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# HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE BOTSWANA



Annual Report 2022

'Only the people can liberate themselves from the epidemics.'



**VISION**



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## Our Vision Statement

Humana People to People Botswana envisions a well informed and equipped community with the capacity to liberate itself from all forms of dehumanizing ills of society to be able to foster their own development.

## Our Mission Statement

Through the implementation of projects to empower people with tools, knowledge and skills to foster own development in their own households, communities and the nation.

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**We have remained true to our mission; promoting health and socio-economic development of the most vulnerable people in the societies of Botswana, through our long-standing tradition of implementing different projects to empower the people with the tools, knowledge and skills to foster own development from household level and ensure that it trickles up to the nation at large.**

# Introduction

We are Humana People to People Botswana.

We are members of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.

Our common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The Federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Together with the people in the communities and our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.



# Country Director's Welcome



I am delighted to introduce to you Humana People to People Botswana's progress throughout 2022, in the form of this informative report.

During 2022, we continued delivering social development projects within health and community development, reaching more than 248 087 people.

On behalf of Humana People to People Botswana, I am ecstatic to share with you how we have progressed throughout the year 2022. This report gives a clear insight into all the programmes we implemented under health and community development, the number of people we reached through these programmes and the results or impacts brought about by these programmes.

The year 2022 was both challenging and exciting, however Humana People to People Botswana remained steadfast as it adapted to the rapidly changing developments establishing new partnership, implementing new projects like the Child Labour project, and enjoyed new experiences.

Even though the Covid-19 pandemic was not as harsh as it was in 2021, the effects of the virus have still left people hardly hit and still finding different ways of recovering from the virus.

During the year 2022 we continued tackling one of the most challenging pandemics the country has ever had to face, HIV and AIDS, through the implementation of our flagship program, Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE), which we started implementing in 2020, with the aim to combat the HIV epidemic.

We managed to expand the project from two districts (Kweneng East and Greater Francistown) to three other Districts (Goodhope, Bobirwa and Palapye).

We managed to kickstart the implementation a new project, Addressing Child Labour in Botswana, (Project ACL) in two districts, (Ghanzi and Tsabong), aimed at strengthening childrens' rights in Botswana, especially at the two districts which have been proven to have cases of Child Labour.

We remain committed to ensuring the accountability of our work to the communities we work with, different stakeholders and our funding partners. On behalf of HPP Botswana, I would like to acknowledge our esteemed partners for their unwavering support during the year 2022, all stakeholders who were actively engaged in the race to serve the people of Botswana through the implementation of our projects as well as the various communities we served during the year as Humana People to People Botswana. To all HPP staff and volunteers, we thank you for your invaluable support, without which we could not reach the number of people we reached during the year 2022, who are highly empowered and positively impacted by our work as a team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.J.Z.', written in a cursive style.

**Moses Juma Zulu**, Country Director

# Areas of operation in 2022



**12** DISTRICTS ACROSS BOTSWANA



**5** PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

- Total Control of the Epidemic,
- Addressing Child Labour in Botswana,
- Youth Life Skills Building on Comprehensive Sexuality,
- Support Prevention and Awareness of Anti-Tobacco
- Campaigns in Botswana and Support for Covid 19 response.



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PEOPLE REACHED



**319**

EMPLOYEES

# About Humana People to People Botswana

Founded in 2001, Humana People to People Botswana is a local non profitable development organization, dedicated to the transformation of the less privileged communities grappling with the ravages of poverty, harsh climatic conditions, child welfare and protections issues; including child labour, scarcity of agricultural resources and public health challenges which include HIV and AIDS, malaria, diabetes, TB, Covid 19, amongst others.

