



A SELF-HELP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



## The Out of School Adolescents Project

In July 2007 ASAP Africa and Catholic Relief Services entered into a three year partnership to assist over 1,750 Out of School Adolescents (OSA) between the ages of 12 and 17 survive and thrive in rural Zimbabwe.

The project will target Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and at least sixty percent of these children will be girls from the remote rural areas. These girls are prone to all forms of abuse and can easily resort to prostitution when faced with the profound economic challenges that daily life in Zimbabwe presents today.

ASAP Africa will work in close consultation with school heads and community leaders to identify the children and encourage voluntary participation by known cases of OVC in the community.

ASAP will help light up the future for each of these children. Their ability to produce income will be increased through training in how to establish village savings and lending clubs. In addition, ASAP will provide needed social services, vocational skills training, as well as formal education where possible. This project is not only about providing survival skills but it's about bringing hope where there is little.

