



ZNNP+ Extends Support to Kuda vana Children's Home

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On January 19, 2024, the Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV (ZNNP+) demonstrated their commitment to social responsibility by visiting the Kuda vana Children's home in Mutare. The purpose of the visit was to extend support to vulnerable populations, particularly children, as part of the organization's overall goal to make a positive impact in people's lives.

The Kuda vana Children's home, located approximately 30 kilometers outside Mutare town, provides a safe haven for 38 children ranging in age from 0 to 18 years. Many of these children have been abandoned by their parents, making the home their only source of security and care.

During the visit, Ms. Moreni Masanzu, the Vice Chairperson of ZNNP+, emphasized the organization's desire to support groups beyond those affected by HIV. The aim is to combat stigma and discrimination by fostering a culture of unity and ubuntu, where everyone is recognized as part of a larger community. Ms. Masanzu expressed the organization's commitment to breaking the chains of discrimination and extending support to all those in need.

The children at Kuda vana Children's home were found in good health and well looked after, attending school and dressed neatly. The home coordinators expressed their hope that each child would experience the love and care of a family, and they appealed to individuals and families to consider adoption or foster care.

The visit concluded with ZNNP+ staff members and board members handing over basic food and household items to supplement the home's supplies. The donated items included bread, rice, toilet rolls, cooking oil, toothpaste, sugar, and tea, among others.

For those interested in adopting or fostering children from the home, the department of social welfare oversees the adoption and foster care processes.

ZNNP+'s visit to Kuda vana Children's home exemplified their dedication to supporting vulnerable populations and promoting a culture of inclusivity and care. By extending their assistance beyond individuals affected by HIV, the organization aims to create a society where everyone is valued and provided with the necessary support to thrive.

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