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Culture Fund of Zimbabwe Trust and EU Delegation extend support to 5 new projects in Zimbabwe under CreativeACTIONS2 project

The Culture Fund of Zimbabwe Trust and the EU Delegation to Zimbabwe are proud to announce the award of a combined total of **USD \$49,264.00** to an additional **5** projects in Zimbabwe, as part of the ongoing CreativeACTIONS2 project. This announcement comes at a time when **42** other projects, awarded **USD 748,588.00** in June 2023, are in the early stages of implementing their activities.

The recent allocation of funds has been particularly directed to addressing the needs of vulnerable communities. Individuals from the People with Disabilities (PWD) communities, marginalised and emerging creatives, and women from rural communities have been prioritised, based on demonstrated capacities to improve livelihoods.

Through the Culture Fund of Zimbabwe Trust, the EU has committed EUR 2,060,500 over 36 months to the CreativeACTIONS2 project. The project was launched in January 2023 with a focus on nurturing and empowering Zimbabwean artists and cultural practitioners across a spectrum of disciplines, encompassing music, dance, theatre, literary arts, and fashion.

CreativeACTIONS2 aims at complimenting national development priorities by funding innovative artistic and cultural expressions, empowering civil society, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and providing training and skills development programs for arts and culture practitioners.

As part of this ongoing endeavor, the Culture Fund of Zimbabwe Trust and the EU Delegation have earmarked the next cycle of small grants funding, expected to take place between October and November 2023. Interested applicants are invited to access and download application forms directly from the Culture Fund. Previously supported CreativeACTIONS2 projects can be accessed [here](#).

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CreativeACTIONS2 Awarded Grants | 2nd Cycle 2023

	Awarded Grants
<p>1. Intercultural Dialogues: Bringing Popular Folklores to Life in Zimbabwean Sign Language Zimbabwe Deaf Media Trust (ZDMT) focuses on Sign language teaching, deaf culture promotion, video production and content generation for broader Sign language dissemination aiming to distribute widely on television and online channels in social inclusion recognition of the Persons with Disabilities (PwD). In promoting the recently launched Sign Language Syllabus, ZDMT plans to conduct intercultural dialogues translated from popular folktales into Sign Language and compile an anthology of Sign Language poems before staging its Deaf Poetry Slam.</p>	US\$10,000.00
<p>2. Supporting young female cinematographers and editors in the Zimbabwe film sector Project from a young female cinematographer building her career in film production and training. The project challenges gender inequalities and socially created skills gap that limit opportunities for young female filmmakers from Zimbabwe's small towns and communities. The project aims to create safe spaces for young female team building and training sessions focusing on gender sensitive approaches, <i>cinematography, film editing, sound editing and color correction</i>.</p>	US\$9,515.00
<p>3. Enhancing Social Inclusion of Young People with Disability in Mutare District through Digital Audio-Visual Media Persons with Disabilities (PwD) will be engaged to develop and put into practice, their creative, artistic and intellectual potential. Pikicha Afrika promotes diversified ideas, equity, inclusive realities. It aims to foster an environment where creatives within PwD flourish. 8 creatives based in Mutare will be trained in <i>presenting, content creation, citizen journalism, networking and advocacy</i> through digital audio-visual media technologies. 64 sharable short videos/podcasts will be produced.</p>	US\$9,949.00
<p>4. The Reading Time Series A published novelist and writer of books currently selling on Amazon - <i>Calah Crown</i>, including children's books. She intends to publish 10 illustrated children's books and carry out reading sessions with the aim of promoting reading culture among underprivileged children. The books, focusing on themes such as abuse, peer pressure, chastity and child rights, will be used during reading sessions in selected schools.</p>	US\$10,000.00
<p>5. Basket Weaving Capacity Building An established and membership-based organization for women in based in Lupane specializing in traditional folk-art and craft; aims to boost production of basketry for export to their markets in countries such as Germany, Denmark, South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, Spain, 3 states in the USA, United Kingdom. The project will increase the number of basket weavers, train them in new product designs, quality control and strengthen collaborative capacities.</p>	US\$9,800.00
Combined Total	\$49,264.00

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