

## Editor's Comments

What started as a dream nine years ago has surely come to fruition and reality. Response Network (RN) is now a stronger than ever as an organisation and the results of our work is thousands of self-help activities "out there". Some examples of these results in 2013 are: 73 skills training clubs for youths with 790 members. 80 Organic Vegetable Growing Clubs with 1044 members. 53 clubs with 642 members were again formed by women learning their rights and fighting Gender Violence + more than 100 other self-help activities. As an organisation, we wish to thank our hard working staff, all our donors and partners for making 2013 a successful year and not forgetting other stakeholders such as the government and visiting students and university lecturers who came on board and contributed to the program in one way or the other.



Some of the Response Network staff pose for a photo at the office

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTIONS

RN provided building materials for 17 community schools which were constructed on self-help in 2013 with funds provided by our cooperating partners. Since 2005, eighty nine (89) structures have been constructed which include teacher's houses and clinics.

The photo shows one of the many community schools constructed in 2013.



Newly constructed Siandwazi Community School

## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

RN sponsors 850 orphans' girl children in Livingstone district in paying for their school fees and learning materials. The program covers grades one (1) to twelve (12). In 2013, 111 out of 113 pupils who sat for grade 7 exams qualified to go to grade 8. Again, through employees of Norwegian Paralympic Committee, (NIF) the Organisation has also started sponsoring students at tertiary level.

## SAVE AND BORROW PROGRAM

The save and borrow program also known as Self Help Group (SHG) is another interesting program that RN implements supported by Kinder Not Hilfe (KNH).

The poorest female members of the community form clubs where they save weekly and discussing other developmental issues.

In 2013, 62 self-help groups were formed with a total number of 1,051 members. Depending on the club, the contribution can be as low as 5 cents per week and members are then allowed to borrow at 10% interest rate per month. It is from this saved money that the clubs embark on a variety of local business ventures that grow and finally help them to get out of poverty.

## NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR VISIT



Norwegian Ambassador to Zambia - Mr Arve Ofstad during a program visit to Response Network Offices in February 2014

## YSEP VOLUNTEERS



Ida Seim & Morten Tobias Rostille the 2013/2014 Youth Sports Exchange Program

The Youth Sport Exchange Program (YSEP) is a cultural exchange program for young Norwegians and Africans.

## COLLABORATIONS

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) in partnership with NAD and NFU in Norway co-operates with Response Network on reaching out to people living with disabilities.

In 2013, 30 support clubs for the disabled people with 361 members were formed. These members accessed various schools for their education and also other activities. CBR is an organisation that is concerned with the plight of people living with disabilities.

## Program Evaluation

Professor Randi Jacobsen from Oslo University-school of Development Studies conducted an evaluation for Response Network programs to find the impact that the organisation was making at grass root level.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11 staff from Academic Work to visit some of their supported projects from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Two groups of students from Oslo University to visit Response Network in March 2014.