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"Nhimbe Trust has managed to establish cordial relationships with various government agencies while maintaining a watch-dog role simultaneously. Nhimbe Trust has crafted respectful but continuous methods of engaging, commenting, stimulating and sometimes criticising government policies and actions with respect to cultural policies and implementation. This has kept the debate about the role of arts and culture in society vigorous and alive. Nhimbe Trust has used the exposure and experience gained on various international platforms concerned with cultural policy and in particular, the cultural and creative industries, to keep the issues in question in alignment with international concerns. The cultural sector is usually largely ignored in economies and societies under stress. Nhimbe Trust has successfully found their own way as an organisation to alleviate this."

Excerpt from Africalia external reviewer's report

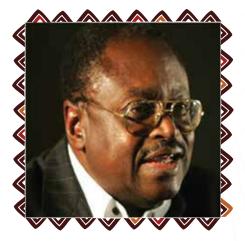
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Chairperson and Secretariat Remarks

2019 was an incredibly challenging year globally. The advent of COVID-19 particularly exposed the nature, depth and scope of the ever-increasing inequalities between different geographic regions. Being situated in the developing world at such a trying time was an invitation to charge ahead with much renewed rigour, to ensure that we mitigate the impact of the global pandemic on the demographics we have committed to serve. While the environment was ideally most suitable for the positioning of creativity as a mechanism of coping, resilience and keeping communities together, there are numerous health regulations that limited what could be done and achieved.

We wish to applaud our staff members and partners for not having grown weary when called to serve under circumstances that were unpredictable and tumultuous. It is through their hard-work, tenacity and passion that we were able to amplify our organisation's voice as an agent for change. We are proud to present this annual report which narrates a story of how we served and survived. It is dedicated to all the artists, cultural professionals and policy makers we lost to COVID-19. Their individual and collective contributions to the growth of cultural and creative industries nationally, regionally and globally will never be lost. We carry their aspirations with us, and we are committed to continuing on this path that they so generously paved. Their legacy is embedded in the bold strides we have taken on this journey of contributing to the growth of cultural and creative sectors.



Professor Lupwishi Mbuyamba Nhimbe Board Chairperson



Josh Nyapimbi Nhimbe Executive Director and Head of Nhimbe Board Secretariat

About Nhimbe Trust

Who We Are

Nhimbe Trust is a registered Zimbabwean non-profit non-governmental advocacy organisation working at the intersection of culture and development to foster economic and social justice.

Organisational Vision

To have in place a vibrant and resilient Pan African cultural economy – well resourced, competently regulated, and supporting the political and socio-economic status of artists and cultural professionals.

Advancing 2005 UNESCO Convention Goals



Support sustainable systems of governance for culture.



Integrate culture in sustainable development frameworks.



Achieve a balanced flow of cultural goods and services, increase the mobility of artists and cultural professionals.



Promote human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Countries:

- at risk of conflict
- in conflict
- engaged in post-conflict reconstruction
- affected by natural disasters



Advancing Sustainable Development Goals Through Culture Lens





Nhimbe Team

Board of Trustees

- Chair Professor Lupwishi Mbuyamba
- Treasurer Joyce Dube
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- Trustee Munyaradzi Chatikobo
- Trustee Leslie Watson
- Trustee Martin Mafiko
- Trustee Edson Mazarire
- Secretary Josh Nyapimbi (Executive Director)

Management

- Executive Director Josh Nyapimbi
- Administrator and Finance Officer -Spencer Biningu
- ICH Project Coordinator Ian White
- Projects Officer, Cultural Governance and Democracy - Lisa Sidambe
- Media and Communication Officer Penny Yon
- Digital Resilience Intern Debra Nhokwara

Institutional Support: Nhimbe Departments



Policy Advocacy, Research, Governance for Culture

Contributes to evidence based policy formulation, implementation, monitoring, analysis and evaluation, and amplifies the contribution of creative civil society to mainstream governance broadly and governance for culture in particular



Cultural Governance Mobility of Artists & Cultural Workers Artistic Freedom

Cultural and Creative Economy Data, Fair Trade for Culture, Data Analysis

Provides data, analysis and the necessary tools to promote and support the growth and development of creative industries in Africa to ensure that Africa provides the best possible business, regulatory, technical and fiscal infrastructure to enable Africa's creative businesses to flourish commercially and to increase overseas investment and trade in Africa's creative industries .



