

## **New Apostolic Church Relief Organization (Formerly Henwood Foundation)**

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY REPORT**

## 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women which falls on 8<sup>th</sup> March of each year. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. It has occurred for well over a century, with the first gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. On this day, there are global gatherings, conferences, awards, exhibitions, corporate events, speaking events and more. Events are held by women's networks, corporations, charities, educational institutions, government bodies, political parties, the media and further communities.

The global theme for 2023 is (Embrace Equity) which is part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness around "Why equal opportunities are no longer enough." Today is a time to highlight achievements made by women, but also an opportunity to become better informed, collaborate and brainstorm about the path forward.

## Theme: Digital; "Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality"

The event took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and the March began at 08:30 hours from Goma lakes at UNZA. People from all walks of life participated in the event. There were over 500 participants inclusive of the 80 participants from NACRO who joined in the march on this day. Of the 80 participants, 5 were males and the rest were Women.

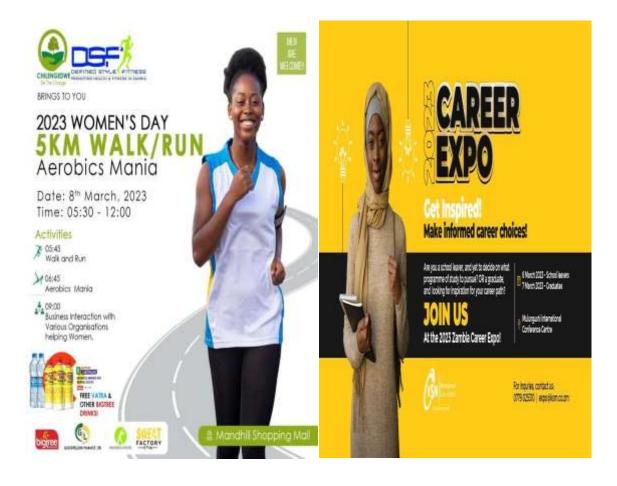
In preparation for this event, as an organization we had a meeting with the Executive Director, Assistant Accountant, Programmes Assistant and 3 representatives 1 from each apostle area. In the meeting the budget was drawn and the uniform was decided. The cost towards this event was covered by NAC office through NACRO. We had a zoom meeting with NGOCC and other participating partners. In this meeting, messages were prepared with regards to Women's Day especially for those that did not have a banner. It was further decided that organizations or companies that participate in this event to start nurturing youths to get involved in the celebration.

The Vice President Mrs Mutale Nalumango was a guest of honour as Hundreds of Women from Various organizations staged a march past and the Zambia Army brass band played music. In her Speech, the Vice President Mrs Mutale Nalumango mentioned a number of issues with regards to Women's Day: These include:

 Recognizing and Celebrating women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education,

- Exploring the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities.
- Spotlighting the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence.

These were some of the participants in the event as well as the exhibitions done by other organizations;



Photos of Participants from the Apostle Areas (Lusaka East, West and City) and members of staff during the March.







