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## A Homecoming of Transformation: Founder's Return from Kanthari



On the 17th of December 2025, a significant and emotional milestone marked the beginning of a new chapter for SpeakOut Voicelt (SOVI). Our founder, Ms. Nyasha Marylyn Munetsi, returned home after completing an intensive eight-month leadership and social impact journey at the Kanthari Institute in India.

Her arrival at Harare International Airport was nothing short of heartfelt. She was welcomed with open arms by family, loved ones, and well-wishers—an atmosphere filled with joy, pride, and deep gratitude. After months of distance, the reunion was both tender and powerful. The embrace of her children stood out as a deeply moving moment, symbolizing not just a physical return, but the restoration of a bond that had endured time and distance.

### A New Mindset, A New Path

The Kanthari experience had a profound impact on Nyasha—not only professionally, but personally and spiritually. She returned with a sharpened vision, a deeper sense of purpose, and an unwavering commitment to her mission. The transformation was evident in her mindset: more intentional, more disciplined, and deeply aligned with her values.

Adapting back into family life and society presented its own challenges. Growth often creates distance—not in love, but in perspective. Nyasha found that she could no longer fully fit into certain old circles and привыч habits. This was not out of disconnection, but rather a reflection of evolution. The mindset shift she underwent meant that conversations, priorities, and even ways of thinking had changed significantly.

The homecoming extended into a beautiful exchange of gifts and stories. These were not just material gestures, but tokens of love, resilience, and shared journeys. Nyasha brought back pieces of India—insights, lessons, and experiences—while her family shared stories of growth, survival, and life back home. It was a sacred space of reconnection, where laughter met reflection, and absence gave way to presence.

However, beyond the celebration, this return also marked the emergence of a transformed individual.

### She has become:

More eco-conscious, with a heightened awareness of sustainability and environmental responsibility—values now deeply embedded in SOVI's direction.

More time-conscious, understanding the urgency of purpose and the importance of intentional living.

More goal-driven and value-centered, with clarity on what truly matters and what must be built.





## Expanding the Vision: A Strategic Shift to Murehwa

As SOVI steps into a new season of growth, we were faced with a bold but necessary decision—relocating our project base from Seke Rural District to a new community that aligns with our expanded vision.

Following the transformative Kanthari experience, our scope evolved significantly. However, Seke has been undergoing rapid urbanisation, accompanied by emerging land disputes. As an organisation deeply committed to sustainable, community-rooted impact, we made the intentional choice to avoid future uncertainties and remain grounded in peaceful, rural environments where our work can thrive.

With this clarity, we sought and successfully received permission to begin operations in Murehwa District, and we are currently awaiting final registration processes.

On the 27th February, we marked a beautiful beginning—hosting two successful introductory meetings in the villages entrusted to us:

- Masango Village, where we shared breakfast with the community
- Mukeredzi Village, where we gathered over lunch

In both spaces, we presented SOVI's vision, mission, and objectives, which were warmly received with openness and enthusiasm.

We were especially honoured by the presence of the village heads, whose leadership and encouragement created an atmosphere of attentiveness and unity. Their support affirmed the importance of this work and laid a strong foundation for collaboration.

This transition is more than a change in location—it is a strategic step into deeper impact, rooted partnerships, and a future built together with the community.



Masango village



Mukeredzi village



Men of Mukeredzi village





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## TREE PLANTING – THE SOVI SIGNATURE: IT IS NEVER A SOVI EVENT IF THERE ARE NO TREES PLANTED

It is never a SOVI event if there are no trees planted.

As the day’s engagements in Masango and Mukeredzi villages came to a close, we sealed the moment in true SOVI fashion—with tree planting. More than just an activity, this is a signature expression of who we are: an organisation rooted in ecofeminism, sustainability, and the nurturing of life in all its forms.

Each tree planted symbolised growth, restoration, and a shared commitment between SOVI and the community to protect and sustain the environment. It was a powerful, hands-on reminder that our mission goes beyond conversations—it is lived, planted, and nurtured. With every tree in the soil, we marked not just the end of a successful day, but the beginning of a long-term relationship grounded in care for both people and the planet.



## NETBALL FOR CHANGE: UNITING WOMEN, IGNITING A MOVEMENT

In the same spirit of connection and community, the day gave birth to something truly powerful—a SOVI netball team.

Bringing together a vibrant mix of seasoned players and enthusiastic amateurs, this was more than just forming a team—it was unlocking a gateway into the hearts of Murehwa women. Here, netball is not just a sport; it is a unifying force. Just as men gather around soccer, women come alive on the netball court.

We quickly recognised a beautiful truth: to reach the women of Murehwa, netball must lead the way. And with that, a bold idea was born—ecofeminism through sport.

Through “Save the Earth” netball tournaments, SOVI will create dynamic spaces where women gather, play, and engage in meaningful conversations around gender justice and environmental stewardship. The court becomes more than a playing field—it becomes a platform for transformation, empowerment, and collective action.

What started as a simple team assembly has now sparked a movement—one where every pass, every goal, and every cheer carries a message of change.





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## COLLABORATIONS OVER COMPETITION: SOVI JOINS THE ZIMBABWE WOMEN EXECUTIVE LOUNGE



Zimbabwe Women Executive Lounge 1<sup>st</sup> Q meeting

In a powerful step towards building meaningful partnerships, SOVI was honoured to be invited to join the Zimbabwe Women Executive Lounge—an inspiring initiative under United Hearts Organisation.

This dynamic platform brings together women founders, CEOs, and directors into one space for connection, collaboration, and collective growth. It is a space where ideas are shared, partnerships are formed, and visions are strengthened through brainstorming and strategic support.

For SOVI, this invitation aligns perfectly with our belief in collaboration over competition. As women, we rise higher when we work together—amplifying each other’s voices, supporting each other’s missions, and building sustainable impact through unity.

We are excited about the opportunities this platform presents and look forward to contributing to and growing within a network of visionary women committed to change.

### FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE: SOVI FEATURED ON THE IME PODCAST

SOVI was honoured to join the IME Podcast, sharing our journey from idea to impact.

Our founder, Ms. Nyasha Marylyn Munetsi, spoke on her lived experience—highlighting the gaps many survivors face. From these gaps, SOVI was born.

The conversation reflected how pain became purpose, shaping empathetic, survivor-centered programs.

More than visibility, it was a moment to give voice to real stories and reaffirm our commitment to supporting survivors.



See you in our next quarter!

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