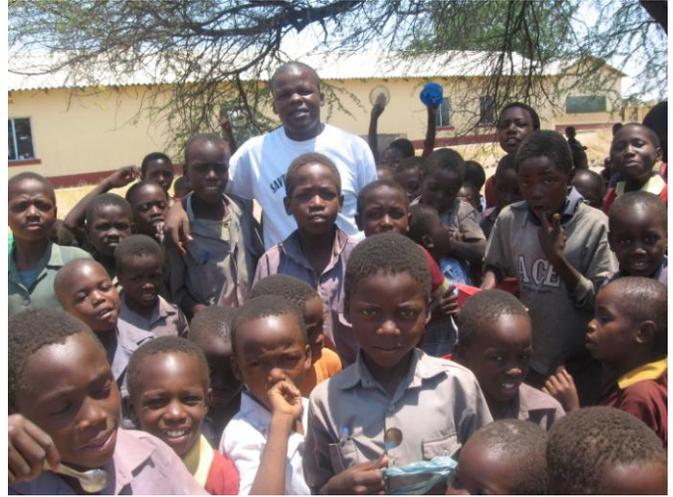
Addressing Caregivers at makepesi Clinic



Makepesi support group face paintings



Mtapa clinic fun day with children



Mberengwa outreach



Donating stationery to resettlement school near Hwahwa prison



Launching Youth alive club with Zvishbane Schools



Hankie mission primary school kids