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1. Introduction

During the preparation of the training course for women entrepreneurs in Kabwe the Chranfield School of Management proposed to carry out an evaluation and follow-up visit in Zambia in Decemer. In view of the considerable amounts of money that were to be spent and because the training programme was expected to be the first of many in the region an evaluation of its impact seend to be indispensable.

2. Preparation and Implementation of the Follow-up Workshop

PAID-ESA had already in August/September written to all those participants of the Kabwe workshop who live in or near Kabwe and Lusaka. On the 16th of October invitations to the follow-up workshop had been sent to all former participants, with a copy to Mr. Anderson Chibwa of PAID-ESA.

Earlier this year we had come to know that one of the participants, Mrs. Christine Sinkala, had passed away.

Of the nineteen participants remmaining (see list of participants, Annex 1), nine accepted the invitation:

- Mrs. Esther Malesu
- Ms Grace Kakumbi
- Ms Joaquina Malunga
- Ms Christine Tembo
- Mrs. Caroline Silwamba
- Mrs. Margaret Mufalo
- Ms Gift Ntitima
- Mrs. Reginah Chilonga
- Mrs. Rabecca Museteka

Mrs. Loveness Gondwe had replied to the invitation, but did not come, Mrs. Milika Mwale had sent her report with one of the other participants from Livingstone.

In addition to these participants a few more had answered the follow-up questionnaire sent by PAIDESA in September; some information is therefore available about the businesses of Mrs. Genevieve T. Mvale, Mrs. Regina Chiyapeni, and Mrs. Grace Zulu.

The follow-up workshop was prepared by PAIDESA with the assistance of the Cranfield School of Management. Before the start and during the two days of the programme all participants were interviewed individually. The discussions throughout these two days gave further insight into the actual situation of the businesses and the plans for the future.

The Programme:

- Friday, 24th of November:

. morning:

- Introduction by Anderson Chibwa, PADESA
 - Participants report about how they have made use of the traning programme and how it might br impreved
 - Anna Kristin Sorensen, UNIDO report on current and future developments of the project.

. afternoon: - Participants divide in small groups and discuss problems facing them now

- Presentation of results to plenary

- Saturday, 25th of November:

- morning: Caroline Silwamba, one of the Kabwe participants, acts as a role model by presenting her business and answering participants' questions
 Malcolm Harper "making opportunities
 - out of problems".
- . afternoon: Participants divide into small groups and work on solving their problems
 - Groups present solutions to the plenary
 - Farewell get-together
- 3. Analysis of the Findings

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Although it was not possible to contact all participants information is available about 14 out of 19 businesses. Intense interviews were carried out with 9 of the participants. In addition to that three women had filled in the PAIDESA questionnaire and one had sent a letter giving some information about her business.

3.1 Summary of Participants' Feedback on the Training in Kabwe.

The most frequently mentioned issue was that participants had gained CONFIDENCE.

Almost everyone mentioned the benefit of knowing how to prepare a cash flow forecast.

Several mentioned that they now know how to do the COSTING of their products.

Several mentioned that they needed more time for BUSINESS PLANNING.

Some mentioned that they found problems with their businesses as a result of their absence on the course.

One participant thought the ENTERPRISE EXPERIENCE to be bad because it divided the group.

The following quotations from participants' reports or letters give a better impression of their views on the impact the course had on their entrepreneurial behaviour or their businesses. The views expressed here may not always be the whole truth because the reports or letters were not anonymous but on the whole they are in accordance with what came out in discussions and through observation.

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"After the course... I have the urge to go solo. I have a lot of fantasy for the next five years."

"I should also mention that my business books are so straight forward and one could really understand them."

"I have now come to know of ways of approach to customers and as a result it is very very rare that I fail to get orders or sell anything..."

"I have also learnt not to be depressed when a loss has been experienced."

"The course...was of great encouragement to me. Seeing and meeting others who are more or less in the same boat as me."

"When I started I had no plans and no cash flows which I have now. ...I managed to do ...proper costing for chickens, feed etc."

"The course...really encouraged me to be a full time business woman instead of being part time."

"I am able to price my products without facing much difficulties than before...Making of arrangements to my customers when and how they are going to pay me."

