

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REPORT



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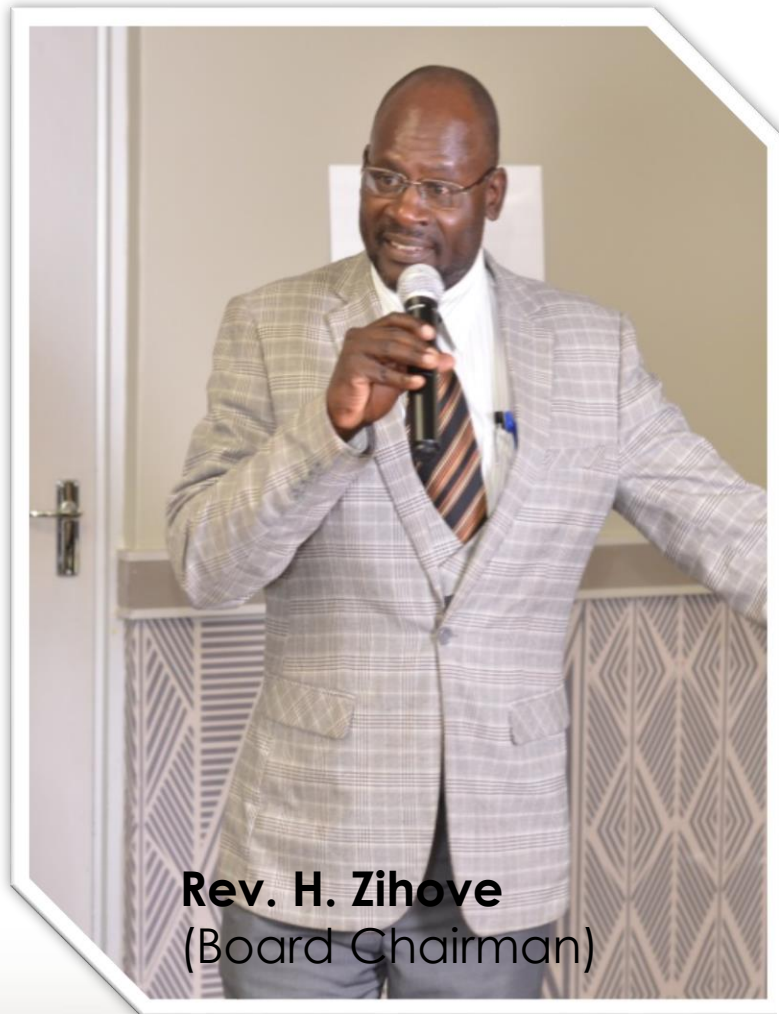
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OPENING REMARKS, PRAYER AND INTRODUCTIONS

To kick start the programme, welcoming remarks were given by Pastor Zihove, the chairman for the VNZ Board. This was done in a way that each representative from each organisation would introduce themselves. Several organisations were represented which included Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference (ZCBC), SOS Children's Villages in Zimbabwe, Council of Social Workers, and Department of Social Welfare (DSW) among others.



Rev. H. Zihove
(Board Chairman)



A snippet of the history of VNZ and the programs she has been involved in for the past 20 years was then given by Mr Chikumbu, the coordinator of VNZ secretariat. He explained how VNZ came to be, its founder, when it was founded and how the journey has been for the past 20 years. This was done with the help of Pastor Takawira, the patron of VNZ who has been present since the early days when VNZ was established.

Mr Chikumbu also explained the different programs that are done by the network along with the number of members that are networking with VNZ.



Mr J. I. Chikumbu (Coordinator)

PURPOSE OF NETWORKING

One of the guests of honour was the VIVA regional coordinator from Uganda, Mr Paul Kabunga. Mr Kabunga thus gave a brief presentation on the importance and goal of networking and how networks can be strengthened. He explained how strengthening the network would improve its programmes and ensure a better impact on children. This, Mr Kabunga explained, can only be done through encouraging unity and determination.



Mr. P. Kabunga
(Viva Consultant)



A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Mr Gwesela from the Government's Department of Social Welfare then gave a short presentation on the relationship between the government of Zimbabwe and VNZ and how this relationship is helping in promoting child protection. He also explained how over the years there has been an improvement in the provision of services to children from through the government's partnership with organisations including Viva Network Zimbabwe.