Capacity Building and Training, Children's Freedom to Artistic Expression

Nurtures talented high school students with rights-based professional training, mentoring and resources to capacitate them to produce plays and short films based on themes pertinent to their social and educational endeavours.

BULAWAYO CULTURAL AFFIRS OFFICE

Local Government Governance for Culture, Policy Technical Expertise, Localisation of SDGs

A point of intersection between artists, cultural workers, creative civil society and local government, facilitating the provision of expertise to Bulawayo City Council in the formulation and implementation of a Cultural Policy and corresponding Strategic Plan for the city.

Institutional Support: Nhimbe Departments



Women's Creative Entrepreneurship, Women's Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Capacity Building and Training

A gender focused program working towards equal rights for women through cross-cutting programming activities including contributing to policy formulation and review processes, thereby promoting women's capacity to participate in decision-making processes that affect their social and economic interests, with creative content as a medium of communication.



Artistic Freedom, Arts and Culture Enabling Facility, Status of the Artist, Artists and Cultural Professionals Mobility

An inclusive enabling facility, at which local and foreign performing artists and producers of culture develop, promote and perform their works, and participate in furthering acceptance, tolerance, peace, and nation-building, by simply showing that 'the arts' is where the sanctity of the human spirit resides.



Media Visibility, Information Dissemination

Provides cohesive visibility of Nhimbe's programming activities and further disseminates information updates on key national, regional and global development that implicitly or explicitly impacts cultural and creative sectors.

Africalia Multi-Annual Programme (MAP) 2020 External Assessment on NhimbeProgramming Areas Excerpts of External Reviewer's Remarks



Effectiveness

Through steady, persistent, and non-aggressive approaches, Nhimbe Trust has created a position where it remains unaligned to any political party and trusted to provide knowledgeable input to public policy processes, while also providing fair comment and voicing reasoned dissent where necessary. For example, while contributing to the Zimbabwean submission of the Quadrennial Progress Report on the 2005 Convention for the Protection and Promotion of Cultural Industries, Nhimbe Trust also noted gaps concerning the protection of artistic freedom and reserved the right to prepare an alternative report with this position. In a highly volatile and politically charged environment, to create and maintain a complementary but watch-dog position is a real achievement and adds gravitas to the organization.



Efficiency

Drawing on over 15 years of organizational experience, Nhimbe Trust understands how best to allocate resources (human and material) to efficiently achieve the deliverables. This includes managing budgets well with clear financial documentation and processes, taking in younger staff members and training them in specific requirements of the organization, using alumni from the training programmes to act as mentors and project coordinators, and seeking additional connections or partnerships that add value to programming.



Sustainability

Nhimbe Trust has proved its relevancy to the cultural sector over the past 16 years by continuing to provide significant programmes based largely on advocacy and information building, but also some training for younger people. These are both critical gaps in the sector generally and in this part of the country specifically. Both have a forward-looking focus in different ways, but both speak to the sustainability of the organization's programming and positioning.

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Institutional Capacity

Nhimbe Trust demonstrates a remarkable capacity for productivity across a range of outputs, from training young people (WiTT and CiTT), producing advisory policies and position papers initiating, programming and maintaining a live arts venue (Bluez Café), producing successful theatre pieces, participating in various festivals and arts gatherings around the country, creating a strong on-line presence with a highly relevant portal concerning digital resilience, producing and curating the first ever city arts festival to be streamed live, and growing and developing a reputation as a strong advocate for cultural rights.

Skills transfer



Skills transfer is a formal aspect of Nhimbe Trust via the WiTT and CiTT programmes, but the organization is inherently involved in building knowledge and skills through the advocacy and CCI awareness work as well. Over the years of the programme, Nhimbe Trust has participated in seminars, webinars, workshops, and formal working groups that are concerned with ensuring that contemporary policies and strategies are shared with arts constituencies. In addition, Nhimbe Trust has always worked towards ensuring that international instruments/frameworks are "brought home" and made relevant to the local context. This knowledge and the complementary skills around how to use it and transfer within the organization is core to Nhimbe Trust work. The creation of internships for young graduates to further contextualize their academic learning is part of this.