"I have opened up a current account for my business since we were taught not to mix personal money and business money."

"My projected cash flow seems to be helping me very much. Before I used to experience shortfalls as well as complete failures in cash requirements....My business is now solvent really at all times." E

"Product pricing is a big problem for me. This is I think due to the economic climate prevailing in the country."

"...I'm still not good at all in promoting whatever business I am doing."

" Book-keeping is of not much use because inflation makes comparing figures from two periods meaningless".

"...I do try to be efficient in my business dealings (I always remember the envelope exercise, it was very educative)."

"... I say thank you. Keep it up. Next time we want more help. Once you have educated a woman that means you have educated the nation".

3.2 Summary of Participants Reports on Their Businesses

The complete reports can be found in Annex 2. Part a) of each summary contains information about the participant at the time of applying for the Kabwe course (compiled from Cranfield files). Part b) is the summary of participants' reports and of notes made during the Lusaka workshop.

1. Gift Ntitima:

a. She had worked as a hotel manageress and as a catering officer for about eight years; at the time of application she was running a small kiosk and was planning to open a restaurant with her own money (selling a car) and by borrowing money from the bank.

b. She sold her car and got money from the bank; she had hoped to open a restaurant but was then told that only state shops could operate in the building where she wanted to locate it. At the same time she lost her old kiosk, because her landllord sold out. She started an outside catering service, catering for wedding receptions, private and office parties, office and board lunches, birthday parties. She used old contacts to start the business; she also did a market research which told her that the five competitors are only selling to the richest people, so she decided to target the middle class. The business is going very well, in June for example she made a profit of K 46,000. Within these few months she had to increase her staff from five to twenty.

She has also acquired a retail shop in a shopping centre where she plans to sel! imported and local household goods and appliances; she is already selling these items to state shops. Since she deals mainly with imported goods she needs forex. "I very much thank you the lecturers at Paid-esa who taught me how to make a cash flow and cash projections. All these played a major part when I applied for forex". She also was able to get a tax exemption certificate easily because she had well prepared business records.

2. Esther Malesu

a. She had been a secretary for about 19 years until 1986 and was running, at the time of the application, a dress making saloon and a combined restaurant and record shop. She was employing 7 people.

b. Now she is only operating the restaurant and record shop and employes one more person. She has improved her record keeping system, works out a monthly plan and tries to keep to it, and has "improved tremendous" the marketing of her business. She is offering new dishes and snacks. As a results of the course she handles her customers differently, when she hears complaints she rushes to satisfy them herself. In addition to difficulties with product pricing because of price de-control she has problems with getting good staff. Because she has to get certain raw materials from other parts of the country regularly she has to leave her business for at least 5 days which has "some catastrophic effects" on the business. To minimize that problem she plans to get a deep freezer to be able to buy in bulk.

3. Caroline Silwamba

a. At the time of application for the Kabwe course she was running a kiosk and was planning to go into edible oil production because "raw materials are readily available".

b. She is still running her kiosk and has hired one additional worker. The business went down at devaluation in June but has stabilized. Because she got a flour allocation she could join a marketing cooperative to sell her high quality bread, rolls and cakes. She is now very much better off than she was a year ago. During the course she thought the envelope game was a waste of time but she has since realized how important it was; as a result for instance she now uses two smaller stoves instead of three large ones, this means she uses two instead of three bags of charcoal and saves 100 K per week.

She seems to have given up the idea of going into edible oil production. She had to prepare three different business plans because of price changes, and has now stopped bothering.

4. Margaret Mufalo

a. She had been working as a nurse since 1964. In early 1988 she stopped working and went full-time into small scale vegetable and chicken farming.

b. "The business has improved tremendouly because I have now employed good and dedicated workers. I have bought a water pump and irrigation equipment; sales have doubled and profits have been good. The only problem is inadequate supply of day old chicks due to high demand...I have..increased the output in both poultry and vegetables. I now sell more chickens than before; I sell eggs. Other farm products added are finished products like tomato jam...I am very happy about all these developments". She keeps proper records, this does not help her much to compare the financial results which are not comparable because of inflation. but it does remind her when and what veterinary products she uses, and what food mixes are good at what stage. 5. Grace Kakumbi

a. She had worked as a secreatary from 1974 to 1988; in August 1988 she started the manufacturing of ladies handbags and travelling bags and applied for the Kabwe course to improve that business.