Throughout the years, we have been implementing cost effective programs which are constantly developed and adapted to the national context. We work in accordance with; a) Botswana's National Development Plan (NDP 11), which amongst others has set aside goals to support which we also can relate to as we implement our projects; NO POVERTY, ZERO HUNGER, GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING, QUALITY EDUCATION, GENDER EQUALITY, CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION, DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES and CLIMATE ACTION. b) Vision 2036; Botswana's transformational agenda that defines our aspirations and goals as a people. The vision aims to transform Botswana from an upper middle-income country to a high-income country by 2036, and other national policies as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

By laying the foundations to build strong, resilient communities, it is evident that we can empower individuals to be the drivers of their own change; something we have been doing for the past 22 years, hence our tagline 'Only the people can liberate themselves from the epidemics'.

During the year 2022, we implemented programs in the areas of Health and Community Development.







# Community Development

'Through the development of our programs aimed at delivering sustainable and meaningful change, we empower individuals to take an active role in society.'

# Introduction

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals. The best way to making an impact to a community is not by giving the less privileged a fish and feeding them for a day, but by teaching them to fish, in hopes of feeding them for a lifetime.

Community Development in Botswana is generally mandated to enhance the quality of life for Batswana through the promotion of social justice, effective local structure governance, sustainable livelihoods strategies and economic empowerment initiatives.

We acknowledge that as a developing country, the level of community development activities is considered key in measuring the standard of living and wellbeing of the people. Incontrovertibly, there is a link between standard of living and wellbeing. The two cannot be disassociated because they tend to coalesce.

Humana People to People Botswana has been leading the charge in the fight against social ills through its community focused programs; having the community at the front and centre of all projects we implement. Through the development of our programs aimed at delivering sustainable and meaningful change, we empower individuals to take an active role in society.

Our Community Development projects are centred around a firm structure called Village Action Groups (VAGs), which mainly comprise of a group of people in a locality having a common vision to achieve, taking action, control and decisions into their own hands, as they support one another. The goal is basically to improve lives of individuals, families and the community at large through shared activities. For example; during the year, local lending clubs were initiated where the club members worked together to ensure that from their funds they make a profit, which in the long run is used to support their families. The local leadership and stakeholders were constantly made aware of these clubs and groups, to ensure security and also relationship building with these structures.



# Child Aid Botswana

Child Aid Botswana is a community development program which aims at creating a safe and stable environment for the growth and development of vulnerable children. The program builds the capacity of families and their communities to work towards the common goal of improving their children's lives in a comprehensive way. Child Aid Botswana is all inclusive and recognizes that in order to nurture children successfully, the entire community must be strengthened.

Through this program, we mobilize, train and organize people to improve their health, education and economic capacity; addressing key causes and consequences of poverty. We organize people especially families in different groups commonly referred to as Village Action Groups; which constitute the core structure of Child Aid. These groups provide a safe space for families to learn from each other, support one another and share resources and knowledge to ensure a better future.

The emphasis is on grassroots movements; empowering families to come up with their own strategies for positive change. The communities' part of the Village Action Groups have since seen tangible improvements in their living conditions such as support or orphans and vulnerable children as well as increased income and access to free pre-schools.

To achieve sustainable grassroots development, the project is anchored around 10 concept lines to better children's lives.



- **77,794 people reached under Child Aid Botswana**
- **13 village action groups formed**
- **6000 families reached**
- **343 children enrolled in play groups**
- **215 community horticulture gardens established**



## Addressing Child Labour in Botswana

Anecdotal reports indicate that some children in Botswana are subjected to some worst forms of child labour, including sexual exploitation, cattle herding and domestic work. In 2022, With support from the United States Embassy in Botswana, Humana People to People initiated a project called "Addressing Child Labour in Botswana" in Ghanzi and Tsabong districts, where child labour is suspected to be happening in the farms and cattle ranches.

The project received tremendous support from the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, district labour officers and many other partners in the two districts. The Minister of Labour and Home Affairs supported by the US Embassy in Botswana launched the Project in D'Kar Ghanzi on August 22nd, 2022. To ease access to private farms and ranches, the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs issued Permits to Humana

People to People Officers to access the farms and to carry out mass mobilization campaigns, and screened for possible child labour cases.