2020 Summary Achievements Scope: 2005 UNESCO Convention for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions



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Integrate Culture in Sustainable Development Frameworks





Promoting the inclusion of creativity and cultural expressions in sustainable development plans and strategies



Facilitating participation in cultural life



Facilitating access to diverse cultural facilities and expressions



Promote Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms



Supporting women's full participation in cultural life



Supporting the recognition and advancement of women





Collecting and disseminating data on gender equality



Advocating for social protection measures (status of the artist)

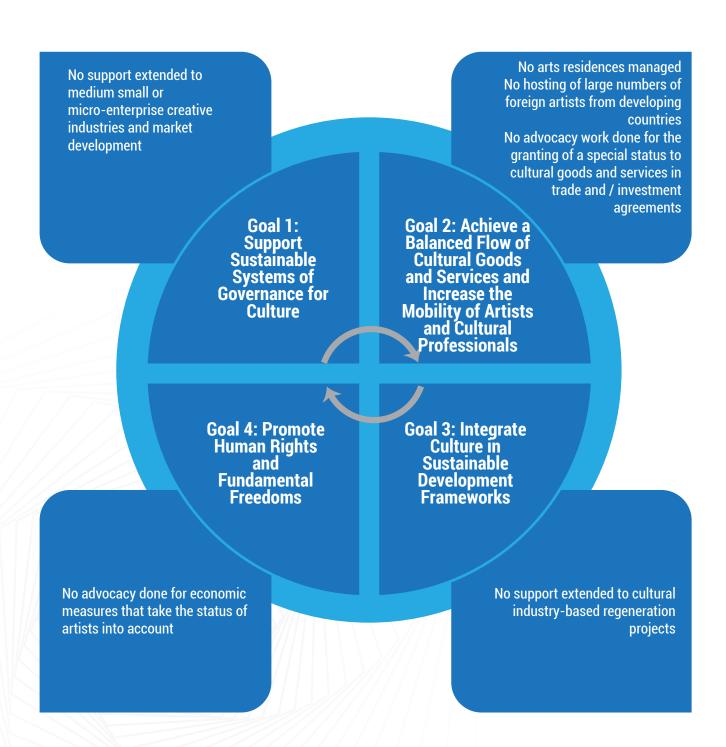


Monitoring violations to artistic freedom



Guidance to artists at risk

2020 Summary: Missing Pillars in Programming Areas Scope: 2005 UNESCO Convention for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions



2020 SUMMARY: Spaces for Dialogue

15 - 17 Jan 2020	2005 UNESCO Convention: Zimbabwe QPR Report Training	Training platform convened by Zimbabwe's National Arts Council to coordinate the development and submission of Zimbabwe's 2nd QPR report	Appointed to the national drafting team (Lisa Sidambe)
17 - 21 FEB 2020	Culture at Work Africa Networking Event	Networking platform of beneficiaries of 35 projects funded across 15 countries of the Culture at Work project funded by the European Union, with support from Barcelona City Council	Co-creating the City Seminar panellist (Lisa Sidambe)
16 MARCH 2020	COVID-19 Lens: Bulawayo Arts and Culture Sector	Dialogue on the ramifications of COVID-19 on programming and ease of doing business in the arts and culture sector	Convenor
MAY 2020	International Cultural and Creative Industries Regulatory Authority	Conducts international research related and relevant to cultural and creative industries' concerns and matters	Appointed to the ambassador's team, representing Zimbabwe (Josh Nyapimbi)
24 JUNE 2020	ResiliArt Zimbabwe: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on female artists	A UNESCO initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of artists and cultural professionals in the face of enormous challenges faced by COVID-19	General participant

2020 SUMMARY: Spaces for Dialogue

22 JULY 2020	Chengeto Africa	Dialogue platform on easing the economic suffering of cultural players and activists in Africa	Panellist (Josh Nyapimbi)
28 JULY 2020	ResiliArt Africa: Status of the Artist in the Africa Region	A UNESCO initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of artists and cultural professionals in the face of enormous challenges faced by COVID-19	Panellist (Lisa Sidambe)
19 AUG 2020	ResiliArt Zimbabwe: The Youth in the Arts	A UNESCO initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of artists and cultural professionals in the face of enormous challenges faced by COVID-19	Panellist (Lisa Sidambe)
17 SEPT 2020	Mitambo International Festival (The State and the the Stage: The Intersection of theatre and politics)	A platform through which local and global communities can access and celebrate the diversity of cultural identity and artistic expression	Panellist (Nomashawekwazi Damasane)
1 - 3 OCT 2020	International Conference on the Rome Charter	A UCLG and City of Rome initiative on the right to participate in cultural life, from the angle of local and regional governments	Panellist (Josh Nyapimbi)