b. When she went back to her business after the course she realized that things had changed tremendously: prices of raw materials had tripled, labour costs had increased and retailers were not so interested in buying local hadbags. She thought about the many ideas she got during the course in Kabwe and decided to go into import-export since her business was registered as a manufacturing as well as an import and export business. She made a few samples of shorts and skirts; the first order she then got was very encouraging and she has since extended her export to other neighbouring countries. With the forex from those exports she buys mainly office cleaning machines which she sells at a high profit in Zambia.

The main thing she gained from the course was confidence and marketing techniques; she is now able to go into a shop to sell a machine or to sell clothing in a way that she would not have been able before. Her two problems are the slow payment of her customers and that the self-employed tailor she is using for making the clothing works rather slowly so that sometimes she has to go abroad without export items.

She aims to accumulate enough capital from this trading business to start a restaurant because she does not always want to travel.

6. Joaquina Malunga

a. After a training in tailoring and designing from 1986 to 1987 she became self-employed as a tailor and designer. She applied for the course in Kabwe to improve and expand her self-employment into a full-time business.

b. While she was on the course she had part-time staff doing the knitting and sewing; during her absence both machines went out of order "due to the neglegeance and carelessness on the part of the workers". She dismissed one of the employees. The knitting machine is still out of use because it is difficult to get the spare needles; the sewing machine was repaired after three months. During that time she went on buying materials from her usual suppliers and sold them at retail prices. After getting back her machine she propared a cashflow forecast and worked hard to reach her targets. "Without that course, and with all the problems I have encountered I don't think I would have continued with the business. But now I have the will to strive and be happy." 7. Christine Tembo

a. She holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry/Mathematics and had worked as an assistant senior chemist, and had tried for a short period to set up a tailoring shop. At the time of applying for the course she was working as a training officer and was planning to go into vegetable dehydration and into oil extraction.

b. She is still employed and has not started vegetable dehydration nor oil extraction. She is continuing the tailoring; the course helped her with marketing but for the moment her machine is out of order. She also started trading in kapenta but cholera closed the area where she used to buy it. Then she tried to buy groundnuts and shell and sell them but the sacks were full of sand and she lost money. The course enabled her to realize that that business was not profitable so she stopped it. She gives mathematics tutorials in the evenings and she is also running a poultry business, now on her own because the partnership did not work. She still wants to do a soap business sometime but cannot resign from her job because the house where she lives goes with the job.

8. Reginah Chilonga

a. She holds a diploma in teaching and has been a teacher since 1965. She was planning to retire and go fulltime into poultry business.

b. She has now replaced her children with two hired employees. She retired from teaching in August 1989 and has applied for land on which she plans to set up an oil extraction business and to grow pawpaw, guava and strawberries as raw material for making jam. She is already making jam on a small scale. She is still struggling with her chickens and has bought some new feeders. E

The course gave her the courage to plan seriously to go into business on the basis of the retirement gratuity of approximately K 100.000 which she expects to receive.

9. Rabecca Museteka

a. She holds a diploma in social youth work and had been working as a social worker since 1977. At the time of the application for the Kabwe course she was working as a social worker with the Livingstone council. She had started keeping chickens in 1983 and she applied for the course to improve that part-time business and also start baking cakes. She had no intention of going into full-time business.

b. Her business has improved since she learned to set realistic goals and because she has a lot more self-confidence than before the course. "I always try to keep my promise to my customers. I sell and advertise at working places, show days and in the town centre (for special cakes, wedding cakes, birthday cakes). I make sure that I get the required raw materials in bulk when I have a chance". She has opened a current account for her business to avoid mixing personal and business money. She is planning to open her own shop so that she can set her own prices rather than having to bargain every time and she has applied for a licence. The best part of the course for her was business planning which taught her to avoid the "hit and miss approach".