In the course of implementing the project, we discovered that a significant number of children prone to child labour were school dropouts and in some cases class absconders. We also found out that children child labour worked on part time basis or are hired as temporary labours when the children out of school. In addition, the general trend seemed to be that children aged 8 – 12 years are commonly found taking care of small stock while those aged 13 – 17 years usually are hired to herd cattle and generally taking care of them, also moulding bricks and mending fences at the farms.

To assist in the fight against child labour, we mobilized communities, raised awareness of the impact of child labour on children's rights and

the legal consequences of child labour as provided in the Laws of Botswana. We also targeted families, parents, and guardians to empower the families and communities to contribute to solutions to prevent occurrence of the child labour problem.

However, it should be noted that not all work done by children should be classified as child labour; on the contrary, it is work that exploits children and benefits the employers either financially or through cheap labour. This is what this project fought against to be eliminated in Botswana. Work done by children within the legally agreed framework such as (a) Not hazardous, (b) within limited hours according to the child's age (c) educative work (d) not interfering with the child's education and free time to play as a child was not on the project and cannot be considered as child labour.

- **3,527 people participated in campaigns and public awareness raising on child labor issues**
- **3046 children reached with child labor prevention messages in schools**
- **2496 parents educated on child labor prevention**

# Grow Groups

Grass Roots Growing Our Wealth (GROW) is an innovative and cost-effective economic empowerment model that aims at assisting the community in building their social and economic capital. GROW employs microfinance interventions regarded as a means of empowering people to invest in their future and address poverty.

Through this initiative, we offered socioeconomic empowerment strategies to the less privileged community and marginalized women to increase their income and ensure long term livelihoods. We organize the community in groups to raise awareness about the importance of self-empowerment.

'We acknowledge Global Communities, from which we adopted the GROW concept from Global Communities'

- **1,023 marginalized women were mobilized into savings groups.**
- **38 Grow groups established**
- **423 trained on skills development**



## Kebadiretse Flourishes through GROW

My name is Keadiretse Melaetsa, a lady of 54 years from Khakhea village. I was introduced to the GROW concept in 2021 by one of Humana People to People field officers, during a Kgotla meeting.

Upon hearing about the concept I developed interest in making use of it. I shared the concept with my family, friends and other people in the community. The few that were interested then agreed that we form a group which comprised of ten people and we named the group Moselewap-ula.

We contributed P30 on a monthly basis as a form of saving, later started a small business in the form of a tuckshop and ultimately opened a savings account with a bank, where we kept our contributions as well as profits from our small business.

We also started a small loan scheme for members to borrow money at an interest, as a way of making more income for ourselves.

I am grateful for I can provide for my family, for myself and no longer depend on anyone to feed me. The economical and financial status of my life as well as those I am in the GROW group with have since improved. We are all financially stable and looking forward to each opening our own individual businesses.

## Youth Life Skills Building on Comprehensive Sexuality

The project aims at empowering young people between the ages of 10 and 24 years with accurate information on Life Skills building on Comprehensive Sexuality so that the youths in Selebi Phikwe can access life skills information to help them make informed decisions on their sexuality. The project focused on four core aspects namely: life skills-based HIV education, behaviour change and communication, Gender Norms and Parent-child communication.

The project empowered youths in Selebi Phikwe to acquire accurate information on Comprehensive Sexuality so that they can make informed choices on their sexuality. It also improved sexual health of young people and girls, including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), and youth-friendly service delivery in Selebi Phikwe

and also increased access to comprehensive reproductive health services for poor, vulnerable and marginalized people.

The project also focused on how to promote parent and youth communication and also reduction or prevention of gender base violence which hinders young girls and women from enjoying their sexuality. The project is working closely with DHMT, parents, traditional leaders and other NGOs based in Phikwe so as to reach out to as many youth as possible with the project action.

- **4, 210 youths and children trained on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)**
- **2, 011 adolescents in schools and out of school provided with life skills education.**



## Child Aid Ghanzi grooms a Basic Computer Studies Certificate holder



I am a young man aged 36, preferring to remain anonymous. I live with my aunt who is now my guardian, after having lost my parents at a young age and this affected my upbringing as I had no one to cover costs of going to school. Not only was I denied the right to education, I also did not have a birth certificate and national identity card, very important documents which every Motswana must have. In April this year, I met a young lady who I had seen around the community regularly.

