**ZAMBIA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABUILITIES (ZNAPD)**

**ZNAPD AND IT’S PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**PRELIMINARY INTRODUCTION OF ZNAPD:-**

Zambia National Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities (ZNAPD) as an organization which was founded with the sole objective of fighting for the rights and development of persons with disabilities has been working hard to improve the lives of its members who are dotted around the country.

Currently ZNAPD is working in six (6) Provinces which is; Copperbelt, Central, Lusaka, Southern, Western and Eastern.

**ACTIVITIES OF ZNAPD:-**

Membership mobilization:-

ZNAPD currently has a membership of eleven thousand (11,000) members and fifty eight (58) branches around the country.

Advocacy and influence:-

ZNAPD has been working tirelessly advocating for mainstreaming in communities under its programme which has resulted in many of its branch representatives sitting in mainstream decision making bodies such as the; District Development Committees, Disaster Management Committee, Village Development Committee, Conflict Resolution Management Committee and others.

Economic empowerment:-

ZNAPD is running a number of economic activities for its members. These economic activities are meant to bring about a sustainable income to the members.

One of the newly economic empowerment is the goat revolving scheme which has empowered about one hundred and five (105) members.

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The programme is an on-going programme and is expanding rapidly.

Skills training:-

ZNAPD is running a skills training school specialized n offering tailoring courses to the disabled and non-disabled students in Ndola. Elsewhere ZNAPD has been recommending youths to mainstream training institutions to acquire survival skills.

Women programme:-

ZNAPD has come up with a women’s programme aimed at addressing issues that affect women.

Youth programme:-

After realizing that youths are the future leaders of tomorrow, ZNAPD found it fit to come up with a programme that would empower the youths and prepare them to take up leadership responsibilities of the organization.

Pressure mobilization:-

In order to raise the much needed resources to run the organization, ZNAPD has been training its membership in resource mobilization to enable them raise funds at local level. This has proved to be effective in some of our branches in the organization.

Ngwena River farm:-

The project is one of the initiatives which is aimed at raising funds for the organization. The activities at the farm consist of:-

* Crop farming.
* Piggery.
* Poultry.

Mobility appliances:-

ZNAPD has prioritized the programme on mobility appliances by soliciting for assistive devices which are given to the members.