

Report for the Day of the African Child

LCM Ireland and FCS OAK held celebrations for the day of the African child in Nyabira at Nyavira Secondary school. The event started at 10:00hrs. In attendance were various stakeholders working with children in the community. Zimbabwe National Army provided tent for use on the day.

Stakeholders

ZNA

Caregivers

Nyabira clinic Nurse

ZRP Nyabira

Nyavira Secondary pupils and staff

ZRP Nyabira

Nyabira Primary school traditional dance group and staff

School development committee

Parents

Religious leaders

Mashambanzou Care Trust Staff

The guest speaker for the day was Inspector Kanogwere officer in charge for Nyabira police station. In his speech he appraised children on the background of the day which was first commemorated in 1991.



Guest Speaker Inspector Kanogwere

This year's theme was **“Do not leave a child behind for Africa's Development”**. , the 2018 theme highlights the need to ensure that **‘NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND’** by specifically targeting those who are not benefitting from Africa's growth and development. This year's Day of the African Child (DAC) theme builds on the momentum created by the DAC 2017 theme “The 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development for Children in Africa: Accelerating Protection, Empowerment and Equal

Opportunity.” It does so by emphasising the need to mainstream children's rights in all

developmental programmes implemented by Member States. The day has also become an opportunity to examine the progress of the implementation of the regional African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. This Charter, which came into force in November 1999 is the first regional treaty on the rights of the child and complements the African Charter on Human and People's rights as well as the United Nations convention on The Rights of the Child. Inspector Kanogwere emphasize the need for children to use their full potential for the Development of the country. Children are the future leaders hence need for parents to capacitate their children through sending them to school and not forcing young girls into marriage. Nyabira According to ZRP has a lot of cases of abuse mainly neglect as parents are forced by school authorities to bring affidavits for school fees payments plans which pass through his office. He called for awareness targeting parents to rectify the problem.



School choir performing a song

School children provided entertainment on the day. The items on display included, traditional dance ,Poems, drama, dances, songs, public speaking were performed and all carried messages on the theme for the day and also on child abuse. The drama sensitised the community on the dangers and consequences of early child marriages and sexual crimes which are on the rise in the community. The school choir through their teachers composed a song that was appealing for support to abused children. All children received a pen and a ruler with participating children received plates as appreciation for having items for display.



Children receiving gifts



Nyabira primary traditional dance group



A pupil reciting a poem on child abuse



Children displaying their dancing skills



Ladies currently admitted in MCU who provided entertainment

Pupils and school staff appreciated the hosting of the event which is normally celebrated in urban areas. The community praised Mashambanzou for such an initiative.