I learnt that she does community mobilization on issues of health and social wellbeing.

For me, this was an opportunity to share my story, the hardships I had been facing from a very tender age. I told her how I have been denied the right to education and also that I did not have a birth certificate and national identity card. It was somewhat embarrassing for a man my age.

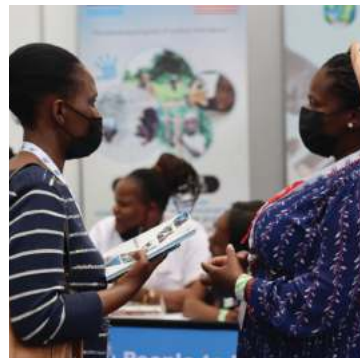
To my surprise, it did not seem much of an issue to her. She immediately took my full details and set an appointment with her where I went to Humana People to People offices, filled forms of referral to the National Registration offices and Immigration offices where I was

assisted at no cost and granted a valid birth certificate and national identity card. I was amongst the first to be in possession of a valid birth certificate and national identity card in our family.

This was an eye opener to the others, which through me managed to also be assisted by Humana People to People to be in possession of these documents. I have successfully completed a course on computer studies, obtaining a certificate in Basic Computer Studies, which I could not have enrolled in without an identity card. I am grateful to Humana People to People.



# Community Development Activities in Pictures





# Health

HPP Botswana continues implementing highly efficient community health interventions in prevention and treatment of diseases. Sustainable results within Health reply on people as the key drivers in building and maintaining good health for all.

# Introduction

Good health and wellness are basic human rights and necessary conditions for development. This notwithstanding, Botswana is facing a rise in lifestyle and non-communicable diseases. There is also a continuous burden of communicable diseases such as HIV and AIDS, TB, malaria as well as malnutrition, which constitute major public health challenges hampering economic and social development in Botswana.

We at Humana People to People Botswana have therefore made it part of our mandate to guarantee access to health care services for all regardless of one's status and for every individual who we reach through our cost-effective health programmes to pursue a healthy lifestyle. Through our health program, above all, we emphasise prevention, treatment, care and support.

With over 22 years of experience in grassroots approaches to address health issues in various communities across the country, we to date continue implementing highly efficient community health interventions in prevention and treatment of major diseases, which reach a number of the people of Botswana where we are located.

Within all the locales where we are actively serving the people with our health services, we have made it a norm to involve most if not all relevant stakeholders present in the community, especially the key players, the District Health Management Team (DHMT), which oversee all local health structures; ensuring efficient service delivery across all facilities.



**Ensure healthy  
lives and promote  
well-being for  
all at all ages**

## Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE)

Expansion of Community Based Interventions for HIV and AIDS in Botswana (ExCAB)

Expansion of Community Based Interventions for HIV and AIDS in Botswana (ExCAB) is our project with a strategy that aims at helping Botswana reach and maintain epidemic control by contributing to a strengthened community response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic. Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) is a people-led community mobilization model used to achieve this strategy; a community led and family centered model that uses systematic and evidence-based approaches to provide quality scaled up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support interventions while also enabling communities to take control of their own health and make informed decisions to prevent HIV and its vulnerabilities.

The design of the project is to support and maintain an uninterrupted delivery of quality, high impact HIV/TB related services contributing to the Global UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and capacity building for the communities as part of health systems strengthening. The basis of TCE is to mobilise people for HIV testing, link those who test positive to health facilities for treatment initiation and provide care and support for those on treatment to ensure treatment adherence and viral load suppression. As we work in alignment with the UNAIDS Fast-Track Targets, we ensure that persons newly identified as

HIV positive are linked to care and treatment as early as possible and to increase adherence, retention and sustained viral suppression for HIV and TB patients on treatment.

During the year 2022, we provided index testing services to sexual contacts of; the newly identified cases, HIV retrospective clients not yet initiated on treatment and treatment interrupters received from the local health facilities.

