

15/06/2018: Day of the African Child Commemorations.

The commemorations were held at Mashambanzou Care Trust where children from different schools from the areas of operation convened. The activity was done as a collaboration of two projects within the organization that is SIDA and PCF. This year's Day of the African Child (DAC) theme was built 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 (Agenda 2030) developmental programmes implemented by Member States. While the 2017 DAC theme focused on locating Africa's children generally within the 2030 Agenda, 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.

The day was marked by dramas, speeches, poems and choral competitions with the core messages of Child protection and Gender Based Violence from 8 different schools from areas of operation. Even though the winners in the competitions got prizes, all the students who came for the event were presented with a token of appreciation. The schools present were:

1. Glen Norah 2 High School
2. Rising Star Academy
3. Greater Heights Academy
4. Nenyere Day Care Centre
5. Brilliant Academy
6. Dzivarasekwa 4 Primary
7. Starlight Junior
8. Tariro Primary School

The day also provided a for a where children from different areas shared experiences and ways of emancipating and protecting themselves from the scourges of abuse. Former students that were assisted by Mashambanzou Care Trust in terms of accommodation, fees assistance, nutritional support and medical assistance gave testimonials and motivational speeches which deposited the urge to achieve other children with alike circumstances that were present.



