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MONTHLY OVERVIEW OCTOBER 2021

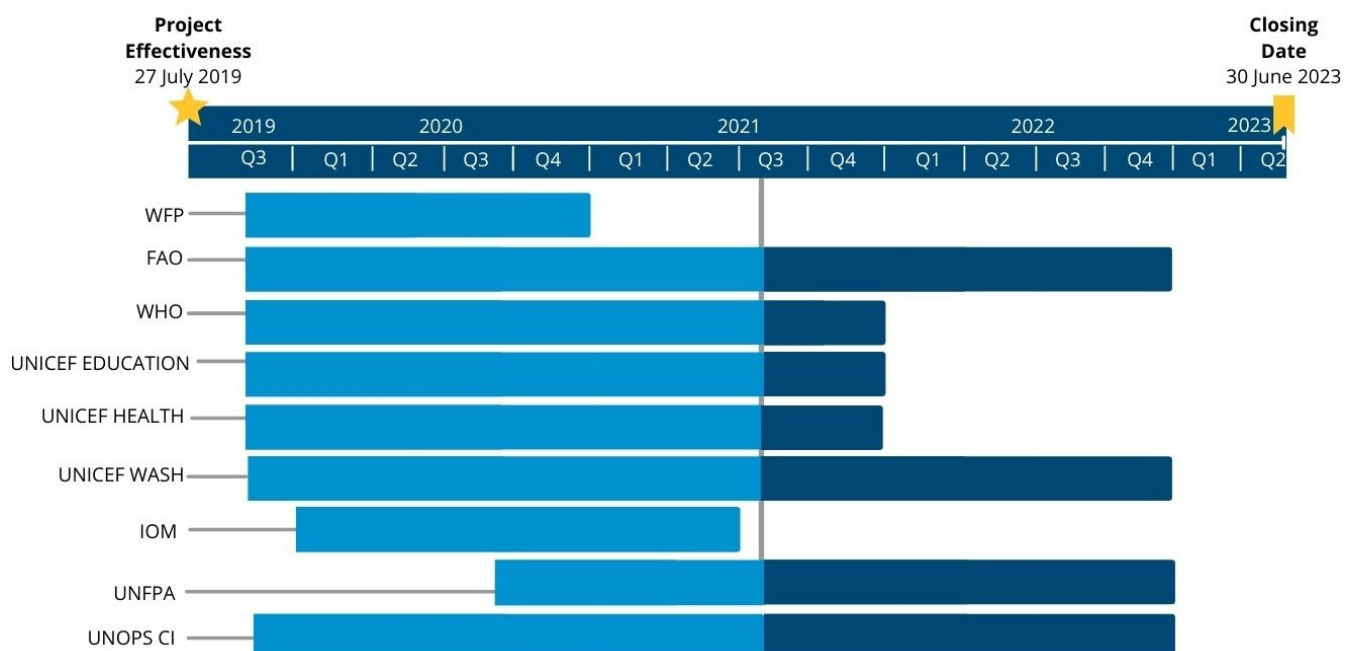


ONE PROJECT ONE TEAM

Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project (ZIRP) continues to deliver interventions in across mutiple sectors in the nine districts in which ZIRP is working. The 'One Project, One team' model is proving a formidable model to deliver resilience.



PROJECT TIMELINES





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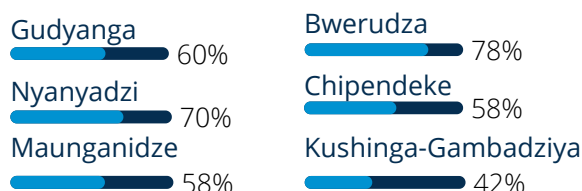
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FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



Marketing season of sugar beans at all irrigation schemes is almost complete. Farmers continue to be linked to input and output markets. Sugar beans have been purchased by SeedCo, Zadzamatura, and NTS in the different schemes. Windmill and SeedCo have been engaged to supply farmers with crop inputs through coordinated purchases. Preparations are ongoing for summer crop production mainly maize and groundnuts. Farmers in all the 7 schemes are mooting new' crops such as orange-fleshed sweet potato, garlic and potato.

Irrigation scheme rehabilitation works progress



820
households (669 of them
women) received livestock for
restocking



2
dipping sessions
were conducted as Phase 2
commences

HEALTH AND WASH



Registration of mothers on the mHealth platform began this month. 1,009 mothers have been registered to date and these mothers have started receiving SMS on key health information.

6,206 persons provided with basic package health services and support. 1,518 beneficiaries were reached during health promotion talks in October. Two supportive supervision visits were conducted in October. One of these visits was conducted at Ruwedza outreach point.

7,969
people have been reached with
hygiene promotion



837
self-driven households
latrines were constructed in
October



19 latrines were constructed for vulnerable households particularly female and child headed households. 291 self-driven households latrines were constructed for 291 households. For institutional sanitation, 3 squat holes were completed during the month in one health care facility.

17 boreholes and 2 deep wells were rehabilitated in the month of October. 475 households with restored water service. 96 community entities trained on Operation and maintenance (21 SHCs, 5 CHCs, 37 latrine builders, 8 VPMs, 25 VHWs). Altogether, 543 people (190 women, 153 men, 116 girls, 84 boys) provided with access to safe drinking water through water supply interventions.



