

The Harare Residents' Trust (HRT)

5 Tudor Gardens, Corner Mazowe Street and Josiah Tongogara Avenue, Avenues, Harare

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HARARE RESIDENTS' TRUST

Pay US\$1 per year to the Treasurer of your Residents' Committee in your suburb. The HRT has standard receipt books for your convenience when you have joined. If there is a Residents Committee already, simply pay your Subscription of US\$20 to the HRT Treasurer or Finance and Administration Officer at the HRT Office. Or you can call or sms the office numbers given below to ask about the suburban HRT Treasurer. The Harare Residents' Trust has a Membership Card, the identity of our members. Membership is valid for 12 months, after paying a dollar at the HRT offices at Tudor Gardens, and a receipt is given as confirmation. You may also join from your suburban HRT treasurer, if a substantive structure has been established. By paying this dollar, or donating up to US\$100 for individuals, you are expressing your solidarity with the organisation and extending your help to the smooth running of the HRT so that it ably delivers its vision of 'a free and prosperous citizenry.' The membership fees or donations go a long way in helping us realise our mission of building capacity for productive engagement among citizens, their elected representatives and service providers as means to achieve a better standard of living for communities.

If there is no residents' committee in your area, you do the following;

1. Mobilise and gather at least 12 non-partisan residents, who reside in your suburb, advise the HRT Office, and a first introduction meeting introducing the HRT's objectives, mission, values and programmes will be held.
2. At this meeting, questions are answered, explanations given, and clarity is given, and those willing to join will join.
3. An interim committee, which will serve for at most three months, is established. When the interim committee is set up, the HRT Office team will train them on basic leadership skills, key service delivery issues and help them get started on community activism.
4. At the end of the three months, elections will be held, and a substantive committee is established. The length of their terms in office shall be determined by the HRT members participating in the elections.
5. A substantive committee is given a branded receipt book and 100 membership cards, from which the annual subscription and administration fees will come from. From then on the suburb is an official member of the HRT family of suburban structures, independent from each other but united for collective lobby and advocacy for quality service provision.

BENEFITS OF BEING AN HRT MEMBER:

There are several benefits to being a member of the HRT, and some of them are listed below for your appreciation of the work we do. Find the major reasons herein outlined;

- i. Collective advocacy and lobbying to service providers and policy makers
- ii. Education on rates, services and basic citizens' rights.
- iii. Training on roles and duties of elected representatives, and obligations of citizens in community development.
- iv. Free legal assistance and references in cases of trouble.
- v. The HRT builds individual capacity to identify human rights violations, develop appropriate and timely responses.
- vi. We provide you with information on residents issues, council services,
- vii. You become part of a bigger family of the residents' movement
- viii. Creation of mutual cooperation among the residents, their elected representatives and strategic duty bearers.
- ix. By becoming a member of the HRT, one is by extension committing to working with other residents and stakeholders for the well-being of the community you reside in.

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