



SLF partners respond to the changing needs of the people they serve, utilizing relationships built on trust and responsiveness. **Midlands AIDS Service Organization (MASO)** was established in 1991, focused on empowering grandmothers and their grandchildren, caregivers, and home-based care workers in Zimbabwe. Thanks to their many income-generating programs over the years, grandmothers have been better able to provide nutritious food for their families, afford school fees, and generate supplemental income through the sale of vegetables from their gardens. But the current economic upheaval threatens

to undermine much of the progress that has been made. MASO recently shared that, “The economic situation in Zimbabwe continues to deteriorate with the alarming rate of inflation eroding grannies’ savings. Prices for basic goods are increasing and this has increased the cost of living.”

In response, MASO is continuing to strengthen grandmother groups and provide them training for small and medium sized businesses. The groups provide an outlet for sharing challenges, developing and strengthening income-generating activities, feeling empowered, facing stress, caring for children and voicing their concerns to the government.

The needs of communities are great, but with sufficient support so is the potential. The SLF is committed to continuing their long-term flexible partnerships with organizations like MASO. We cannot let the current economic uncertainty, together with the ongoing decline in funding for HIV and AIDS affected communities, cause us to lose the progress we’ve made in the fight against AIDS.

MASO held their first ever fund-raising golf tournament in June 2023 and feels that it was a major success - couldn’t have asked for better weather, or a better group of golfers, donors, sponsors and volunteers to help bring this event to life.



Participants in the golf tourney



An upcoming event Fall 2023

Information from [SLF Grassroots Spring 2023](#) and [MASO Facebook page](#)