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EDUCATION



End user monitoring for learning supplies is in progress. 34 schools have been visited for end user monitoring.



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE SUPPORT



Mobile One Stop Clinics are proving to be an effective intervention to reach GBV survivors. 76 survivors were referred for services for GBV related services by Behavior Change Facilitators (BCFs). The cases include 27 physical violence, 25 psychological violence, 3 sexual violence, 14 economic violence, 6 child marriages and 1 rape case. ZIRP is supporting the BCFs with airtime and data to ease communication.

136 survivors accessed mobile GBV services. Of the survivors, 43 reported physical violence, 29 emotional violence, 15 sexual violence, 44 economic violence and 5 child marriages or pregnancies.

69 survivors received legal support; and 62 women received dignity kits.

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GBV survivors accessed support through mobile OSC



76

survivors were referred for services by Behavior Change Facilitators (BCFs).





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CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS



UNESCO, the implementing partner for UNOPS for comprehensive resilience building, launched the Visual Inspection for defining Safety Upgrading Strategies (VISUS). This is a new methodology developed by UNESCO and the University of Udine's SPRINT-Lab, which facilitates risk assessments in school facilities and provides fact-based practical information to help decision-makers identify areas of concern and prioritize investments. The pilot study will cover 15 schools in Chimanimani and Chipinge. VISUS is cost effective and less time-consuming making it a feasible methodology for use in disaster prone areas in Zimbabwe.

The launch event was attended by stakeholders from the World Bank, ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works as well as UNTAs.



Construction works progress on access roads



Nyamusundu Road



Ruwedza Road



Gumira Road



315
community workers benefited
from employment in labour-
intensive works

COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES



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



The Rapid Response Team (RRT) and contact tracers received logistical support of fuel and airtime for surveillance activities



COVID-19 cases have been under control in the past weeks, few spikes in cases were witnessed as a result to outbreaks in schools



8,727 specimens for COVID-19 collected and processed for COVID-19 testing with antigen RDT test kits



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FEATURE STORY

Satchels of hope for cyclone-affected schools in Manicaland



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Yolanda Bvute, 12, of Marume Primary School, had become familiar with the uncomfortable sound of other students teasing her on the way to school for the tattered plastic sack she used to carry her stationery.

"I used to walk 2 km to school, carrying my books in a plastic bag used for bread. The others would mock me the whole way," she recalls.

Yolanda and her family were left with nothing after Cyclone Idai devastated Zimbabwe's Manicaland province in March 2019. Her mother could barely afford Yolanda's second-hand school uniform, let alone provide school utensils. It was a desperate situation that made her lose all motivation to go to school.



This would have been a blow to the significant strides made in girls' education. Between 2016 and 2019, over 20,000 more girls were enrolled in primary and secondary school in Manicaland. Cyclone Idai risked reversing these gains.

ZIRP's provision of teaching and learning materials to cyclone-affected schools proved a game-changer as the tropical storm had disrupted over 43,000 schoolgirls in the region and over 88,000 learners overall.

Yolanda's school, situated in Buhera District in southeastern Zimbabwe, was among 130 institutions supported by ZIRP to establish temporary learning spaces following the disaster.



However, one blue backpack delivered under the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project (ZIRP) through UNICEF, changed this for the better.

"I am very happy that I have this backpack because my mother could not afford to buy one. My bag has given me confidence. I had felt discouraged when the others would laugh at me and the plastic sack I was using. I had even thought about dropping out of school."



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Marume Primary received 2 tents and 4 'School-in-a-Box' kits. Each kit enables 1 teacher and up to 40 students to set up a makeshift classroom anywhere. The school also received Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits along with recreation and primary education kits covering subjects such as mathematics, science, and geography.

The UNICEF backpacks dubbed the satchels of hope, were a morale booster for the 430 Marume Primary School students, according to deputy headmaster, Thomas Karidza.

"Disaster struck when the Cyclone hit. We had one classroom block destroyed and our enrollment was affected. The welfare of teachers was also affected including teaching duties. Due to two years of challenges, students began to lose interest in being at school," said Principal Karidza.

He added: "However, this is no longer the case thanks to the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project and UNICEF. Our enrollment has increased by 20% compared to the Cyclone year. Every parent wants to bring their child to the school where they will be given a backpack. The students feel encouraged to come to school."

Yolanda's geography teacher, Dzinorevei Taurai, commends ZIRP, the World Bank, and UNICEF for ensuring a conducive learning environment for both learners and their teachers.

"We received teaching materials such as atlas globes, wind vanes, and electric kits. The school did not have the means to provide these items for the students. For the best learning experience, children need to see and use the utensils while executing projects. They learn better through a combination of theory and practice. Now we can provide that thanks to the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project," the educator shares.

As part of the Back-to-School reintegration plan, ZIRP has also provided hygiene kits to cyclone-affected schools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Bank-funded project continues to assist with the safe return to quality learning for students like Yolanda.

It will be a long road to recovery, but the backpack and school supplies now bring only positive laughter to Yolanda's life. With the right support, she can achieve her aspirations so that her future children will never know how it feels to lack a backpack.