Nhimbe Trust and Bulawayo City Council Resilient Partnership for Local Cultural Governance

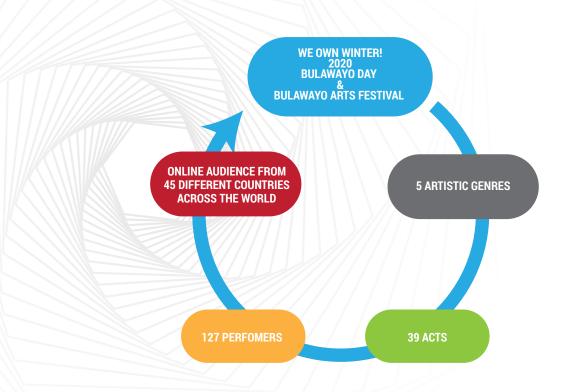


2020 Partnership Milestones Bulawayo Day and Bulawayo Arts Festival Nhimbe Trust and Bulawayo City Council



The inaugural hosting and celebration of Bulawayo Day and Bulawayo Arts Festival:

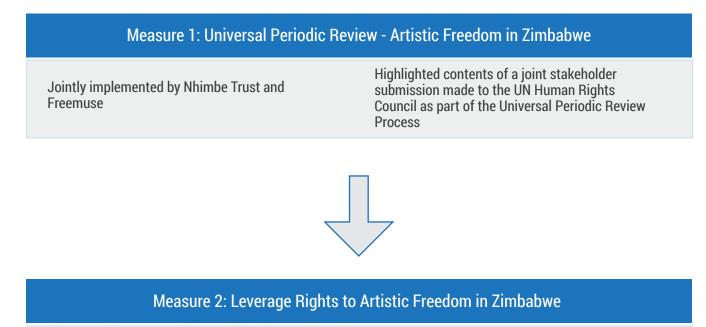
- Promoted and strengthened the role of arts and culture as drivers of inclusive and sustainable development
- Promoted the mainstreaming of cultural policies and initiatives in Bulawayo's urban development strategies
- Stablished mechanisms for the integration of the National Arts, Culture and Heritage Policy into the strategic parameters of Bulawayo City
- Enabled citizens to participate meaningfully in the cultural life of the city
- Amplified the competencies and innovative creative capacities of citizens in their role as co-creators of the City of Bulawayo
- Promoted digital literacy in a COVID environment
- Promoted and supported creative and cultural content in a digital environment, and within the frame of COVID-19 regulations



2020 Partnership Milestones 7 Keys Training Workshop United Cities and Local Governments in Partnership with Nhimbe Trust and Bulawayo City Council



2005 UNESCO Convention Quadrennial Periodic Report Process Joint Submission by Nhimbe Trust and Freemuse Scope: Artistic Freedom (Goal 4)