As a strategy to reach men and Adolescents to ensure that they know their HIV status, we distributed HIV Self-Test Kits for their convenience; a strategy that was also resourceful in screening other people who have challenges accessing HIV Testing Services despite their risk of contracting HIV.

As we continued implementing strategies to reach the Global UNAIDS second 95% target or ensuring that 95% of people who test positive are linked to treatment, we ensured same day initiation and fast tracking in order to reduce new HIV cases, as when clients are on treatment and adhering, they ultimately become virally suppressed.

Humana People to People Botswana's close cooperation with local health facilities has evidently led to increased HIV testing, treatment and adherence, as people are mobilized by our team in the community to take action and be in control of their health and prevent diseases.

- **168,588 people directly reached**
- **4, 049 people received HIV/AIDS testing services**
- **120, 000 condoms distributed**
- **453 GBV survivors identified**
- **35 men safe spaces established**
- **286 TRIOS established**
- **21 community adherence groups established**



## HIV Testing Services

Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) utilizes a targeted approach (HIV self-testing and index partner testing) in identifying undetected HIV cases among high-risk populations. As part of community index testing, TCE provides index testing to sexual partners of: newly identified People Living with HIV (PLHIVs), HIV retrospective clients not yet initiated on treatment, high viral load clients and treatment interrupters through lists received from health facilities and sexual contacts to community index clients.

HIV self-testing (HIVST) is a process in which a client collects his or her own specimen (oral fluid or blood) and then performs an HIV test and interprets the result, often in a private setting. Just like other approaches to HIV testing, HIVST remains voluntary, not coercive or mandatory to clients. A reactive (positive) self-test result always requires further testing and confirmation from a trained tester starting from the beginning of a validated national testing algorithm. Self-Testing is a good strategy to reach men and Adolescent Girls and Young Women where facility testing and community index testing cannot be provided.

Through our HIV Testing Services, we distributed HIV self-test kits and assisted in HIV self-testing to individuals screened and those eligible for testing, and linked all individuals who tested HIV positive and enrolled them on ART treatment. We also offered Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) as one

of the HIV prevention strategies that uses antiretroviral drugs to protect HIV negative girls from getting infected.

Condom use is a critical component of a comprehensive and sustainable approach to the prevention of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV. We continue to provide effective condom education and distribution to the general population to promote correct-consistent-condom use and to clear all the myths and misconceptions to mitigate the risk of HIV infection.

Condom demonstration and distribution have been carried-out during door-to-door mobilization, individuals in the community, and homes. Our teams established condom outlets in the districts of implementation to bring services closer to the community.

- **948 HIV positive people traced in community and linked to treatment**
- **3, 571 people enrolled on community care**



## Community Adherence Group promotes ART adherence in Francistown

"I am very thankful to be part of this Community Adherence Group (CAG). One of the strategies we have taken upon ourselves in this group to ensure adherence is to take turns to go and collect our HIV treatment (ART) for one another at the clinic. This has proven to be helpful as most of us do not have stable jobs; so usually we are held up when it's time to go for our medication refills and regular check-ups; and you will find that some of us end up missing our appointments, eventually missing treatment and sometimes it may go as far as defaulting on treatment, so it helps a lot when one person collects medication for the whole group while the rest of the group continue with their daily agendas."

CAGs are a support system which provide adherence support, psychosocial support and also a platform where members share challenges they are facing that may affect adherence.

"This group gives me courage and hope for the future. We encourage one another to not just take medication on a daily basis, but to take it on time as prescribed and adhere all the time to ensure viral suppression. We have a small vegetable garden which ensures healthy eating. We have a vision of applying for land and expanding this into a small business where we can sell vegetables".





## Determined Resilient Empowered

## AIDS free Mentored Safe (DREAMS)

DREAMS is an international movement aimed at reducing the rate of HIV among Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYWs). The initiative is designed for girls and young women who aspire to reach their full potential in life and achieve their goals, simultaneously promoting sisterhood, fun, growth and sharing of knowledge and resources while empowering an AIDS free generation of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW).

