



LEAP OF FAITH TRUST (LOFT) ZIMBABWE

## **PROFILE** AND CAPABILITY STATEMENT

lending a helping hand



# Organization Structure



Leap of Faith Trust is an organization which works primarily in Zimbabwe to assist children regardless of race, religion or sex, with a special emphasis in the areas of providing education, medical care and subsistence to needy children. Leap of Faith also provides spiritual guidance and counseling through wilderness resident holiday camps and seminars organized to teach orphans and vulnerable children the word of God, life skills, self sufficiency and values in accordance to their contextual upbringing.

Leap of Faith Trust is structured to meet its conceptional obligation, which is to reach out and empower disadvantaged children and youths in Zimbabwe.

The organization's Director is responsible for LOFTs overall operations. The Director is assisted at senior level by two directors, the Finance/Admin Manager and the Programs Manager.

The Finance and Administration Manager is responsible for overseeing the Budget and summarizing intermittent budget statements. The Programs Manager is responsible for the Project Management and developing working relationships with formal and informal community leaders.

LOFT is supported by a Board of Trustees which provides the needed institutional back up. The Board is composed of respected, experienced and like-minded individuals in various key national development areas working towards the common good for all Zimbabwean children.



*THE GOAL OF LEAP OF FAITH TRUST IS TO ASSIST ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN BY CREATING INTERVENTIONS, FINDING WAYS AND MEANS OF MEETING THEIR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS.*



# Our Purpose



## MISSION

Leap of Faith Trust's mission is to empower orphans, child mothers and other vulnerable children through psycho-social and socio-economic support, enhancing their opportunities and capabilities to achieve economic and sustainable development that is sustainable.

## CORE VALUES

**Care** - by giving hope and encouragement to HIV/AIDS Orphans and other vulnerable children.

**Peace** - create a safe and welcoming environment which offers time and space for vulnerable children by HIV/AIDS, political violence and other social ills.

**Exemplary** - serve as a role model in respect of transparency, teamwork, hard work, accountability, commitment and respect for all children despite gender, religious, ethnic and social status differences.

## LOFT AREA OF FOCUS

- Material and resource support
- Education/ Edu-tainment
- Psycho-social support
- Advocacy

## LOFT ACTIVITIES

- Policy Dialogue and Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Awareness Building
- Direct Services
- Academic Resident Wilderness Camps
- Peer education





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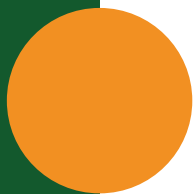
## ACHIEVEMENTS

- FT members have independently provided material and resource support to vulnerable children at a local orphanage home in Masvingo called Alpha Cottages.
- LOFT members have made various donations in kind to a few children in a rural village in Chivasa, 120km out of Masvingo, the fifth largest city in Zimbabwe.
- LOFT has independently provided cash support to vulnerable children at a local orphanage home in Harare called Chinyaradzo Children's Home.
- LOFT has managed to sponsor tuition for over 150 children each school term
- LOFT managed to make contribution towards the building of a science lab at a rural secondary school in Gutu

## LESSONS LEARNT

It is often the case that to have relationships with larger international NGO's it would be through grant funding. Getting grants (i.e., having relationships with larger international NGO's) is not easy and that it is not something to count on.

Grants are usually highly, highly competitive, very hard to get, especially for smaller nonprofits who have less resources, less of a record of making an impact and less reputation to go on. So, the other ways of bringing revenue are through crowd funding donations and partnerships with friends and much smaller NGO's that align with our mission to help the LEAP OF FAITH TRUST to be successful in making a meaningful impact on the world the way we hope it will.



# Our Purpose (Cont'd)



## LOFT CAPABILITIES

- Resource mobilization
- Establishing Community Child Care Centers
- Health promotion
- Advocacy and Policy Dialogue
- Empowerment







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