Jointly implemented by Nhimbe Trust and Freemuse

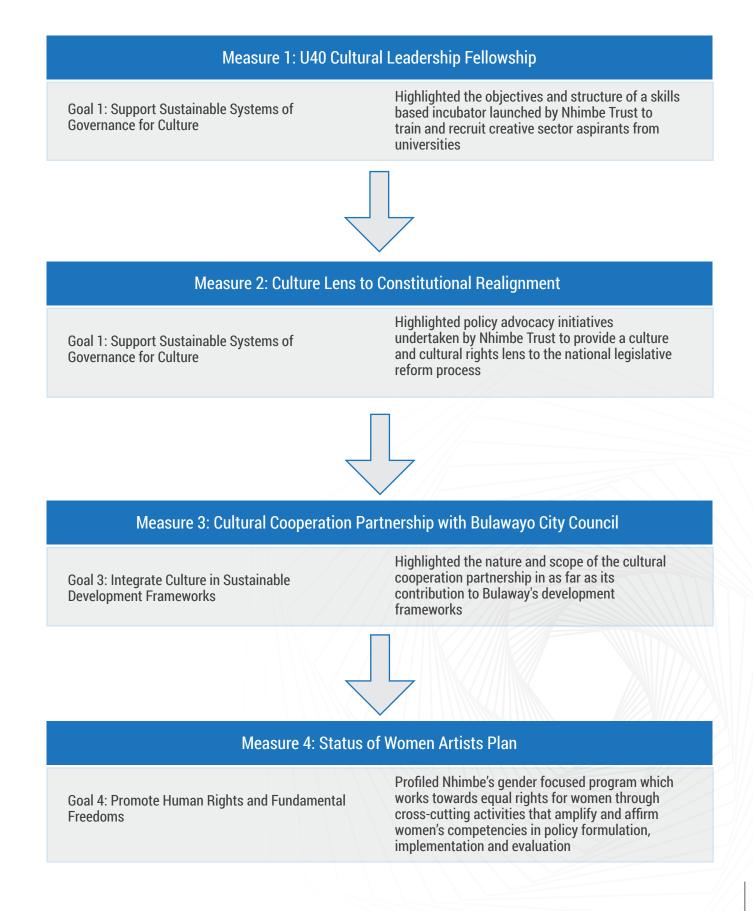
Highlighted strides achieved in the development of an advocacy policy paper that aimed to ensure that Zimbabwe addresses artistic freedom policy gaps within the framework of legislative reform

Measure 3: Artistic Freedom - Artists and Cultural Professionals Solidarity

Jointly implemented by Nhimbe Trust and Freemuse

Provided a lens into dialogue platforms hosted to map how artists and cultural professionals were being impacted by national censorship regulations

Quadrennial Periodic Report Process Nhimbe Measures: Non-Joint Submissions





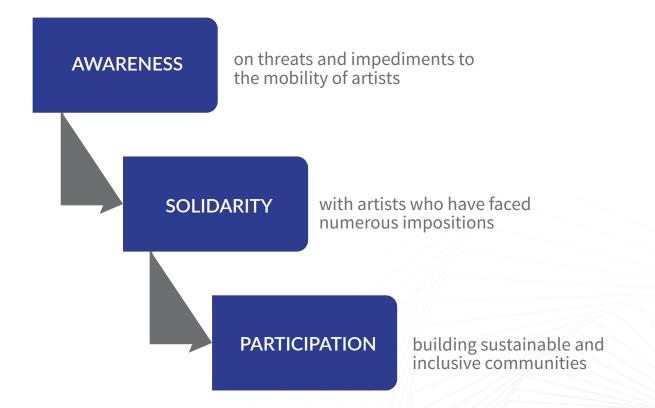
MUSIC FREEDOM DAY 2020: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FREEMUSE





BLUEZ CAFÉ CHAMPIONING 5 MUSIC RIGHTS

MUSIC FREEDOM DAY 2020: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FREEMUSE



VIDEO SHOOT LOCATION:

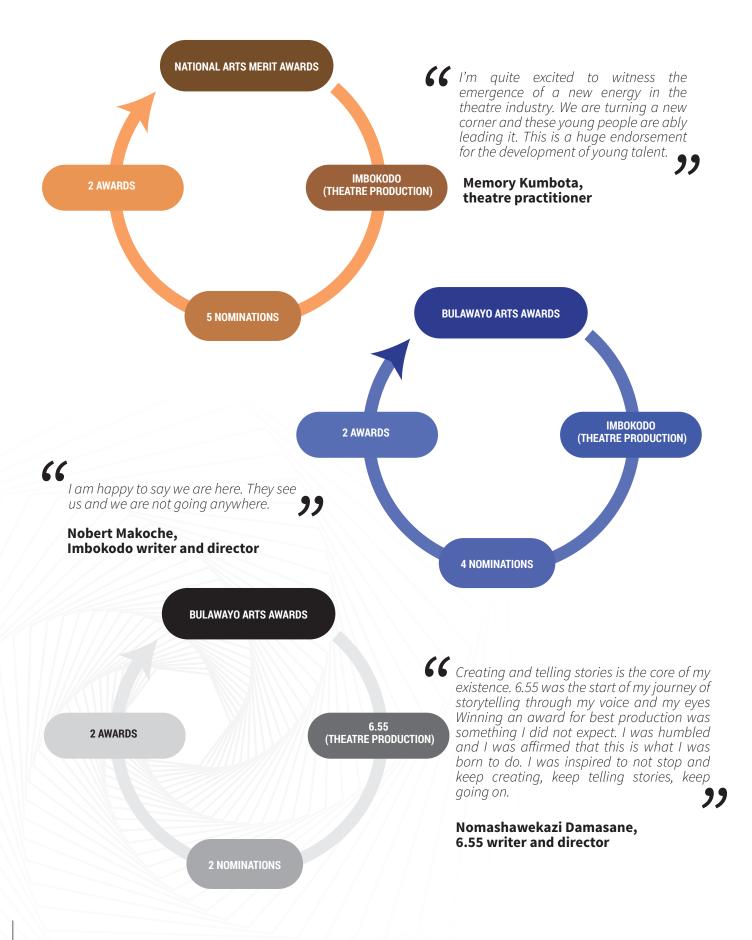
For the filming of the official music video of award-winning rapper Asaph, featuring Msiz'Kay