Through the DREAMS core package, we aim to empower adolescent girls and young women and reduce risk through youth-friendly reproductive health care and social asset building; mobilize communities for change with school and community-based HIV and Violence prevention; strengthen families with social protection and parent/caregiver programs.

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We have positioned ourselves such that we deliver components of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention services through DREAMS. Our services are packaged by primary, secondary and contextual activities, where services in the primary package intend to meet the immediate needs of the AGYWs while services in the secondary and contextual packages address other critical vulnerabilities associated with HIV risk. Such services include HIV screening, testing and counselling; school and community-based HIV and violence prevention programs; comprehensive economic strengthening; post violence care for survivors of GBV; Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis; Condom promotion and provision

for AGYWs and their partners, Improved access to youth friendly sexual and reproductive health care and a full range of contraceptive methods; Parenting/caregiver programs and Community Mobilization and norms change programs.

- **3, 780 adolescent girls and young women reached with DREAMS primary package.**



## Safe Spaces

A safe space refers to a formal or informal platform where Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) feel physically and emotionally safe; where there is absence of trauma, stress, violence, judgement or abuse. Safe spaces continue to be instrumental in the delivery of social asset building for Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW). Safe spaces give AGYWs a platform to meet with their peers supported their mentor. DREAMS Mentors create 'safe spaces' where AGYWs can build their supportive social networks and learn about HIV and violence prevention. Discussions at safe spaces range from issues surrounding relationships, personal values, sexual reproductive health, violence, abuse, clinical services for the girl child, current trends and other issues beyond. Through safe spaces, AGYWs acquire survival skills that help them resist peer pressure, refrain from inter-generational sexual relationships, how to address Gender Based Violence, prevention from HIV infection and life skills in general.

During the year 2022, we continued to serve our DREAMS girls in safe spaces. Through this platform, we ensured that our girls socialise, have access to social support, have access to supportive social networks, acquire various skills especially from mentors that are brought in to talk to the girls during motivational sessions, access safe and non-stigmatizing services such as for violence against women, legal services, health services and psychological services.

- **237 out of school safe spaces**
- **5,451 members belonging to safe spaces**
- **23 in schools safe spaces with 1,647 members**





## Nelliah linked to HIV prevention services through the DREAMS movement



My name is Nelliah Jimu, 19 years of age and I am a proud DREAMS girl. I have been part of the movement for a few months but already enjoying the wide range of benefits the movement offers, all thanks to Humana People to People who introduced me to DREAMS.

I enrolled into the movement following a session I attended on DREAMS, where one of the Mentors approached me and ended up enrolling me into the movement after screening me. I have since been part of the different DREAMS activities including wellness sessions, motivational sessions, ready to work, life skills and many others.

Through this movement, I had an opportunity to experience safe spaces, where I opened up to my DREAMS mentor and ended up being introduced to different services that I could benefit from. I opted for PrEP, a clinical service for HIV prevention, as I knew I was at risk of contracting HIV because of the multiple sexual partners I was involved with. Through Humana People to People, I received PrEP at Tebelopele Wellness Clinics.

Taking PrEP does not mean you are encouraged to have multiple partners or unsafe sex. I am currently working on reducing my sexual activity with multiple partners, as this on its own is a risk. I however am thankful to Humana People to People for linking me to services which prevented me from contracting HIV.

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# Pinagare Parenting Program

We provide a parenting program referred to as 'Pinagare' to parents and their children aged 10 – 17 years, which empowers the caregivers and parents of adolescents enrolled in the DREAMS program to take a knowledgeable and active role in their children's sexual and reproductive health education.

Pinagare enhances parents/caregivers' knowledge, skills and the confidence to boldly discuss issues of sexuality and more with their children; concurrently cultivating and the parent – child relationship. We ensure that parents and guardians are aware of the various risks their children face at an early age and discuss with them the best ways of effectively communicating with their children to ensure prevention.