10. Milika Mwale

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a. She holds degrees in nursing and in teaching. She had been a nurse until 1981 and a teacher at the school of nursing since then. She had started a business in selling in-door plants and flowers on very small scale and applied for the course to improve and expand that business.

b. She is still working as a teacher and has faced a lot of problems with her business. The production has gone down due to different reasons: the company producing the flower pots has problems with raw materials, Livingstone had great water shortage and many varieties of plants and flowers have dried out; because of the limited variety of her products, sales have dropped but the production costs have increased. She also has difficulties in recruiting a gardener on full-time basis, she can only get part-time gardeners. The nursing school has a shortage of personnel therefore she cannot get leave; also her sister who helped with the household has got a job, so she has even less time to spend on her business. And "my husband has decided to keep the village chickens and some stray ones eat up my plants". But "all in all I haven't given up or despaired". She is buying new water pipes to improve the water pressure, and the house will be connected to the new water supply system. She is using the locally produced clay pots although they are of low quality and break easily. Because concrete or cement flower pots are too expensive for her to buy in bulk, she has arranged with a small scale producer of those pots that she buys the inputs like river sand and cement and he only charges the labour; this turns out to be cheaper. She also uses old tins but they are not selling much.

- 3.3 Information about participants who did not come to the Lusaka meeting and did not send any report
 - Elizabeth Shawa: She was running a nursery school and was planning to go into the manufacturing of educational equipment and toys. She has given up that plan for unknown reasons.
 - Genevieve Mwale: She is still rearing chickens and selling confectionary. She had planned to open an ice-cream parlour but seems to have problems with the supply of raw materials. The training course gave her a lot of confidence but she thinks that more time should be given for business plan preparation.
 - Loveness Gondwe: She was employed as a secretary, was running at the same time a grocery, and was planning to go into oil extraction. She is still trying to do that but has not yet got enough money ("these bankers of mine are still problems to borrow me some money"). However, her grocery shop is doing well and she can apply all the knowledge gained in Kabwe in that shop. She also thinks that she needed more help in preparing her business plan.
 - Grace Zulu: Was planning to expand her wine and jam making part-time business. Because of lack of raw materials she has stopped that business. She thinks the course was too short.
 - Regina Chiyapeni: She had been a self-employed tailor since 1980 and had come to the Kabwe course to improve her business. Because of the "hopeless situation of the Zambian economy" she gave up her business. It is not known what she is doing now.

It was not possible to get any information from or to get in contact with Lydia Mukosa, Maureen Mwanza, Lucia Mwanza, and Joyce Mutungwa.

Christine Sinkala, called Kili, was only 35 years old when she died. She was a nurse and a midwife and wanted to start a baby clothing business.

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

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Cne conclusion that can definitely be drawn is that the women gained a lot of confidence through the training course in Kabwe; confidence in approaching new customers, in dealing with suppliers and with banks.

Another psychologically important factor for many of these women was the getting together with other women with similar problems and ambitions. Ideas were exchanged, the women learned from the mistakes others had made, and learned from the feedback and advice given to them by women of their own kind.

It came out very clearly from some of the reports that the course had taught them not to give up so easily. Persistence, at least during the first months after such a course, seems to increase because of the increased confidence, because of having met highly motivating entrepreneurial role models, and certainly because of having worked out a plan that appears to be feasible.

Regarding the management skills training, most of them are applying what they learned about cashflow forecasting and seem to find it very helpful. Some are using their business plans as a management tool and don't just regard them as something to be presented to a bank.

The course has helped some to realize earlier than they may have realized before, to stop a business because it was making losses.

It is difficult to judge the impact the training programme had on the financial status of the businesses because very few participants were able or willing to present figures. A comparison with the situation at the start of the business was not possible because most participants had already started their businesses from home and did not keep records. Also the application form does not include enough such information.

25 jobs were created after the course in Kabwe, in addition to fulltime employment for some of the women. This seems a large number after such a short period of time and is mainly due to one very entrepreneurial women who employs 15 more people than before. But if these jobs are related to the costs of the initial preparation and of the programme itself, which only can be guessed to be approximately US\$ 300.000 it becomes very obvious that everything has to be done to turn this pilot programme into a regular programme making sure that the training materials produced at such high costs contribute to the creation of many more jobs.

