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# **MONTHLY OVERVIEW NOVEMBER 2021**

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ZIRP IN 2021

ZIRP marked 2 years in 2021 with strong progress made towards achieving key milestones. In April, ZIRP signed on UNESCO to implement comprehensive resilience building bringing the number of UN agencies under the project to nine (9).

ZIRP concluded emergency conditional/unconditional food assistance reaching over 239,000 marginalized people. 100% of the project target was achieved for support for farmers with crop, stock feed and fodder input package, training and support services.

Notable progress was made in the project component for medium term recovery:

- improved livestock production resulting from vaccination, treatment and dipping efforts at 297 dip tanks
- reinforced market linkages for farmers at 7 irrigation schemes gaining sustainable returns from their crops through value addition for onions, chilli peppers among others.

To support healthy communities, ZIRP helped to build critical capacity within the community for COVID-19 infection, prevention, case management, disease surveillance and control through the training and deployment of over 300 health workers. 18 motorbikes, 4 ambulances and 1 PCR machine were procured to strengthen disease surveillance and responses at the rural health facilities. Integrated mobile one stop clinics continued providing basic healthcare and gender-based violence support.

Access to clean and safe water has been restored for over 158,000 people. In a bid to improve learning outcomes, over 88,000 learners (including 94 IDP from 4 IDP camps) from cyclone affected schools; have been supported with education learning materials. Work continues in the irrigation schemes and access roads with 1,013 workers engaged to date in the rehabilitation of community infrastructure, providing 203,010 labour hours and earning US\$ 187,615 in wages.

The World Bank conducted the ZIRP Mid-year review in September. Project implementation was found to be overall satisfactory.

2021 ended on a high note as the World Bank Country Manager Marjorie Mpundu, visited ZIRP sites in Chimanimani to appreciate the impact of the project in the Cyclone affected communities. In the two day visit, the delegation was able to visit sites across the different sectors covered by ZIRP - Food security and livelihoods, Health, WASH, Education and cross cutting elements. The visit coincided with that of the UNOPS Sub-Regional Director Mr Rainer Frauenfeld and Regional Head of Projects Mrs Sonja Varga.



*The delegation is pictured here at Nyanyadzi Irrigation scheme where farmers explained the how productivity in the scheme has improved with support from FAO and UNOPS under the ZIRP*

# FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



World Food Programme


 Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations

**UNOPS**

**2**

 dipping sessions  
were conducted

**42**

 farmers supported with chicken  
and goats for restocking


## Irrigation scheme rehabilitation works progress



# HEALTH


 World Health  
Organization

**UNOPS**

unicef



1,746 people were referred for basic healthcare services through VHWs. The number of children receiving Vitamin A and women on short term family planning is increasing consistently. This can be attributed to the increase in VHW footprints in hard to reach communities as well as to the strengthened reporting mechanisms as a result of the increased supervision due to the peer supervision model. 861 mothers have been registered on the mHealth platform and have started receiving SMS on key health information.

2,400 beneficiaries were reached during health promotion talks in November. The health promotion talks focused on strengthening community knowledge on COVID-19 and other epidemic-prone diseases.

1 training was held in November to build capacity of Health Service Providers through integrated training. 20 participants were trained, including the 2 ZIRP doctors and 7 ZIRP nurses.

As UNICEF Health completes their interventions, a documentation of lessons learnt will be produced. Documentation concept note has been finalised and the field work for documentation is now scheduled.



# HEALTH AND WASH



**3,801**  
provided with basic package health services and support



**1,870**  
mothers have been enrolled on the mHealth platform



20 latrines were constructed for vulnerable households (female and child headed households). 90 self-sponsored households latrines were constructed in the month of November and 3 squat holes were completed during the same month.

264 community entities trained on operation and maintenance in the month of November. 9,138 people have been reached with hygiene promotion during the month. These are repeat sessions to emphasis COVID-19 prevention messaging.

10 boreholes, 1 deep well and 4 piped water schemes constructed and rehabilitated in the month of November. 1,394 households now have restored water service.