- **882 care givers mobilized and enrolled into the Pinagare program**
- **357 parents of DREAM Girls completed Pinagare family sessions.**



## Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM)

We use this initiative; Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM), to ensure male engagement. CBIM is a Violence Prevention program implemented through sporting activities. The program targets athletes, specifically boys, aged between 9-14 years and their coaches through their various sport codes. Through this initiative, we equip coaches to mentor their athletes. Furthermore, the athletes are taken through the importance of being disciplined through a series of twelve weekly trainings packed with various topics that help in building a boy child in terms of behaviour;

- **15 coaches trained**
- **116 athletes trained**



# Support Prevention and Awareness of Anti-Tobacco Campaigns in Botswana

While Botswana has since made progress by ratifying the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and amending the Control of Smoking Act (CSA) to be compliant to three of the provisions of the FCTC, there is still much to be done to reduce the consumption of tobacco and its effects on the health and economy of the country.

High prevalence of tobacco use among youth, limited awareness on the risks associated with tobacco use, limited capacity of non-state actors working in Tobacco Control initiatives characterize the Tobacco Control scene in Botswana.

Tobacco consumption is still a cause of concern in the country, especially as we face high risks of tuberculosis and respiratory infections mainly related to high

HIV-AIDS infections. With Covid 19 in the picture as well, tobacco use is a serious threat. Tobacco has become a substance of choice for many young people, most of which have resorted to using tobacco substances to be able to 'fit in' and look 'cool' when they are around their peers. It is currently easily accessible and this brings about devastating impacts on peoples' health, the environment as well as the economy.

Even though Tobacco is linked with poverty and underdevelopment, something that has been evident in the communities we work in as we continue mobilising people in and around Hukuntsi and Ghanzi, it is also a substance highly used by people who are well off, most commonly in the form of 'hubbly'. In attempting to address the high use

of tobacco in Botswana, the Tobacco project is based on raising public awareness on health effects to tobacco use and consumption through public campaigns, stakeholder engagements, workshops and addressing institutions such as schools and work places.

Through this project, we look to increase awareness on Tobacco Control policies and the negative effects relating to tobacco use in Botswana, and strengthen human and institutional capacity for effective engagement in Tobacco Control interventions in Botswana.

- **11,730 people sensitized on the dangers of tobacco smoking**
- **30, 116 people sensitized and awareness raised on dangers of tobacco smoking**



## Support for Covid 19 response

Since the outbreak of the Covid 19 virus, the effects have left different parts of the globe to this day still trying to recover. In Botswana, the year 2022 was not as harsh as 2021 and 2020, as many measures to try and curb the virus were taken into place, especially vaccination, which has since played a vital role in stabilizing the rate of infection.

During 2022, Humana People to people Botswana continued implementing all project activities with Covid 19 protocols being observed. Even though Covid 19 restrictions had been lifted, the country still ensured that prevention and control strategies were highly considered; including public education through the use of mass media and other forms of educations; advised self-quarantine for suspected cases; and social distancing where the public is advised to take measures to reduce contact in malls, shops, work, gyms, places of worship etc.

Through our project, Support for Covid 19 response, we implemented activities to support community efforts in vaccine roll out and infection prevention and control. We mobilized the communities and shared Covid 19 messages across the community via various meetings, stakeholder forums and workshops to ensure that people gain knowledge on prevention. Subsequently, the community responded and went for Covid 19 testing

- **9,322 people provided with messages related to COVID-19**
- **17, 497 screened for COVID-19**
- **2, 246 screened through contact tracing**



“Through them raising awareness and supporting me, I have quit smoking”.

“I started taking snuff at the early age of 20 years, something that was deemed as a ‘tradition’ in our family. It had been over 40 years now taking snuff and this had affected my health but because of the addiction, I was having a hard time quitting. Through awareness raised by Humana People to People in our community on the dangers of taking tobacco and the detrimental effects, I began to realize how I had destroyed myself, not only internally but emotionally and physically. The decision to quit was based on the fact that following the regular awareness raising sessions on the dangers of tobacco, I made an oath to myself to prioritize my health. Quitting is not an easy path, it is not done over-night. It is a process which requires focus, support and determination. With the support of Humana People to People I stand firmly and say I quit taking snuff and I have since been feeling so much healthier than I have ever felt in decades.”

