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# **MONTHLY OVERVIEW**

## **MARCH 2021**





## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

The crop condition in most districts is generally good, with farmers expressing optimism that they are assured of bumper harvests. Farmers are busy preparing processing and storage facilities since the harvesting stage has commenced. Consultation and planning for procurement of winter and summer demonstration plots inputs are in progress. Registration of farmers that require services for pegging of contour ridges in their farmland within the irrigation schemes' catchment areas is in progress.

Production of NUA45 beans has begun in gardens that have traditional fencing. 80% of cereal crops are at the senescence growth stage, and legumes have matured, with some already picked. Harvesting of cowpeas has begun across targeted wards. Around 20% of targeted farmers are drying their maize crop off field for consumption, since their food reserves are depleted.

**4** irrigation schemes (Maunganidze, Gudyanga, Nyanyadzi and Bwerudza) designs approved.  
**2** contracts have been awarded for solar-powered systems and irrigation works.



**145** farmers were trained on fodder conservation and utilisation in Chimanimani. **2** silage and **6** hay demonstrations were conducted in Buhera and one ward demonstration on fodder conservation and in Mutare.



**3,270** community-based vaccinators were registered to undertake primary vaccination of poultry against Newcastle Disease (NCD) at village level.



**3** dipping sessions were conducted in the month of March, bringing the total to **36** out of the targeted **48** for the project life span.



Procurement of indigenous chicken and feed is in progress. Procurement of 41,000 litres of Deltamethrin 5% SC is in progress to cover an additional 249 community dip tanks in Chikomba, Gutu and Bikita districts to restore community dipping services in the targeted 6 ZIRP districts.

Capacity testing of boreholes and siting of solar panel positions was done at Gudyanga and Maunganidze irrigation schemes. Labour-based works are in progress for gully reclamation works at Nyanyadzi and Gudyanga. Site inspection for the weir at the Bwerudza Irrigation scheme was done. Storm drain construction at Maunganidze is almost complete, with engineers' certification awaited.

Labour-intensive Work continued for three schemes: Bwerudza, Maunganidze, and Gudyanga. Contractors were deployed in four schemes to begin engineered rehabilitation works, including fencing the schemes, installing solar-powered pumps, and lining the canals. Environmental awareness and mitigation training on the prevention of underground water contamination and safe use and disposal of chemicals is ongoing.

**34** veterinary supervisors and **180** Veterinary Extension Workers were trained on field operational procedures to administer the vaccine across the targeted 8 districts.



ES screening was conducted for **30** selected dip tanks for rehabilitation in Chipinge, Chimanimani, Mutare and 6 initially targeted irrigation schemes.





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## HEALTH AND WASH



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A documentary collection of four stories has been completed in Chimanimani and Chipinge, highlighting perceptions and experiences of different stakeholders on the integrated ZIRP health interventions and murals.

The mHealth registration workflow and dashboard was finalised. Recruitment of mother and newborns, which was set for March, was rescheduled for May/June of 2021 due to MOHCC request to prioritise the integration of the RapidPro mHealth system within the DHIS2 system before mothers and babies registration.

**29,564** beneficiaries were reached with health services in ZIRP target areas, captured using eHealth platform.



More than **50** community members, including VHWs, youths and local leaders, were involved in the outdoor campaigns. **1,670** clients were sensitised on health promotion.



103 water points were rehabilitated in March, with a cumulative of 200 water points having been rehabilitated so far (122 boreholes, 19 springs, 51 deep wells and 8 piped water schemes), including protective works. 97 communities in 8 targeted districts have received Drinking Water Safety and Security Planning (DWSSP) training. 72 of the communities submitted their water safety plans which are currently under review. 194 water point committees (WPC) in Chikomba (43), Gutu (43), Chipinge (47), Chimanimani (21), Bikita (20) and Mutasa (20) were trained in alignment with the overall water safety planning approach.

73 new latrines were constructed for vulnerable households, for a cumulative total of 428. 51 latrines were constructed under the sanitation focused PHHE methodology. To date, 443 have been constructed under this methodology.



**2** new squat holes were completed in the month of March with a cumulative total of **29** squat holes completed in Health Care Facilities (HCF's).



**127** institutional latrines (squat holes) have been constructed with **98** squat holes in schools benefitting **5,791** pupils.



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## EDUCATION



A RapidPro survey is being administered for post monitoring of ZIRP supplies distributed to the schools.



Supply monitoring consultant was recruited in the month of March and will be on board in April.

## CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS



Construction on the four roads is expected to resume in April, following the relaxation of lockdown measures and delivery of construction materials.

434 villages were assessed, representing 7,676 households (56% women, 44% men). High priority needs mentioned included food, shelter and safe drinking water. Challenges associated with the availability of these needs were highlighted as price, distance, quantity, quality and adequacy. Over 9,000 households are still in need of shelter support to improve the standard of their shelter structures while 3,595 households were reported to have received either emergency or permanent shelter assistance from various organizations.

**410** GBV survivors reached through mobile one stop clinics and **72** survivors were transported to higher levels of care.



**86** existing community workers signed new contracts for labour-intensive infrastructure works.





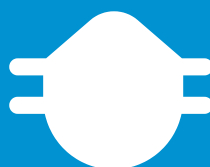
# COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

In response to COVID-19, the following interventions were supported through ZIRP, under various targeted sectors.

1 PCR/extraction machine was delivered. Procurement of 4 ambulances is in the final stages.



The last 9 murals were completed at growth points and shopping centres for wider reach. Approximately 2,430,103 people have been reached indirectly through this COVID-19 and health promotion outdoor campaign.



Procurement of PPE, lab supplies and consumables for COVID testing completed and distributed to **4,276** UNICEF VHWs, and WHO medical team.



36 Health Care providers trained on disease surveillance and case management. 800 peer supervisors identified and deployed to provide support to VHWs.



# ONE PROJECT ONE TEAM