



This Week!

SPOTLIGHTING NAMIBIA

TO SHOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU INTEGRATE



To show what can happen when you integrate Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) into lobbying and advocacy **Wakambadhala Kusindi Youth Group (WAKUYG)** has strengthened and empowered Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), HIV-positive indigent/disadvantaged women, and LGBTQIA+ community who struggle to decide what career paths to follow through capacity building trainings/workshops and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). To show what can happen when you integrate Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) into entrepreneurship and business lessons. **LIDAR Community Foundation** mainly works with young mothers to enable them

to be re-integrated into schools or resume their education and equip them with vocational skills to obtain gainful employment or start their own businesses.

To show what can happen when you integrate **Young Women Empowerment Network (YWEN)** has improved living conditions of young women and girls affected/infected with/by HIV/AIDS in Ohangwena Region, a rural informal settlement in Namibia to be free of stigma and discrimination.

To show what can happen when you integrate **Voices for Choice and Rights Coalition (VCRC)** brought together multi-agency and multi-disciplinary groups of entities and individuals working together to promote, consolidate and collaborate in a unified response to issues relating to abortion law reform, sexual and gender-diverse reproductive health and rights, women's health and women's reproductive healthcare.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED WITH THE UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH HER VOICE FUND 2022

HVF PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNITE VISIT

- ✓ Receiving a Country visit from two (2) representatives of the Project Management Unit (PMU) Maximina Jokonya and Tinashe Rufuwodzo of HER Voice Fund, accompanied by Selma Ndashilohenda Ilyambo was indeed very pleasant.
- ✓ Information shared and feedback received on work done by Wakambadhala Kusindi Youth Group (WAKUYG) and LIDAR Community Foundation was scrutinized and indeed appreciated.
- ✓ Through this unique partnership, we worked with the youth, especially Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), who are facing a lack of access to resources and opportunities, that are subjected to exploitation, violence, and sexual abuse.
- ✓ LGBTIQ individuals are at disproportionate risks of negative sexual health outcomes and face stigma and discrimination related to race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity in Katutura constituency, Freedomland (John Pandeni Constituency), and urban and rural informal settlements in Namibia.
- ✓ Together, HER Voice Fund Grantees in Namibia have empowered over 600 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), HIV-positive indigent/disadvantaged women, and LGBTIQ+ community
- ✓ Brought together youth in general, women, girls, legislative bodies, constituency and regional councilors, police, nurse, teachers, Traditional Authority, Church leaders, CSOs, and NGOs who are at the forefront of advocacy for AGYW issues and burdens of HIV on AGYW and
- ✓ The girls have learned how to advocate for themselves and others, and how to bounce back from setbacks.
- ✓ We have so much gratitude to our sponsors, Global Network of Young People Living with HIV, through HER Voice Fund for supporting and making this important program a success.

