A Journey from Reflection to Action



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FAITH IN ACTION: OUR SASA! FAITH JOURNEY

Since 2023, Youth Alive Zimbabwe (YAZIM), through the Ireland Civil Society Partnership (ICSP) programme, has been walking alongside faith communities and wider community structures to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.

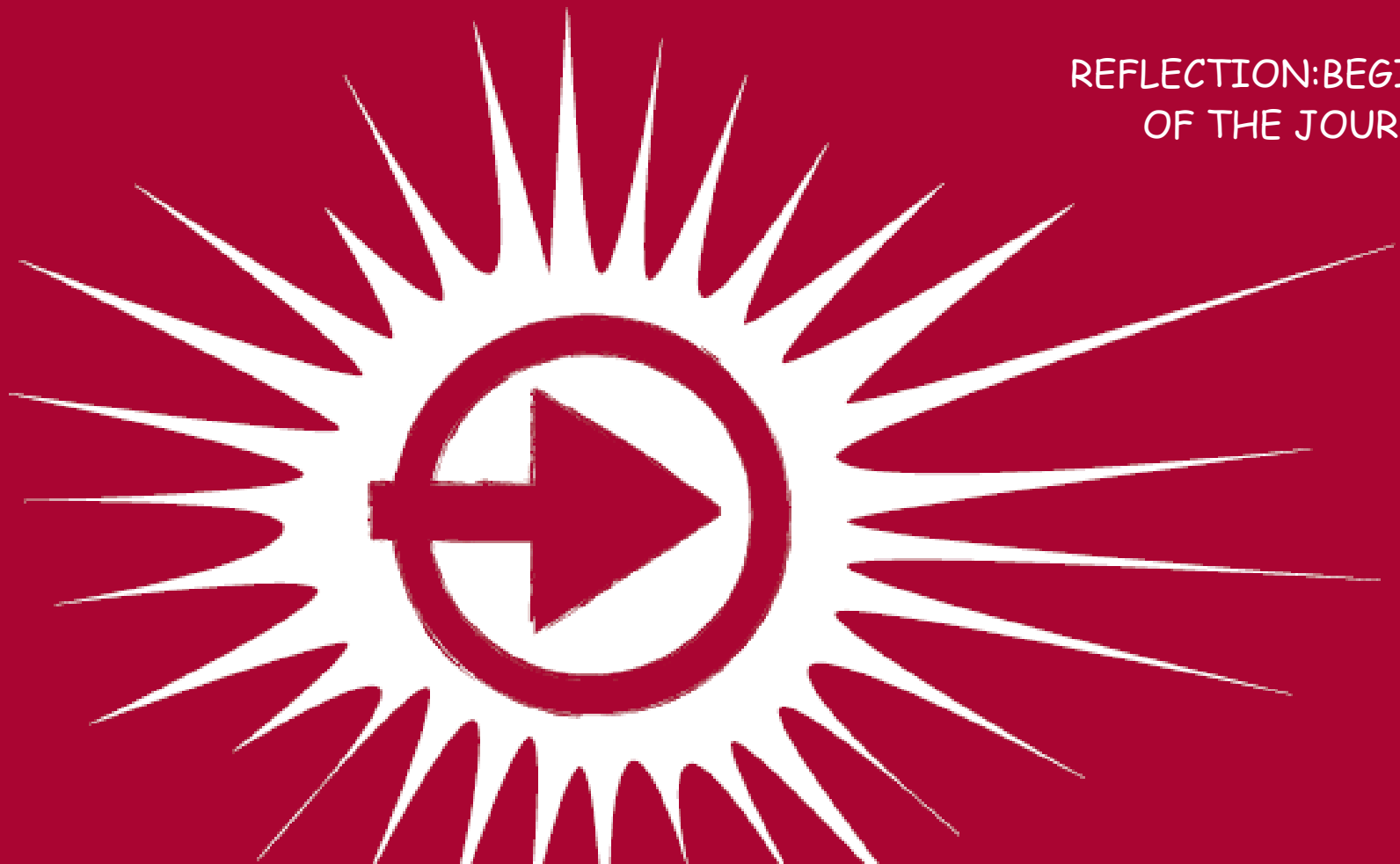
Through **SASA! Faith**, communities are creating spaces to reflect on power, gender, relationships, violence and collective responsibility. Religious leaders, Community Activists, women, men, Community Action Groups, traditional leaders and government and community stakeholders have come together to question harmful norms, strengthen positive relationships and inspire action.The journey has moved beyond conversations to action supporting communities to recognise violence, challenge the attitudes and power relations that sustain it, strengthen referral and response mechanisms, and create environments where women and girls can live with dignity, safety and equality.

