

IMPROVING PROGRAM MOBILITY

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Project Narrative:

Africycle and Bikes Without Borders, have worked together to assist YONECO a youth and counseling program, with improved mobility in their health care delivery program in Zomba, Malawi. The YONECO program is a Community Based Care program that is assisting in the fight to prevent, educate, test and treat people affected by Tuberculosis.

Two main issues affecting the mobility of the program were addressed. The need to improve the mobility of providers and the need to improve mobility of patients. Africycle and BWB identified YONECO as the beneficiary of this project due to their proximity to current Africycle projects and the identified need for improved mobility within the organization. The success of this project outlines the impact a bicycle can have in the increased capacity and success of localized programs in Malawi. Africycle and Bikes Without Borders want to thank Tides Foundation and Toronto Funding Network for their contribution in mobilizing Community Based Care and helping provide life saving programs to overlooked rural communities of Malawi. There is a great need to continue in the work that has started and we know projects like this are able to make a huge difference in improving the overall health and well being of many communities.

Goal:

Provide mobility solution for YONECO tuberculosis prevention, testing and training program.

Objective	Activities	Outcomes
1. Provide improved method of transportation for health care providers	-provided 20 health care clubs with 2 modified roadster bicycles each, mobilizing 40 health care volunteers	-Improved mobility of service providers to increase frequency of visits and tests -Improved response times in emergency situations
2. Provide method for improving transport of patients	-Provided 20 health care clubs with 1 bicycle ambulance, for transporting patients	-Improved ability to transport immobile and sick patients from rural setting to health care facilities for treatment.

Significant Challenges	How they were handled
Accountability for delivered resources	Africycle set out guidelines and requirements for beneficiaries that would ensure proper use of resources. Contracts issued outlining bicycle will be used to further the benefit of the program
Identifying greatest area of need	Africycle worked with BWB and YONECO management and staff to identify programs in greatest need for improved mobility
Equipment maintenance and usage	Africycle delivered mechanical and safety training to all beneficiaries. Training included maintenance of bicycles and ambulance trailers and safe riding practices. Every beneficiary completed a day training session and certificate of completion

Learnings Gained By:	
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Africycle has successfully delivered mobility solutions to multiple organizations and have developed sound and sustainable methods of delivery to ensure best practices and longevity of resources -Africycle has learnt to adapt to various organizations and the environment in which they work -Africycle was able to identify structure of YONECO health care delivery and programs
Participants in undertaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participants undertaking the project were able to gain valuable knowledge in usage and maintenance of equipment -Participants were able to identify co-operative structure for sharing and distribution of resources -Learned appropriate methods of communication and reporting -Participants were able to learn how to identify barriers in mobility
Broader community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Due to increased frequency and quality of program delivery, the community is able to benefit from increased access to education programs and health care delivery -Community has greater understanding of how to access appropriate health care

Financial Report	CND \$
REVENUE	
<i>Tides Foundation- Toronto Funding Network</i>	12,237.78
<i>Bikes Without Borders(BWB)</i>	102.97
TOTAL REVENUE	12,340.75
EXPENSES	
<i>20 Care Carts (bicycle ambulance)</i>	6395.57
<i>40 RAJA modified bikes</i>	4823.18
<i>Administration/Communication</i>	1122.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	12340.75

**please note this budget is inclusive of first phase of project and all outlined deliverables. The project went on to deliver 8 additional bicycle ambulances to high volume areas. In addition a 6 month review of program and impact has been undertaken to gain further insight into the impact of a bicycle on program successes. These additional phases were funded by the Rotary Club of Toronto and Bikes Without Borders in co-operation with Africycle*

***please find attached financial statement for 2009. Africycle will provide financial statements for 2010 upon completion of fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, 2010, if deemed necessary by Tides Foundation.*