Song tile: Asipheli Moya (a vivid social commentary voicing the realities of young people in Bulawayo)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez_kuPFu5Zc

2020 AWARDS SEASON Recognition of 2019 Nhimbe Theatre Productions



NHIMBE DIGITAL RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

Nhimbe's digital resilience programme was launched in December 2019 with the aim of promoting digital literacy and digital culture within cultural and creative sectors of developing countries. It has widely and jokingly been regarded as a 'prophetic intervention' in light of how its conceptual framing strategically was positioned to respond to emerging digital needs and opportunities in a COVID environment.

Projects that leveraged on the digital resilience programme in 2020 were:

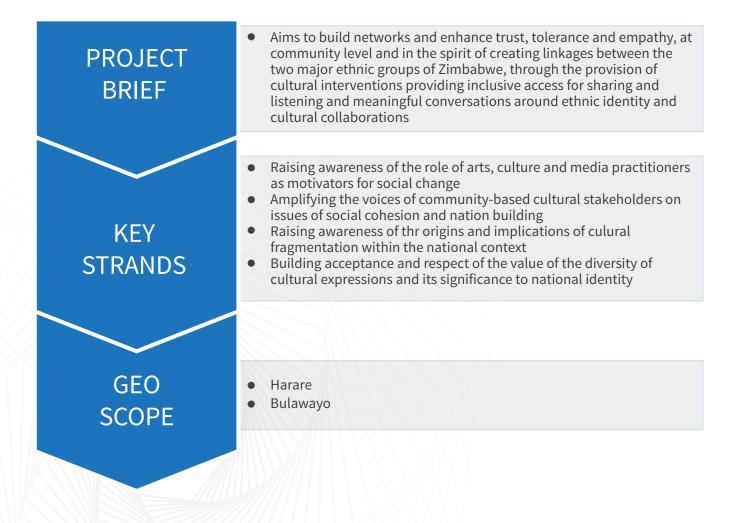
- Relinking Communities Through Culture
- 🗞 🛛 Bulawayo Day and Bulawayo Arts Festival
- 📀 Amavuso
- CCI Cultural Industries Portal
- Children in Theatre and Television | Theatre Lab

"Nhimbe Trust launched its cultural digital resilience portal in December 2019. As part of its lobbying and advocacy strategies, Nhimbe Trust has always had a focus on freedom of artistic expression, constitutional rights, and access to information. This portal initiative is obviously extremely timeous, and Nhimbe Trust has also been at the forefront of producing a digitally recorded and on-line streamed festival within two months of the lockdown. This sets an encouraging tone as all partners will have to adapt in order to find new ways to maintain quality implementation of activities. The presence of Nhimbe Trust in this consortium is advantageous in this respect, as lessons learned can be shared and the uptake time reduced." Excerpt from Africalia external reviewer's

RELINKING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CULTURE



THE PUBLIC VALUE OF INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE FOR SOCIAL COHESION IN URBAN AFRICA Aims to build networks and enhance trust, tolerance and empathy, at community level and in the spirit of creating linkages between the two major ethnic groups of Zimbabwe, through the provision of cultural interventions providing inclusive access for sharing and listening, meaningful conversations around ethnic identity and cultural collaborations.



