

## NACRO Executive Director Mr. Tebuho Yubai brings Hope to Refugees in Tongogara Refugee Camp: Zimbabwe

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The team planted trees a sign of a start of a new relationship

The Executive Director, Mr. Yubai visited the Tongogara Refugee Camp in Zimbabwe from 18-21 March 2021. He was accompanied by the Country Program Coordinator for NACRO Zimbabwe, Precious Sibiya, NACRO Program Manager from Zambia, Mr. Sikota and Refugee Section Officer from Zimbabwe, Ms. Gombingo. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a needs assessment. The task was a success. The Executive Director thanked the Government of Zimbabwe for allowing NACRO to access the refugee camp and to explore ways and means of providing relief.

The delegation started by paying courtesy to the Camp Commandant, Mr. Mhlanga who gave an overview of the Camp. The team was advised that the camp currently holds about 15 000 refugees.

Administrator. He stated that the total number of refugees in the Camp were around 15 000 making 4 500 Households of which 56 are New Apostolic Church members households.

The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and its Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) including the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) call for the enhancement of refugee resilience and self-reliance, as well as the need for and benefit of taking on a whole-of-society approach. The NACRO tour was also oriented towards Livelihoods Improvement.

The needs assessment was a success, paving the way for NACRO to strategize sustainable interventions to improve refugee resilience and self-reliance. The delegation also took time to meet separately with the sisters and brothers in order to better understand more gender related challenges being experienced in the camp.

The Executive Director and his team took time to plant some Moringa trees, heralding the beginning of a number of projects to empower our brothers and sisters.

In ending, the Executive Director presented a second-hand wheel chair to one of our members, Sister Geneve. Her joy was beyond explanation as she received the tool which will now enable to attend divine services with others. Her grandmother who stays with her expressed joy and happiness and encouraged NACRO to continue with its interventions to make the lives of refugees better.



The team donated a wheelchair to Geneve a 17yea old NAC sister. She now has means to attend school and Church.

The delegation conducted a tour of the camp, catching a glimpse of some projects being undertaken by some refugee entrepreneurs. It was uplifting to see how the refugees have tried to create self-help projects and how they are supplying each other with products and services