Along the way, we have listened, learned and adapted. From strengthening male engagement to promoting community-led responses and collaboration with government actors, each experience has shaped the journey.

These photographs tell that story.
They capture the people, conversations, reflections, actions and moments of change that continue to make faith a powerful force for social norms transformation and the prevention of violence against women and girls.

START

REFLECTION:BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY





A Religious leader giving input during a religious leaders meeting in Honde Valley, Mutasa



Community Activists looking at a Community Conversation during a SASA! Faith training



Community Action Group members from ward 21 and 27 participating in a group task during a Community Action Group Quarterly meeting







CA's enjoying lighter moments during trainings and the SASA! Faith launch

AWARENESS



Questioning the harmful norms


HIV

A Community Activist during the SASA! Faith launch in 2024, Gatsi ward 6



A CA facilitating a session at a faith space in Mutasa ward 6







CA Facilitating a session at Zviratidzo Church in Mutasa ward 6

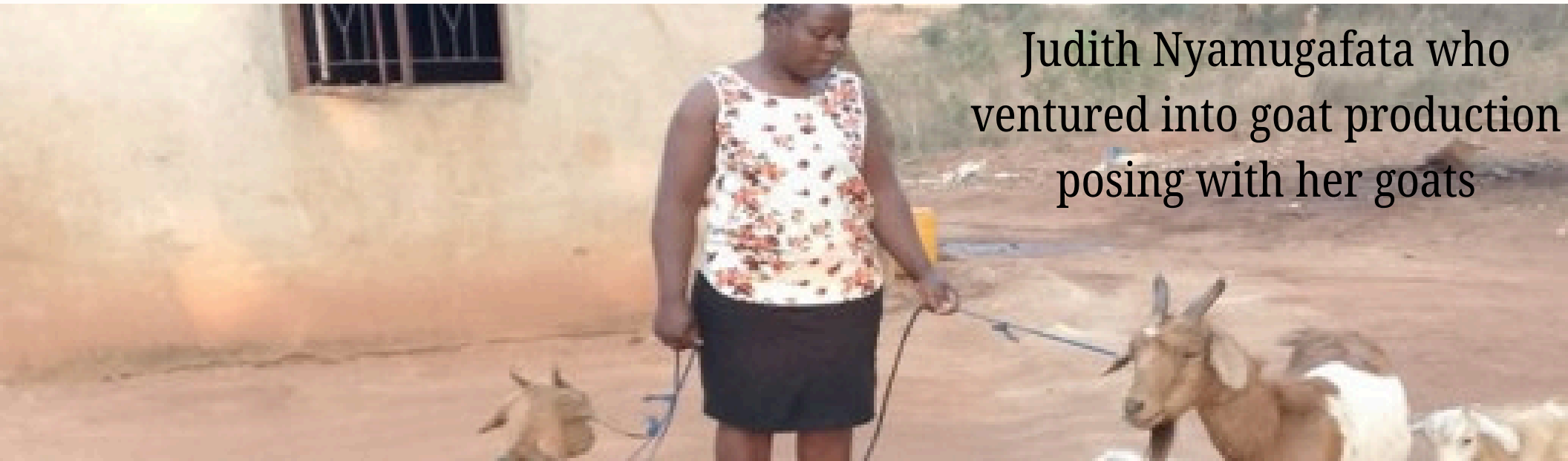


women looking at a community poster during a session in their church in ward 1

The project contributed to positive shifts in harmful gender norms that limited women's participation in economic opportunities, ownership and control of assets, and decision-making and leadership. Through community dialogue, faith-based engagement and women's empowerment initiatives, communities increasingly challenged beliefs that restricted women's access to resources and leadership spaces, creating greater opportunities for women to participate, contribute and influence decisions within their households and communities.



Getrude Musasa, now a dairy cow owner posing in her kraal



Judith Nyamugafata who ventured into goat production posing with her goats



Francisca Mudzeke was elected to become a Regional Leader in her church following a church policy review

SUPPORT



Women from ward 6 participating in an International Women's Day Celebration



Men from AFC Mugodhi Church in ward 1 participating in a SASA! Faith session in their church


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Engaging Men as Allies in the prevention of violence against women



Men from ward 6 engaging in a tug of war during a male engagement activity



Men from ward 1 participating in a male engagement session



Men from ward 21 looking at a power poster during a male engagement dialogue



Fire circle session cohort from ward 6



Men from Zviratidzo church ward 6 following a SASA! Faith session in their church