RELINKING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CULTURE 2020 Interventions

SHOKO FESTIVAL PHOENIX EDITION (DIGITAL)



BULAWAYO ARTS FESTIVAL WE OWN WINTER (DIGITAL)

Outcome: Built, across cultural divisions and in the spirit of inclusivity, acceptance and respect for the value of the diversity of cultural expressions and their significance to national identity		Music Performance
8 Artists	2 Cities (Harare and Bulawayo)	Partners: Bulawayo City Council Bulawayo Cultural Affairs Office

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THE AMAVUSO PROJECT (DIGITAL) THE BLESSER-BLESSEE PHENOMENON



South Africa and Zimbabwe Collaboration



Amavuso: A multimedia performance initiative which aimed to portray authentic and diverse perspectives on what is widely known as the blesser phenomenon

Digital Photo Exhibition

Festival Performances

All Female Cast

Online Provocations

Production Team Profiling

Digital Streaming

Throughout time the practice of favours for sexual favours - call it what you will - has been going on in all societies of the world. The Amavuso Project presents an exhibition of photographs depicting beautiful young women through the ages, in the iconic poses of their time and aptly named, modelled by actresses Eutychia Rakaki and Dineo Komane (SA) in the burgeoning multimedia production by Sibikwa Arts Centre (South Africa) and Nhimbe Trust (Zimbabwe):





Mam'cane









Southern Africa, and delivering it in the new order of

theatre in this new age - driven online.

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Gold Digger

Umfazi We Phepha



Sugar Baby Where is all this leading to? Waiting on The Amavuso Project to see how they have pulled together conversations around the subject from isolation in different parts of

THE AMAYUSO PROJECT





In Part 2 of the photo exhibition depicting beautiful young women of bygone days in the practice of 'favours for sexual favours' - 'amavuso' or by any other name - which happens in all societies of the world throughout the ages; here modelled in the iconic poses of the times by Zimbabwean actresses Charmaine Mudau and Agnes Ncube, in the multimedia production by a regional partnership: Sibikwa Arts Centre (South Africa) and Nhimbe Trust (Zimbabwe)



Husband-snatcher

Follow the Amavuso Project to see how

delivering it in the new order of theatre in this new age.

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What is all this leading up to?





'Slut'



Makhwaphe



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DIGITAL THEATRE LAB Schools Programme

Digital Theatre Lab: Responds to the need to provide a viable means of creative expressions for theatre practitioners, in compliance with the occupational safety regulations and constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic



COVID-19 Cultural and Creative Industries Portal (Digital)



Through an innovative, responsive and proactive approach, the portal offered information resources for the strengthening of sector COVID-19 preparedness and response mechanisms

www.cci-covid19.org

facebook.com/ccicovid19



Research Analysis



Thought Leadership

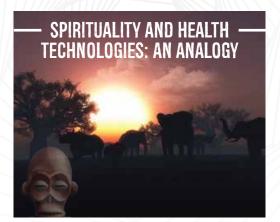


Information Resources

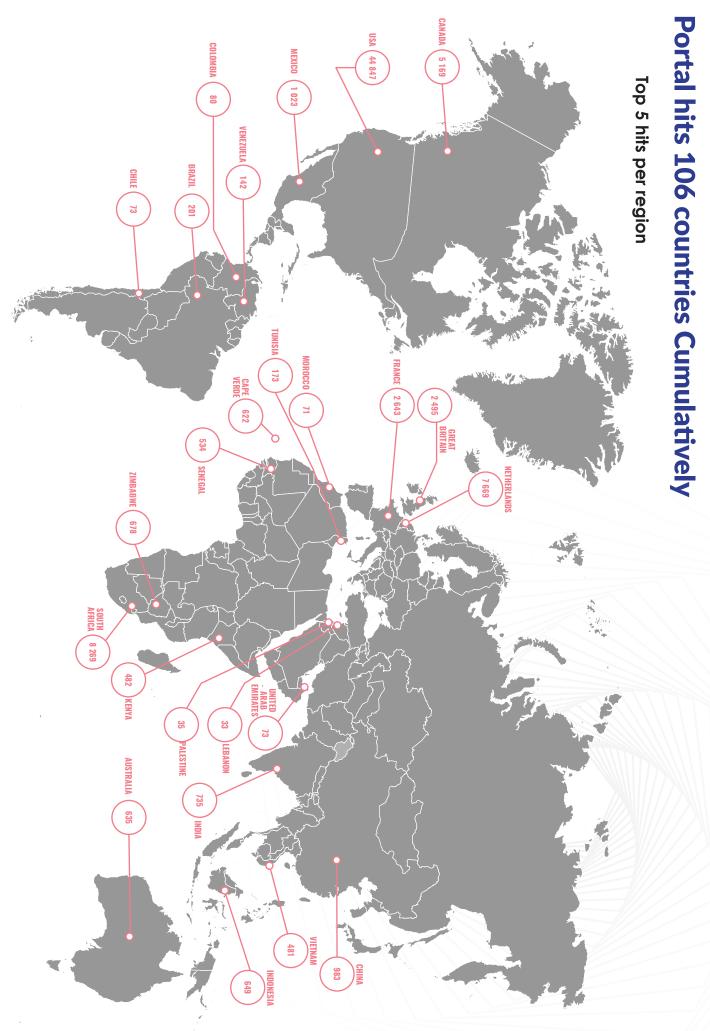
Portal Commissioned Essays Health Technology Essay Series