On the basis of the discussions in Lusaka and the reports of the participants I would like to make the following recommendations:

- to improve the application forms by including specific questions about the income of the actual business or part-time activity, and by asking for the number of employees

- to reduce the length of the whole course by either splitting it into two or three parts or extending the time when the participants go back home to collect data for their business plans, thus allowing them to look after their families and their businesses
- to increase the number of hours spent on cashflow preparation and other basic financial management tools, by reducing for example the number of sessions about marketing, selling and product promotion and distribution
- to allow more time for working on the business plans and the related individual counselling
- to ensure that the institution that implements the training programme also provides good follow-up business counselling
- to choose participants from one city or one district, this would enable them to built up a network and would facilitate the required follow-up, making it less costly and more frequent.

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The busness enterprise has improved because of the skill I have gained from the institute. I have employed igood manpower; increased out put in both pour chickens than before ; I sell eggs. Other form produce added are finished product like tomoto jam, tomato Sauce Ko mato Chutney and tomato je juice. Shave also bo gone furthel to grow ather Vegelab to like Cabbage, Convets, Sweet Potaloes and youns: I have started experiment ing on horbs and tarmeric all these developments! Ithank Paid-Esa for the knowrldge gemed keep it up

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My enterprise experience

Before I attended a five weeks course of women Small Scale Entreprenents at PAID-ESA Kabure in January-March, 1989 my business plan was of Handbag making and my buliness plan was babed on that he March "when I went back to my business Iat PAID-ESA a lot of things had changed tremende the prices of row materials had more then treble the pert-time tailor I used had raised his there the pert-time times per eich handbeg made and only few refailers were interested in buying local haldbags - they preferred mosted ones which they said were less cheep than the locally made. Whith the nide vange of Subjects covered at PAID-EST, the unnertand rates gatter from the course participants about various business I sat donn and thought about any other busin that I could do, to enable me accumulate son that I could do, to encour me nummer of nore money before I could think of going back to ______ original business ylan of Handbag product Since my business was registered as a manufacturing as well as an import and export business _____ opted for the batter - "Import 9 gave it a trial of making a few Samples of Chitenge men's shorts and short-sleeved thirts Iddies chittenge boose dresses and monally endwordered rout the neck and at and of t skirt, Children's chitenge dresses etc. and have fince me extended _____ exposit project to other neighbouring constries. Right now I intend exporting the bay-old Chicks to Tonzania The forex that I get from Such exports, I in return buy mainly office cleaning machines

Zambian (2) which I sell to companies on arrival -through Zamba Airwanys Cargo. While appreciating the knowledge I gained form HAID-EST five weeks' course I should also mention that my books are so stronght forward and one could velly understand them. I have now come Could vællig mærstend there. I have now une to know of ways of approach to instomers and as a result it is very very neve that I fail to get orders or sell anything that I have brought in Euler I also feel that in Costing of imported things is not be at all exhibiting to have the case during the I have also learnt not to be depressed when a loss has been experienced. Sometimes I buy products which I believe would Sell on a price based on costings. But I would Sell on a price based on everflooded the market. I would rather Sell Such products on a price that could bring me back exactly or slightly above what I taked bring he back on purchasing, just to enable me go back bony the chitange material - have my export products made - go book out and sell them and enable me to bring in any etter products which are on demand and could sell easely. . Ny business has inpressed so much financially inspite of a few problems freed when it comes to cellecting of manage and Cashing of chaques. Smethics your could find that the chants give you the which are referred back to dyouver and the Jehognes you start bettling it out to litter have (ash given to you or men cheque issued to you given ny other problem is just as in hand beg making I have more self-employed tailor its manually doesn't make complete making

Sometimes I do go at without export items. Even though I do not have any serious problems because I monally Sell ______ items on credit or on SO % down payment to much so that the forex I use to surchese and it the forex I use to purchase products come credit Sells. from for the future his to man eather place on foods for sell tilte out interest is in making Jam process a'i Place My etc. All these with the intention of bottling it S. Wines and sealing them perfectly, for slippt o the state II would to become a big food producer? While at the Some time on an eating place.

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CHRISTINE (LUANSHYA) TEMBO

REPORT ON THE POST WOMEN SMALL SCALE ENTEREPRENEUR COURSE HELD FROM 23 JANUARY TO 26 FEBRUARY 1989

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

Following the above named course we were armed with basic tools with which employ in our businesses, for those who were already in business, and for some of us "trainee entrepreneurs" to start business with. We were taught different kinds of skills which are all useful, but they may not all be necessary for a particular kinds of business.

