

## BSAT fronting HIV-sensitive social protection programmes in Bulawayo.

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Bulawayo South AIDS Trust (BSAT), an affiliate of ZNNP+ is a non-profit organisation working on HIV-sensitive social protection. With support from ZNNP+, BSAT has transformed from being a PLHIV support group in 2018 to an established Trust. The organisation has initiated several welfare activities within Bulawayo. Recently, BSAT donated five hundred live chickens to five support groups to kick-start income generation farming projects.



Picture 1: Part of the consignment of 500 chickens handed by BSAT with support from Franciscan Aid.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, and with support from Franciscan Aid, BSAT handed food hampers to more than 250 people who are living with HIV in the City of Bulawayo. “This donation will feed 250 families and help improve nutrition outcomes among PLHIV” said the BSA Trust Chairperson, Ms. Sibahle. One of the recipients of BSAT support, Ms. Pamela Sibanda said, “We are

grateful for this donation, and we pray it will spread to cover more people who are struggling with taking medication on an empty stomach.”



Picture 2: Part of the support group members who received food hampers from BSAT in Bulawayo recently.

Nutrition ranks among the top five issues received through the PLHIV real-time *Kutabila* virtual Platform. For increases in health and HIV outcomes, interventions must also include intentional nutrition-specific programming. And just as the BSAT Chairperson placed it, we are expecting similar people-centered precision prevention responses to be supported if we are to realize the Global HIV targets by 2030.