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| **`Project title** | PLAY SAFE: No means No, to Teen Pregnancies and HIV/AIDS. |
| **Project Number** | CYO2019/01 |
| **Project Duration** | 12Months (FEB 2019) |
| **Project Location** | Ntcheu District, T/A Njolomole Upper, GVH Golozera. Kalanzi and B Kanyama |
| **Targeted Population** | 1500 adolescent youths: |
| **Project Budget** |  | MK1795500 |
|  | **Requested Funding** | **MK1,795,500** |
| **USD** |  |
| **Name of Implementing Organization** | CHAMANZA YOUTH ORGANIZATION |
| **Funding Agency** |  |
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**Background and statement to the problem**

Access to sexual and reproductive health services and information is a right to each and every individual including adolescent youths. This promote a health living among youths and the community as a whole. Access to SRH information and services helps in reducing cases of teen pregnancies, early marriages and early school dropouts especially among teen girls that arise due to early pregnancies and HIV/AIDS as well as other risks associated to unhealthy practices.

**Play Safe: No means No to teen pregnancies and HIV/AIDS project** aims at promoting total abstinence among adolescents and usage of contraceptives including male and female condoms in case of failure to abstinence. This is a responsive action to high rate of teenage pregnancies in Traditional Authority Njolomole, Group Village Heads Golozera, Kalanzi and B Kanyama of Ntcheu District. In the area, high rate of teenage pregnancies greatly contributes to high rate of school drop-out among girls. In 2015-2016 school calendar, an average of 36 girls in 5 primary schools, and 3 girls from a secondary schools dropped out of school due to pregnancy with Njolomole Primary School topping the list with 22 girls getting pregnant and this led 5 of them into early marriage “ 2016 survey conducted by Chamanza youth org and a report from Save the Children RT Project”.

In the area, most youths start having sexual relationships at a tender age of 11 and 36% of them have multiple sex partners. However it has been also identified that 85% of the adolescents in the area have no information of Sexual and Reproductive Health information and resources and access to such is still regarded as a taboo to most of them as people have negative perceptions towards uptake of contraceptives especially among adolescents. Most of the people affected are young girls aged 10 to 4 who are mostly in primary school and they have little or no access to reproductive health information due to other challenges one being government policy that do not allow provision of contraceptives at primary school. This is also preventing most adolescent from acquiring HIV Testing and Counselling services from surrounding health centers as they are not aware of Youth Friendly Health Services and they are not sure whether such services are available in their health centers. Therefore Chamanza youth organization aims at providing this information and services using other outreach methodologies that will bring together adolescents and access these services.

Poor uptake of contraceptives including male and female condoms among the young people has resulted to increased teen pregnancies and this increase in teenage pregnancy is a clear indication that young people are also at risk of HIV and AIDS. Lack of information, affordable and accessible SRH services is the main cause identified as a contributing factor to the problem of increased teen pregnancies and early marriages in the areas.

**Project objectives, outcomes and Activities**

**Goal:** To reduce cases of teen pregnancies by promoting total abstinence, usage and provision of Sexual and Reproductive Health information and Services to adolescents and youths through edutainment activities in the area of T/A Njolomole upper.

Outcome1

Improved knowledge of Sexual and Reproductive Health rights and related information to over 1500 adolescents and youths

Outcome2

Increased number of adolescents and youths accessing contraceptives by 40% after the program

Outcome 3

Increased number of in-school and out-of-school adolescent youth knowing their HIV status through provision of HIV Testing and Counselling (HTC) during the event

Outcome 4

Reduced cases of Teen pregnancies among adolescents with 20%

Outcome 5

Development of a community action plan against teenage pregnancy and child marriages.

**Project activities**

The project will focus on using edutainment activities that will bring together youths and adolescents from different schools and villages in high figures. Sporting activities, Disco and Cinema, Mentorship and Role modelling sessions are the main activities that will be used to bring youths together to access SRH information and services. During these events, the following activities will be used to disseminate information and services; Voluntary Testing and Counselling, distribution of contraceptives including male and female condoms, drama and live performances from local artists from within the catchment. Sporting activities will be competitions among school teams as well as inter-village teams and will be conducted in different focal points of the catchment. The organization will also conduct Cinema shows and discos which will mostly take place in public places such as schools and markets but will also go into the villages to target the out of school adolescents. There will also be interface meetings with local leaders, teachers, and health service providers to develop an action plan against teen pregnancies, child marriages and early school dropout cases.

**Indicators of Success**

1. **Short Term Indicators**
2. Number of Edutainment activities conducted
3. Number of mentorship and role modelling sessions conducted
4. Number of adolescents attended the event
5. Number of adolescents accessing contraceptives and VCT services during activities
6. **Long term indicators**
7. Number of adolescent youths accessing contraceptives and other SRH services during and after the program
8. Number of in-school adolescent dropping out of school due to pregnancies
9. Formation of adolescent teen clubs that will also incorporate HIV+ adolescents
10. Number of HIV+ declaring their statuses( this will be the community in general regardless of age)
11. Number of villages developed the implemented the action plan

 **Monitoring and Evaluation**

To ensure that this always on track and is achieving the desired results, there will effective monitoring that will involve the organization’s Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, the entire organization and all stakeholders together with the beneficiaries. There will be quarterly review meeting with the stakeholders to trace the progress of the project. . The organization will use progress reports which will be in writing, audio-visual (Pictures, recordings and Videos). An external team will be employed for periodic evaluation of the project’s effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. There will also be surveys that will target both direct and indirect beneficiaries. A project progress tracking tool will be developed that will be used to measure success, challenges, actual outcomes against estimated outcomes and also activity cost.

**Project Duration and Organization Capabilities**

This will be a 12 months project and is expected to start from February 2019 to February 2020. Chamanza Youth Organization (CYO) is a youth led organization who are energetic and always willing to achieve desired results. It has very well qualified and dedicated staff. The organization has strong relations with its stakeholders and different organization working in the district such as YONECO, NICE, DACC office, NAC as well as the DHO and its health centers. It is also an affiliate to the National Youth Council of Malawi since 2005. This organization is also a member of the Youth Act Alliance (YAA) which is a network of youth organization in Malawi working in the field of HIV/AIDS and SRH. Chamanza have implemented a number of donor and self -funded projects in the related field.

The Executive Director possess a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, Management and a certificate in Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation while the project coordinator has a Bachelor’s degree in Education. It also has qualified M& E officer and other staffs as well trained Youth Community Distribution Agents (YCBDA’s) who will assist in the provision of contraceptives and other services. It has experience in project management and has a very influential relationship with its stakeholders, the community, health and educational centers that helps in the delivery of services.

**Project Estimated Budget**

The project is estimated to cost MK1795500. The budget does not include staff salaries and rental charges because the organization will voluntarily implement the project and also has its own office structure, hence no need for rentals.