The course itself really encouraged me to work hard other than just being in formal employment. It is also stated in the Bible that let He who does not work, not eat. I cannot afford not to eat, therefore, I have to work.

2.0 KAPENTA, GROUNDNUT SALES

Since I can not ...ford not to eat, I wondered what I could do. One of my neighbours was going to Mbala and she asked me whether I would love a bag of Kapenta. I did not hesistate. She bought a bag for me and I realised a bit of profit from the sales but I could not continue because my neighbour did not go back to Mbala in in any case the Mbala area was quarantined. Instead, I bought two bags of groundnuts (unshelled) and I shelled them in readiness for sale. I made a clean 10% loss on the sales. As a result, I did not shell the second bag but kept it for home consumption. I thought that was better, because I saved a little on my salary by not having to spend money on groundnuts when I needed is the

3.0 TAILORING

I started tailoring, by hiring a boy who charged K7.50 per girl's dress. Samples were made and I personally took them to LHWSCU shop within Luanshya. Luckly enough the whop liked the samples and a contract was made. I supplied them with 100 girls' dresses. I bought dress materials from Kafue Textiles retail shop, thread and oil from some local Idian shops.

This proved prfitable but it had its own problems. I noticed the sloppy production of the dresses. The tailor I hired used to bring in outside work and made them in my house whilst I was away at work.

One day domebody went to my house in my absence and took away the peddle for the sewing machine. (Anyway I know who took it and why). But I still had about 10 dresses more to finish. So I discontinued with the hired tailor. I borrowed a sewing machine and completed the remaining cresses myself since they had already been cut.

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4.0 MATHEMATICS TULLAL

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I initially started with Form Vs and Form IIs. Though there hasn't been any advertisement to this effect. I had two Form IIs that I summed to coach in Maths. I suspended the Form Vs because of time and fatigue since the tutorial is done an hour after work and with the power cuts (shedding) it was difficult to continue.

I attended one particular Bible Study and we were discussing how Moses was told by God to lead the people out of Egypt. The poor man had no confidence in himself. He explained to God as to how the people would believe him if he told them that God had spoken to him. God asked Moses "What is that you have in your hands", he answered "A Rod". He told him to trow it down. The minute it touched the ground it turned into a Serpent, then He asked him to pick it up so Moses picked it up and it turned back into a Rod. What I am trying to say is that Moses was told to use what he had (rod). Therefore I thought about it and I realised that Maths as a subject is something that I have and I can use it since there is need in our society to offer extra tuition to school going children. I may initially not even require a loan.

A number of parents have requested me to give tuition to their children ma to give tuition to their children starting January 1990.

All in all, it is important to keep record of business transactions, for easy reference. Business promotion is really important. If well established business houses do business promotion what of an almost non existent enterprise! But I am still not good at all in promoting whatever business I am doing.

5.0 CHICKEN REARING

I now become restless to just sit and wait for my pay at the month end, Ohe motivity Liestimeney see when my neighbours announced their intention of rearing chickens I asked them to include 50 of mine. The arrangement was that I give them money for 50 one day old chicks, since they had previously if while a start of the previously of the previously done business with Hybrid Poultry Farm, and that I should buy 5 bags of chicken feed that was going to cover my chickens for 8 weeks. So everything was arranged and the chicks were bought. The birds were kept at neighbours' house, therefore I did not really put in much as far as labour was concerned. So when the birds were ready I was told that they had started selling them. I told a few people about them and some actually went and bought.

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Little did I realise that I had also to sell my own chickens. I was told after they had sold two-thirds of the total number of chickens that one-third that remained were mine and had to take full responsibility of selling. For those who have reared chickens, you will know that the last to be sold usually have slow growth. I have taken them from their garage to my place since ¹⁷. were expecting some more in two days' time. It was a sudden change of environment for the chickens from warmth to cold. I feaved that they might die , so I reduced the price to clear them. All I wanted now was to realise the money I had spent on them and realize a bit of profit.

One thing I concluded about business transaction is that I should never settle for partnership.

