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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir/Madam

**TESTIMONIAL TOUR REPORT TO DAPP ZIMBABWE PROJETS-28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2007, I had a first hand experience of the work being undertaken by the 3 projects I visited, which are run by DAPP Zimbabwe, namely Ponesai Vanhu Junior School, Frontline Institute including Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) exhibitions at Frontline Institute.

My visit to the 3 projects enabled me to understand that DAPP is a community-based organization operating at grassroots level. During the course of the tour I managed to come in contact with the direct beneficiaries participating in the DAPP Zimbabwe projects and contributing to them through their dedication and in innovative ways. I heard and saw moving testimonies.

At Ponesai Vanhu Junior School, I was greatly impressed to learn that the funds being sourced through Humana People to People Sweden and through a Swedish businessman to support the upkeep of the school have improved the living conditions for the vulnerable children and the former street children. While I was there, I heard presentations from the Project Leader and the students. The buildings standing intact at Ponesai Vanhu Junior School bear witness to the fact that the resources are being put to good use and have added value to the day-to-day operations of the school. I was also impressed to learn that some of the students who passed through the school have excelled in their studies, and have managed to join the professional world, one such example was that the school have managed to produce a lawyer and some of the former street children have managed to join the commercial sector.

A brief tour of DAPP Zimbabwe Frontline Institute, a Humana People to People human resource management school, made me mix and mingle with participants drawn mainly from the former Frontline States who are undergoing Basic and Advanced Project Management Courses. The youths at Frontline Institute in Zimbabwe, coming to be empowered to do development work, was a clear testimony of how Humana People to People is dedicated in the uplifting and development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

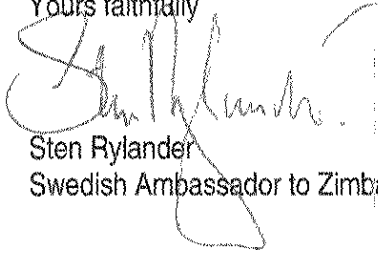
Whilst I was there, I had the opportunity to tour the TCE (Total Control of the Epidemic) exhibitions where the TCE Project leader informed us about the work TCE is doing in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Guruve district of Mashonaland Central Province. The presentation was complemented by the presentation by 2 Field Officers who are doing work on the ground in Guruve district. I also heard from a Passionate who is a teacher by profession and local Councilor both serving the welfare of the community on voluntary basis as part of the TCE programme.

Ultimately, the tour took me to Humana People to People's International HQ situated in Shamva, where the DAPP Zimbabwe as a National Association is affiliated.

It is interesting to note that since the formation of UFF Sweden in the early years, Humana People to People has managed to build itself into a strong professional outfit that is influencing development work and promoting human rights through the implementation of community based programmes that are designed to improve the people's lives around the world.

'It is with the experience from the visit that I, in my capacity as the Swedish Ambassador to Zimbabwe, do not hesitate to recommend DAPP Zimbabwe for funding by any funding institution or agency in Zimbabwe or abroad.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sten Rylander', written over a light blue horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sten Rylander  
Swedish Ambassador to Zimbabwe.