Explores the concept of alternative knowledge from the standpoint of traditional health technologies that have historically found articulation and expression in some African countries, in response to epidemics and pandemics.



Provides an analogy between spirituality and health technologies. It interrogates the Western-centric nature of health security and further provides a critical analysis of the placement, or lack thereof, of culture and its transmutations, in interventions that have been curated to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.



COVID 19 DIGITAL RESILIENCE GRANTS FOR WOMEN ARTISTS AND CULTURAL PROFESSIONALS

Digital resilience grants for Women in Theatre and Television to enable them to advance their work digitally within the frame of COVID-19 restrictions







Championing Women Resilience

Digital Resilience Grants Beneficiaries



Nomashawekazi Damasane

Agnes Bonakele Ncube





Gertrude Munhamo

Dalma Chiwerera

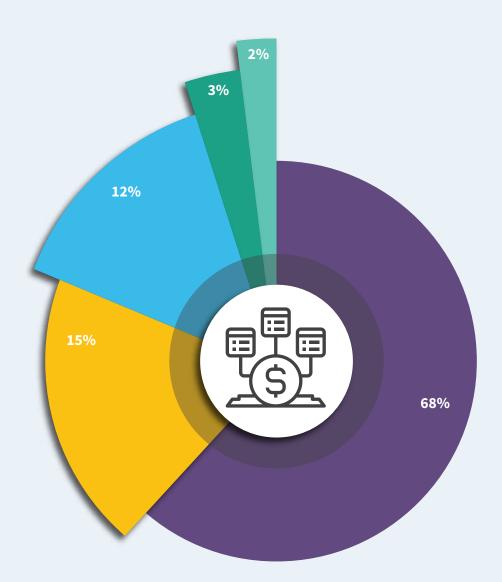


Nomathamsanqa Mkhwananzi



Laura Ngwenya

PERCENTAGE OF NHIMBE TRUST FUNDING







2021 Flagship Programming Pillars



ARTISTIC FREEDOM



POLITICAL RIGHTS



GOVERNANCE



DIGITAL RESILIENCE



OUR PARTNERS

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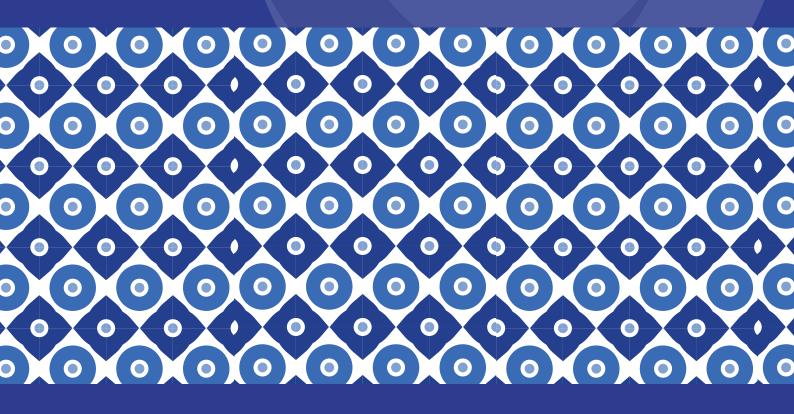


NATIONAL GALLERY OF ZIMBABWE Page Poetry Alive

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