



Discover the vibrant spirit and leadership of **Imedy Chiduuro**, a dedicated volunteer at [Hope-Tariro Trust](#) in Zimbabwe. Since 2008, Imedy has passionately supported grandmothers and their grandchildren, navigating the challenges of parenting anew after losing their children to AIDS-related complications. Living with HIV since 1999, her passion extends from health awareness to fostering a tight-knit community spirit.

"I am proud to be a part of this work." — Imedy Chiduuro, Zimbabwe

Those who have the pleasure of working alongside Imedy Chiduuro know it is impossible not to be taken by her unmistakably vibrant personality. Her leadership is a beacon of hope and change, and her immense impact shines throughout her community. Imedy is passionate about supporting grandmothers and their grandchildren, especially grandmothers who are facing the challenges of parenting

anew after losing their own children to AIDS-related complications.

As a mother and caregiver to two adult children who both live with epilepsy, and six grandchildren, Imedy's drive to contribute to her community stems from her own deep, personal commitments. She understands that everyone requires support that goes well beyond simply meeting a person's day-to-day health needs. This is why, in addition to working as a champion of health awareness and testing, including for HIV and TB, Imedy motivates people to care for one another, and to grow a strong sense of community and belonging across generations.

Since 2008, Imedy has volunteered with SLF partner Hope Tariro Trust (HTT) in Zimbabwe, where she is often at the centre of meaningful and uplifting moments of connection. Through her singing and dancing, she creates a contagious sense of joy for grandmothers, their families and community that offers relief from the weight of their responsibilities and health concerns. Imedy also finds time to act as the chairperson of her local community garden, which nourishes her family and contributes to their income while also sustaining the broader community.

Most recently, in October 2023 she participated in the International Grandmothers Gathering held in Masvingo, Zimbabwe. The experience of gathering proved to be rejuvenating for Imedy, who describes the opportunity to learn from her peers as inspiring and re-energizing. She is now ready to continue her profound contributions to her community.

Every community striving for health and human rights deserves leaders like Imedy. Despite her own life challenges, she rises to the occasion to elevate and empower those around her.



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