

Sensitization Workshop on the use of different forms of ICT's

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Zimbabwe Hall, Highfield, Harare

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Welcome and Introductions

The EKOWISA team arrived at the Zimbabwe Hall in Highfield at 13:30hrs. We found the Highfield community committee members present and began making preparations for the workshop. Several participants from different organizations started arriving and Mr. Basela from the Social Services Department introduced the representatives from different institutions that were present. Mrs. Zunguze then went on to introduce the EKOWISA team and Mr. Mugari from SAFIRE was welcomed.

Dramatization done by the Performance Artists

We then had a sketch presentation done by the Performance artists from Highfield who acted out on the use of the different forms of ICT's which include TV's, radio, newspapers, drama groups and currently the modern forms that are the computers whereby individuals can communicate using e-mail and can search for vital information using the Internet.



Performance artists presenting their sketch at the Zimbabwe Hall



In the short sketch, the lady demonstrates how the OKN website may be accessed on the computer

Introduction of EKOWISA, its products and empowerment

Mrs. Zunguze introduced EKOWISA explaining that it's an organization which seeks to uplift the livelihoods of the community members through accessing information using ICT's which will enable them to make informed decisions. Ms R Musasa went on to explain what Open Knowledge Network (OKN) is, its benefits and its goals and objectives. Mr. U Taruvunga also informed the community members of the advantages of writing short stories which will be published on the OKN website. These stories will be of the various activities taking place in the community and information on health, agriculture, education and the prices of basic commodities on sale such as vegetables, candles and shoes. Mr. Z Mugari from SAFIRE gave out a rundown of the survey report carried out in Highfield in March this year. He reported back to the community using graphs to explain clearly what the outcome of the research revealed and what it reflects on the livelihoods of the community.

An evaluation was held in the form of a question and answer segment

The participants present were given a chance to ask any questions which were then answered by Mrs. Zunguze and Mr. Mugari. The questions asked were:

- 1) Is it possible that someone who is a cross-border trader can find out the price of shoes that he/she wants to go and buy in Botswana through the OKN programme?***

Yes, it'll be possible to do so only when the people residing in Botswana also have the OKN website and can communicate back here in Zimbabwe.

- 2) How long does it take for one to grasp the procedure of utilizing the modern technology being introduced, which are the computers?***

EKOWISA is going to partake in a training programme educating the community members on the basic e-mail and internet facilities and with more practice the individuals will be able to use the computers.

- 3) How does one advertise their products?***

An individual can advertise their products by making sure that when they write their stories, they put in their contact details such as one's physical address and phone number. Customers who are interested in the products will then contact them and purchase the goods.

- 4) Is it possible that one can advertise regionally or internationally?***

Yes, it is possible because Open Knowledge Network (OKN) is spreading worldwide and enhances e-commerce that people living in Japan will be able to come and purchase sculptures made in Zimbabwe.

Official Handover of the computer to community members

After the question and answer segment, we had the official handover of a computer to the community by Mrs. Zunguze (EKOWISA) which is to be used by the community for the purposes of accessing the EKOWISA-OKN website and utilize the information that will be available for them.



Mrs. Zunguze officially hands over the computer donated by EKOWISA to the community for enabling them to access the EKOWISA-OKN website

The computer was received with great joy by the committee members as the community will be able to access vital information on the EKOWISA-OKN website. The information on the website will be locally relevant as it will have stories of various activities taking place in the High-Glen Community ranging from weddings and parties. The community can also obtain knowledge on agricultural products, how they are grown and where they can be sold, as well as health matters on the different diseases, how they can be prevented and treated.

In conclusion, the workshop was enlightening and educative to individuals present and the turnout of the different representatives from organizations was overwhelming especially considering that most families in Highfield were being affected by the current clean-up process by the Government in a move to resettle families that are crowded in one household and also those families that had built illegal structures not approved by the City Council. Overall, the sensitization workshop was a success and the EKOWISA team will continue supporting the Highfield Community in ensuring the maximum utilization of different forms of ICTs.

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