SOAP MAKING

I have not been able to make any scap due to lack of time to go round looking for ingredients.

Though there is a lot of soap on the market, I do realise that this is so for urban areas and not rural areas. Therefore, I still have the project at heart to serve the people in rural areas. These people are exploited a lot by their fellow men who buy soap from shops, take them to rural areas to sell at very high prices. I would like to save them from this where soap is concerned.

With literature and some material to assist me in soap making, I still feel encouraged to start up the project and face the challenge.

CONCLUSION

From the trial errands I managed to go through, it can be concluded that one should never give up when one business fails. One should either try again in the same project or try a different one bearing in mind the costs of the project to be undertaken. Initially we should start with the cheapest and easiest project possible and slowly build it up, with time.

It should also be remembered that the little made from any roject should also be wisely accounted for - for future expansion of the enterprises.

I would like to end by appealing to all present here to offer their expert advice or "criticize to build" me up.

Thank you.

Christine Tembo

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REPORT ON THE ENTERPRISE EXPERIENCE

LAKE SHOP INTRODUCTION

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<u>LITILIZATION OF TRAINING-DAID ESA</u> - I am able to keep my business records eg books, invoice book, Cash in and expendi ture book

- ture book - What row room neather of Juill read formy business where J will buy it, at what price how long it will take to get it, when J will have to pay and what mederance will have to pay and what mederance will it need?
- What raw main material I will need, where to buy them from, at what price and when I have to pay them?
- The course assited me to invest money int

- 2. citesiness for tomorrow rather than spendigly today.
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 - I am able to price my products with out factory much difficultus that before the king of arrangements to my customers when and how they are going to pay me - I always try my bist to plan ahead.
 - and manilors the results.
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- D. Here THE BUSINESS HAS INPROVED My business has improved by acting registic goals of my business and all contribute of The product and and production and sales a to I always trics to keep my promise to my Contonois. I sale and advictice at working places show days und town Contre [Special Bakes, widding Cakes Barthelay Cakes]

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I have got only few words to say Iwell LIKE tothank PAID-ESA, UNIDO who help MC alot in my part time Business. By Utilizing their Knowledge and Lastlyhelped me to purchase my mixing machine using # 200 US dollors which I was given for atrip [to havare with this few words I say thank Keep it up. Next time we want more help! Chief you have educated a women that Mans you have iducated the mation.

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AEPORT ON THE INTERPRISE EXTERIENCE ("THE GURDEN EXCLUSIVE")

1. UTILIZATION OF TRAINING - PAID-EEL

The Course has assigned transmously in the day to day runting of the Business.

- I am able to identify my target population for my product.
- With confidence I am able to approach my target population and or have them come to me and buy my product. This I have done through personal sales and advertising using posters at the Mospital, School of Mursing and Town centre.
- I sm able to stand up to my Competitors, before I lacked confidence, I can now no physically had observe how they produce their products and I have even boundt some so that I can see whe I can improve.
- The Course assisted me to appreciate importance of investing maney into a business than enjoying it.
- I amothe to set realistic goals about my business plans e.g. production, sales etc.
- Unlike before I do try very hard to grasp opportunities to derrove my business in terms of presentation of my product, ruslity etc. to attract zore customers.
- by record keeping has improved tremenlously.
- I am trying hard to be persistent as far is the problems facing the business are concerned and I do try to be efficient in my business dealings (I always remember the envelope exercise, it was very educative).
- I now can approach lending institutions for financial assistance eg. The Bank and SIDO with confidence than before the course (using the Business Flan write up).
- 2. HOW THE BUSINESS HAS DECLINED SINCE WERE LAST IN KUBWE
 - Unfortunately the Business her declined since. The production has gone down and subsequently the number of sales. The peckaging is of poor quality and veriety has declined.
- 3. <u>O'USES OF THE DECLINE</u>
 - The voor economical factors the country has been facing eq. the company which has been producing the flower pots has atopred production tue to problems of raw materials."
 - The water problems facing the Town is getting worse. (Thank God the mains are have). The water pressure at my house is bad. Water flows in the taps only at night and taps are very dry during the day. Most of the rare varieties have dried out.