# Health Activities in Pictures



# Accountability and Transparency

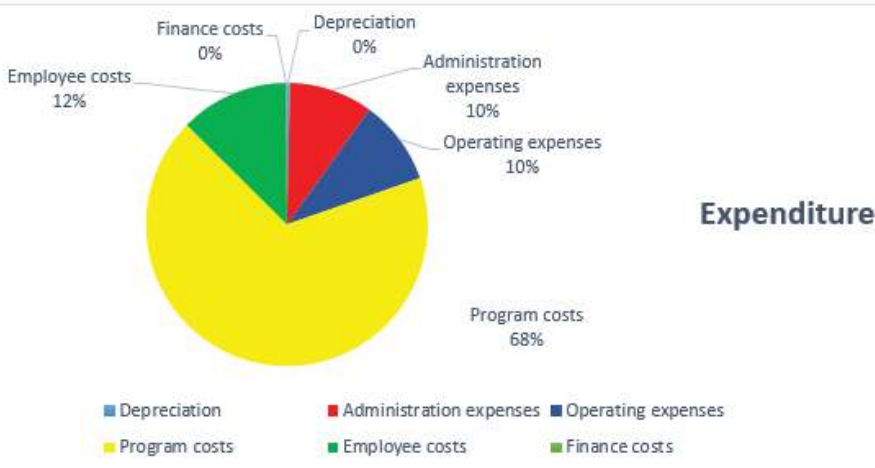
## ECONOMY

The financial administration of Humana People to People Botswana is based at the organization national headquarters in Gaborone. HPP Botswana has policies, guidelines and internal controls in line with international best practices to ensure that financial resources are prudently managed and safeguarded and that expenditure is line with project objectives.

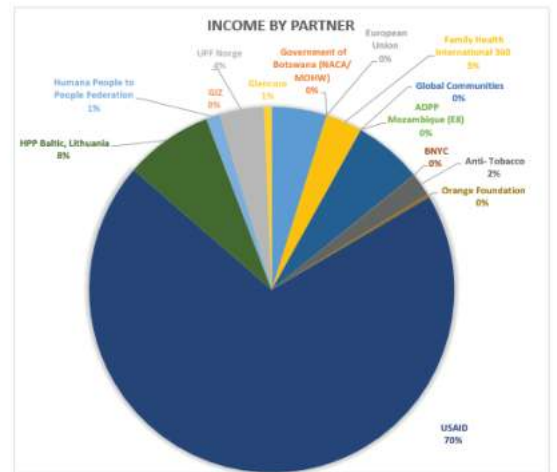
Our financial statements are audited by reputable international and independent external auditors according to internationally accepted standards of audits and as required by the Companies Act.

Our distribution of income and expenditure is presented in the graphs below.

### Expenditure



### Income by partner





## Good Governance

As Humana People to People Botswana, we are committed to adhering to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and good governance.

In 2021, we were officially certified for governance policies and procedures, including their implementation, by the internationally renowned inspection and certification company, Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) NGO Benchmarking Standards based on an external audit. The SGS Ngo Benchmarking Standard is described by SGS as 'a reasoned consolidation of some 25 Codes and Standards established by donor agencies, states, funding organizations, associations, philanthropic institutions etc...' This comprises an audit of best practices across our policies and procedures and the organizations compliance with these standards in 12 defined areas.



# Partnerships

During the year 2022, we have worked closely with a number of partners from promoting social impact causes, supporting human development that we stand for at Humana People to People Botswana and collaborating with other international organizations and implementing partners. We have worked with a range of partners who have contributed immensely in ensuring that we deliver our mandate.

Without these partnerships, we would have not managed to deliver our mandate and reach our goals. It is through partnership development that we managed to implement our projects successfully during 2022, as we look forward to continue working with all our partners during 2023 and beyond.

To this end, Humana People to People Botswana would like to thank all the partners who contributed to the transformation of the lives of Batswana, ultimately reaching our goals.



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