

# NEWS LETTER

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## A DIASPORA-LED INITIATIVE



CHIPO CHUNG: CHAIR

“PORA was **founded by a group of Zimbabweans** in the diaspora who, though far from home, remain deeply connected to their country. **Having witnessed the devastating impact of sexual and gender-based violence**, we could not stand by. **We chose to act, take responsibility, and support the rebuilding of a society we believe in - one where dignity, safety, and justice are non-negotiable.** Through sustaining ARC’s vital services, we are doing our part to ensure survivors are not abandoned, but cared for, believed, and empowered to reclaim hope. This is our commitment to Zimbabwe’s future.”

## AT A GLANCE

### TFN

We raised £13,500 through The Funding Network, surpassing our £10,000 target

### ELORA

At just 16, Elora climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in support of ARC, surpassing her fundraising goal by raising £2,625 and carrying ARC’s banner to the summit as a symbol of hope and resilience.

### NEW SUPPORT

Through the Sparks Foundation, Ellie is working with PORA to support its mission of sustaining ARC to provide holistic care for survivors of sexual violence.

# THE FUNDING NETWORK

The Trustees brought their fundraising campaign to an event hosted by **The Funding Network** at Janus Henderson in the City of London. **Attendees donated £13,500** - the highest amount raised by any charity in attendance. Every pound contributed goes to providing **vital care to survivors** where it is most needed. ARC's clinics provide urgent medical treatment, trauma counselling, and medico-legal services to survivors of sexual violence, ensuring they are not left to face their ordeal alone. **This is the only source of such specialised care** available in communities across Zimbabwe.

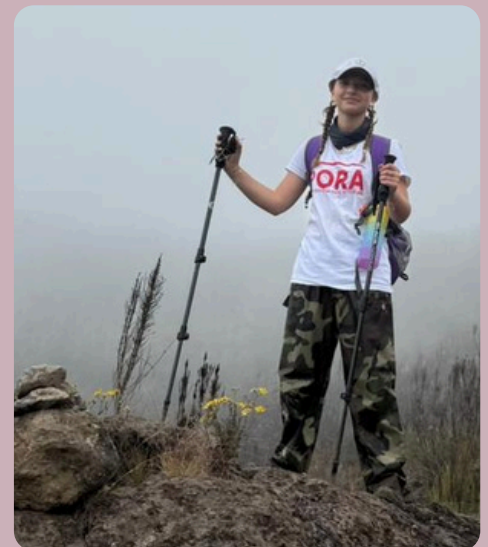


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## Hope in Action

From Zimbabwe to Kilimanjaro

**Sixteen-year-old** Elora Levy, **originally from Zimbabwe** and now a UK-based student, recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for ARC, surpassing her £2,000 goal with **£2,625** raised. Having witnessed the silence and stigma surrounding sexual violence in Zimbabwe, Elora was drawn to ARC's work providing specialised, survivor-focused support and advocating for dignity and safety. She carried ARC's banner to the summit, a powerful symbol of her belief that change is created through small, meaningful steps. Inspired by her own experience of safety in education, she is determined to help others access that same sense of security.



## GIVING HOPE AND HEALING

**PORA takes responsibility for ARC's most remote clinic in Gokwe District**, a difficult to reach area with huge distances to travel for rural communities to access services.

In the past year, **PORA enabled the Gokwe Clinic to support 406 survivors with medico-legal, psychosocial, referral and empowerment services.**

Children and adolescents account for 74% of all cases: **223 survivors were 11-16 years old and 76 survivors were children under 10 years old.** There is urgent need to strengthen child protection programming and early-warning systems in high-risk child abuse zones.



## EDUCATION IS KEY TO SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION



PORA supported ARC's outreach program, **reaching 5,265 community members** through community activities and health education days, mostly in collaboration with local schools.

Meet  
**OUR TEAM**



**Rhoda Molife**  
BOARD MEMBER



**Henry Makiwa**  
BOARD MEMBER



**Yvonne Kuimba**  
BOARD MEMBER



**Gardner Mugashu**  
TREASURER



**Carol Nyahasha**  
SECRETARY

## NEW SUPPORT

From Cape Town, South Africa



Ellie Hayward joined the PORA team in April 2025 as an intern through the **Sparks Foundation** initiative.\* She provides **administrative and research support**. Born and raised in South Africa, Ellie holds a BA (double major) in Psychology and Economics and is at the beginning of her professional career. She is currently completing an MA in Development Economics at the University of Cape Town, where her passion for research and commitment to addressing social injustices, particularly those affecting women, children, and queer communities continues to grow. Ellie has taught economics in Hanoi, Vietnam, an experience that sparked her desire to live and work internationally. Outside of her academic and professional interests, she enjoys bouldering and hiking, always seeking out new challenges and perspectives.

**With gratitude to all  
our supporters.**



*\*Learn more about the Sparks [here](#)*