Mr Gwesela
(Dpt Of Social Services)





TESTIMONIALS



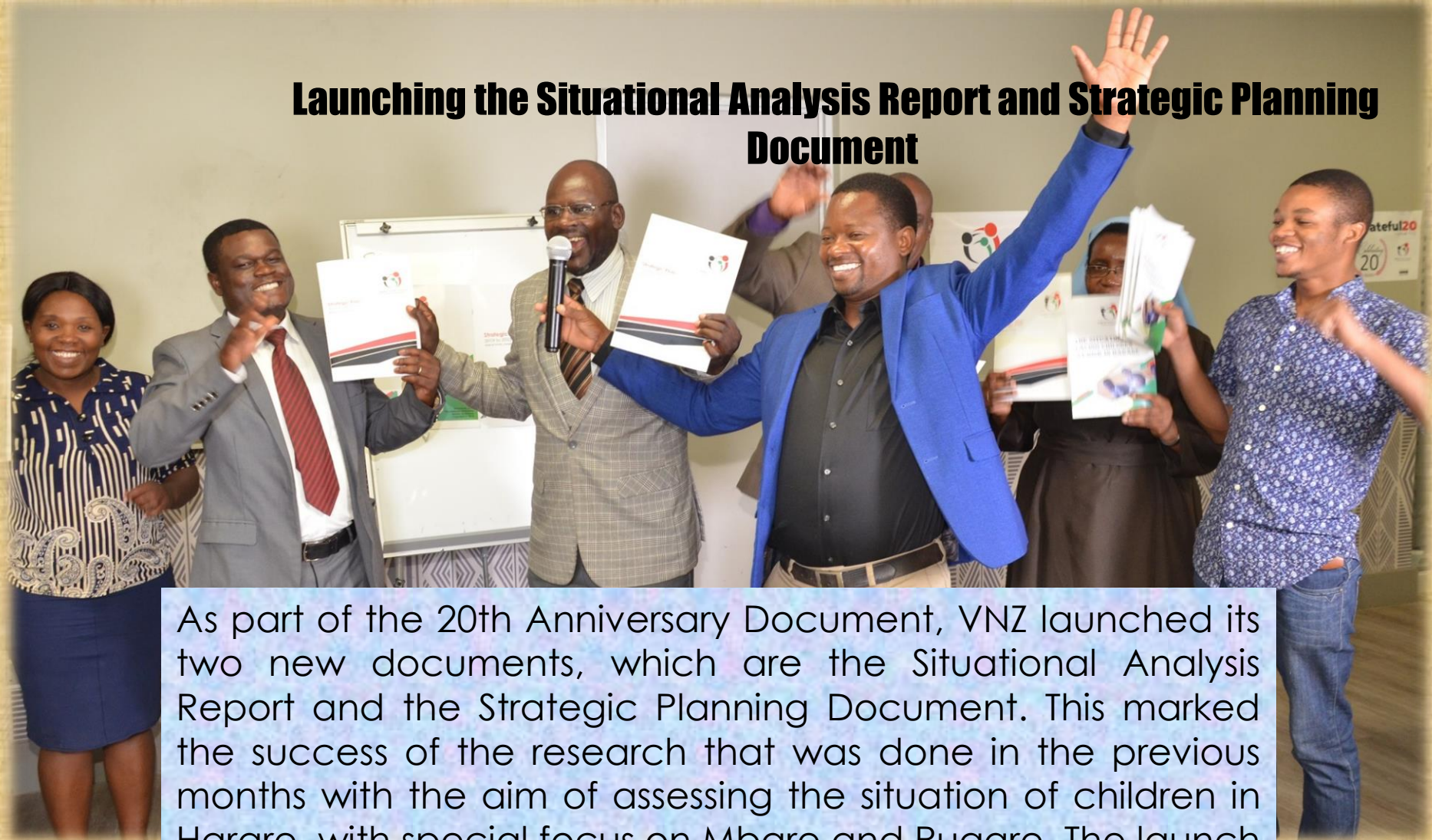
Mrs Mutshiya

(Bless the Child Zimbabwe)

In appreciation of the work that has been done over the years by VNZ, Mr Murisa from Springs of Life Organisation and Mrs Mutshiya from Bless the Child Zimbabwe gave their testimonies of how VNZ has assisted them from establishment to growth and effectiveness as members. They both explained how being part of the network has transformed them and contributed to their growth. They showed great appreciation of the network's work and congratulated VNZ for coming this far.



Launching the Situational Analysis Report and Strategic Planning Document



As part of the 20th Anniversary Document, VNZ launched its two new documents, which are the Situational Analysis Report and the Strategic Planning Document. This marked the success of the research that was done in the previous months with the aim of assessing the situation of children in Harare, with special focus on Mbare and Rugare. The launch was done by the board members of VNZ, the coordinator and a few members of the network.



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WE SEE MORE

OPPORTUNITIES



The anniversary celebration opened door to wider opportunities and networks. VNZ looks forward to:

- More Partnerships with the government in multiple different projects
- Improved visibility and respect in the community
- Enhanced success of projects through motivated membership
- New membership subscriptions and partnerships
- A more elaborate reach and capacity



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our gratitude to:

- All VNZ members for pulling together for progress and success
- The VNZ Board for effective leadership
- The government of Zimbabwe
- Children and parents for heeding the call to child protection
- Viva Oxford for continued support
- Viva Demark for support
- Our Partners for longstanding support
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- Osmud Media for Filming and Photography
- Cresta Oasis Hotel for the hospitality



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