

for Community Development

de applaud the efforts of the strong leadership of grassroots women who are providing well targeted responses to their communities on **COVID-19**.

Our Self-Help Groups in Hwange district established a WhatsApp platform, making sure:

- their communities have access to information on COVID-19 as per national health guidelines;
- They providecommunications, raising awareness on public

health information:

- combat stigma and discrimination;
- discuss women's specific needs;
- promote women's leadership to make contributions to their communities;
- discussing recovery plans that link equality, health and the economy in their communities.

Whilst these women have organized themselves into a network that educates women and girls

about keeping safe and avoiding infections, also, these women are collaborating with their Local Health Clinics and the Environmental Health Technicians to facilitate information to areas that lack critical information.

This is a time to call upon all women to join virtual hands with the Self-Help Groups in Hwange district in taking the right steps towards solidarity by:



Engaging with virtual women's networks to support connectivity and vital Information flow on COVID-19.



Listen to, and to share women's stories.



Help spreading health information according to national health guidelines.



Help respond to gender-based violence.



Do your part and help save lives.



Be kind to each other.