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- My Bank (INCB) has successed iscusing of Longe, instruments to sll its customers until further notice.
- The sales have dropped due to limited a misty of our produce.
- The sect of my product iss none or in in increasing production
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(a) <u>Hatar Problem</u>

My hush all has been the District Engineer so that our house can be connected to the new water supply system. We are also buying new vater pipes for the house so that the pressure improves. Fork had started but stopped due to other pressing problems the Council i facing.

(h) Flower Pots

- Using the locally produced play pots. These are of your curlity their life span is very short, they break easily after a few waterings.
- Concrete/Semant flower pots: They are too expensive for me to buy in bulk. I have arranged with the producer/Small Scale businessman) so that I can buy the inputs, so that he charges as for the labour. These inputs are river sand and coment. This turns out to be cheaper for me, one pocket of cement. This is action flower pots.
- Using tizs of pain/Cocking oil/Cobra they are act celling attractive for the Buyer (custower).

(c) <u>Money</u>

The Bank has suspended loan/overdraft facilities therefore cannot berrow money to buy desent and hire truck for riversand.

(d) <u>Variety of plints</u>

- Travelling to Lusaka has become just too expensive. It is where I get most of my mare plants. The couch is now K1,000 to and from Lusaka.
- My husband has decided to keep the village chickens and some strays ones est up my plants.

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MRS L.H. GONDWE, TAZARA TRAINING SCHOOL PRIVATE BAG, MPIKA

2nd November, 1997

Dear Uschi Traus,

Thank you very much for your letter of $\frac{6}{9}$ which you wrote while in Dar es Salaam - Tansania. I was very surprise to a receive a letter from Tansania by PTC Mail.

I have not received any thing from Hr. Anderson Chibwa of PAID-ES may be the letter is on the way I am not sure. But I would be very happy to be with you once again.

Concerning my business, Up to now these Bankers of mine are still problems to borrow me some money to extend my business but however I am trying at least not to waste my knowledge which I got from PAID-ES.

If I will not be invited for follow-up meeting in Luzaka I will write you again and inform you how you can reach Mpika.

Greetings to Malcolm.

Looking forward to hear from you once again.

I wish you the best.

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PROGRAMME FOR THE FIELD TRIP TO ZIMBABWE: 26TH FEBRUARY, 1989

26th FEBRUARY, 1989

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
06.00 Hours	Depart from Kabwe	Kabwe
08.00 Hours	Arrive Lusaka/Depart Lusaka	Lusaka
10.30 Hours	Arrive at Chirundu Bo arder Post/ Immigration Formalities	Chirundu
11.15 Hours	Leave Chirundu, Zambi a arrive Zimbabwe Chirundu Post/Immig ration Formalities	Chirundu
12.00 Hours	Depart for harme	
13.30 Hours	Lunch at Chimov.	Chinoyi
17.30 Hours	Arrive Ranche House College	Harare
18.00 Hours	Dinner	

27TH FEBRUARY, 1989

07.30 Hours	Breakfast RHC	Harare
08.00 Hours	Depart for Bank/exchange of money	Harare
09.00 Hours	Tour to Mabuku and Chitungwidza, are c. and Zimbabwe Women's Bureau (2 projects)	Harare
12.30 Hours	Lunch (packed)	Harare
14.00 Hours	Visit to Kubi Cosmetic Industries or free Afternoon	Harare

28th FEBRUARY, 1989

38.00 Hours	Talk on appropriate Technology by ENDA (Sweden) interation	Harare
09.30 Hours	Drive to ENDA farms tour of appropriate Technology projects and Carder	Harare
12.30 Hours	Lunch (May be packed)	Harare
14.00 Hours	Kubi Industries and visit to Ministry of Community Development and Women's Affairs	Harare
17.30 Hours	Dinner, Randel H use College	Harnre

1ST MARCH 1989

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08.00 Hours	Depart Harare for Zambia	Harare
18.00 Hours	Arrive, Lusaka	Lusaka
20.30 Hours	Arrive, Kabwe	Kabwe

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NB: This is a tentative programme and more visits will be slotted in once we have a full programme prepared by Ranche House College. The above has been prepared and arranged by courtesy of Mrs B & Maora, Director of Programmes Ranche House College, Harare.

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