MONTHLY OVERVIEW
APRIL 2021
FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

958 farmers were trained on pre and post-harvest management, including harvesting preparation, threshing, storage, pest control and marketing. The same farmers received training for the third session on marketing. Training for the remaining farmers is ongoing. A radio presentation on fodder production and management was conducted through Diamond FM in collaboration with Agritex using non-ZIRP resources. The number of trainings in fodder production increased in April as farmers harvested their fodder crop, making lablab bales and silage from the maize and sorghum crop.

Communal garden farmers are awaiting delivery of fencing materials which is expected by this Quarter. Farmers with already planted crops are reporting 95% germination of bean crop. Farmers continue to practice mulching as a way to retain moisture in the communal gardens. 8 Black Soldier Fly production and breeding sites have had ES screening conducted in Buhera district, bringing the total to 22. ESMP update and stakeholder engagement are currently in progress for the first 25 dip tanks screened to address social and environmental issues.

1.1 million birds vaccinated against new castle disease in the poultry vaccination program.

34 Veterinary Extension Supervisors, 205 Veterinary extension workers and 7,370 community-based vaccinators were trained on field standard operating procedures.

A review of the dip tank designs (dip attendant shed, funnel, side tanks, jump off specs, head clamp and sides) was shared with UNOPS. Preparations for the second round booster vaccination of cattle to prevent lumpy skin are currently in progress. Procurement of pulpy kidney vaccine is in progress for the vaccination of sheep and goats as a precautionary measure before deworming.

The database of farmers that require contour ridge pegging is in place. Contour pegging activities will commence in June 2021. Labour-intensive works entered the final stage in four (4) irrigation schemes: Gudyanga, Maunganiidze, Nyanyadzi and Bwerudza. The labour-intensive works in these schemes will be finalised in June 2021. Contracted works have commenced in Nyanyadzi and Bwerudza schemes. The contractor carrying out work in these will mobilize in May after conducting site assessments.

The overall completion of works at the four schemes is at: Bwerudza, 50%; Gudyanga, 40%; Nyanyadzi, 50%; and Maunganiidze, 40%.

Procurement of an additional 41,000 litres of Deltamethrin for the second phase is currently in progress to cater for an additional 246 dip tanks.
HEALTH AND WASH

In collaboration with MoHCC, UNICEF is in the process of defining business solutions for integrating the mHealth solution within the DHIS 2 and developing user documents for orienting VHWs on registration processes. User training on registering mothers is planned for May-June 2021. All (903) VHWs received their first performance appraisal across all districts.

A concept note on the filming of phase two of the documentary has been completed. The documentary aims to showcase integration on health initiatives under ZIRP implemented by UNICEF, WHO, UNOPS CI and UNFPA within the ZIRP districts. Filming is scheduled for May 2021.

32,115 beneficiaries were reached with integrated health services in ZIRP target areas, captured using the eHealth platform.

1,402 clients sensitised on health promotion interventions, cumulatively 21,550 clients have been reached.

A total of 211 water points have been rehabilitated with protective works, including 129 boreholes, 18 springs, 57 deep wells, and 7 piped water schemes in Chimanimani and Chipinge districts.

110 latrines were constructed for vulnerable households resulting in a cumulative of 538 latrines constructed to date. 62 latrines were constructed in April under the sanitation focused PHHE methodology, resulting in a cumulative 505 latrines constructed to date. 69 communities were trained on DWSSP, cumulatively 143 communities have been trained and 119 communities have finalised their water safety plans.

64 water point committees and 15 Village Pump Mechanics (VPMs) were trained.

129 institutional sanitation facilities were constructed in schools and health centre facilities.
EDUCATION

A RapidPro survey was administered for post monitoring of educational supplies. The recruitment of the monitoring consultant was finalised.

15 classroom tents and 247 school in a carton kits delivered to UNOPS for UNOPS-targeted schools.

CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS

68 new workers signed contracts with UNOPS in April, alongside 50 returning workers. Cumulatively 485 community workers have been recruited. The delivery of construction material for roads was completed for all sites after security arrangements were finalized. Road construction resumed in four sites (Gumira-Nyunga, Tanganda-Nyunga, Nyamusundu, Ruwedza).

The final round of the Displacement Tracking Matrix baseline assessment is currently ongoing and expected to be completed in May. The Return Intention Survey report was published and shared with stakeholders and Technical Agencies.

3000 dignity kits were procured during the period under review.

26 GBV survivors were provided with transport and 69 clients were referred for services by community cadres in April.

36 enumerators were trained across all 12 districts to assess 256 targeted wards.
In response to COVID-19, the following interventions were supported through ZIRP, under various targeted sectors.

130 EHTs/contact tracers were trained in 1st phase of COVID surveillance trainings and 36 EHTs were supported with 18 motorcycles, fuel and airtime for field activities.

The procurement of a contractor to rehabilitate the isolation ward at St. Peter's was delayed by ongoing discussions regarding asbestos management.

UNOPS identified a supplier for the ambulances and a contract was issued. The ambulances were shipped in April.

All districts reported having sent the PPE and IPC commodities to VHWs except for Mutasa, where access to clinics has been a challenge due to poor road network.

1,623 specimens were collected and sent for testing and 168 health care workers were trained on specimen transportation.

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