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**3**  
squat holes were completed during the month of November



# EDUCATION



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



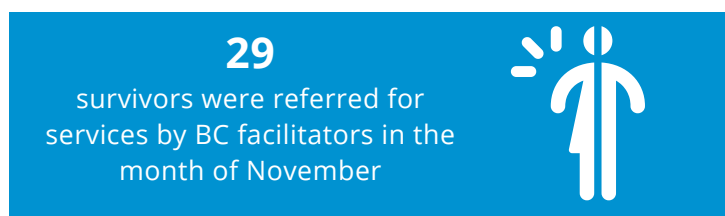
# GENDER BASED VIOLENCE SUPPORT



29 survivors were assisted with transport to higher levels of in the month of November. 16 were from Chipinge and 13 from Chimanimani. 9 were girls and 20 were women. Reach was low in the month as survivors are failing to get transport to be able to report that they need assistance.

71 survivors were referred for services by BC facilitators in the month of November. 2 were boys aged below 18 years while 17 were girls. 6 men and 46 women were also referred during the month. 24 of the survivors reported physical violence, 26 reported psychological violence, 2 reported sexual violence, 12 economic violence, 5 child pregnancies and 2 were rape victims.

454 women and 31 girls, 485 in total received dignity kits in the month of November. 255 were from Chipinge and 230 were from Chimanimani.



## CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS



UNESCO completed the Visual Inspection for defining the Safety Upgrading Strategies (VISUS) for School Safety Assessment in 15 schools in Chimanimani as a pilot study. The findings will provide insights for use in educational facilities and contribute to comprehensive resilience building in the disaster-prone communities.

The draft designs for the Jopa Safe Market were completed in October and presented to key stakeholders. Following their feedback, the designs were revised and will be ready for design review by the end of December. Approval of the design is targeted for end of January.

### Construction works progress on access roads



**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 targeted sectors:



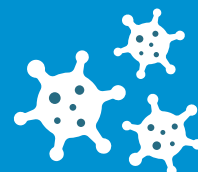
**8** COVID-19 supportive  
supervisions were conducted  
in November



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



**10,553** samples were  
collected and processed for  
COVID-19, from the ZIRP  
supported and government  
facilities



# ONE PROJECT ONE TEAM

# FEATURE STORY



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## ZIRP provides lifesaving TB treatment for Tendai Sama in Chimanimani

Chimanimani, Zimbabwe - *"I recall the first day I met Dr Nyamangodo the ZIRP doctor in Matende, Chimanimani, I was carried in a wheelbarrow by my nephew. I was in such a bad state and I could not even walk on my own. I had been ill for weeks and I had no money so I was just stuck at home getting worse everyday. Everyone thought I was going to die," reminisces Tendai Sama Mungosa a resident of Matende Village in Chimanimani.*

Tendai learnt about ZIRP from the clinic where she used to work in Chimanimani. When she heard of the scheduled ZIRP mobile clinic in Matende it was her only saving grace. She insisted she wanted to be taken to the Matende outreach point to see the ZIRP doctor even though she could not even walk. In addition, Sara could not afford to visit the clinic as she did not have any money.

In July 2020, Tendai made sure her nephew took her to the outreach point to see the doctor. Dr Nyamangodo the ZIRP doctor in Chimanimani attended to Tendai and her condition was poor. Here the doctor examined her and immediately asked for the ZIRP vehicle to transfer her to Mutambara Hospital where he carried out a number of tests on Tendai including X-rays in order to establish the root cause of her sickness.

After running the various tests, the doctor discovered that Tendai had tuberculosis and HIV. He immediately put Tendai on TB medication which she had to take for six months including ART treatment which she continues till today. For the following months, Tendai continued to visit the ZIRP outreach clinic where Dr Nyamangodo would checkup on her to ensure she is responding well to the medication. Tendai completed her six months TB treatment and was cured. Today, Sara no longer has TB thanks to the ZIRP mobile clinic she completed her six months TB treatment. She continues to take her ART treatment



This year, Tendai paid the ZIRP mobile clinic a visit not because she is not well but to show the doctor how well she is doing.

*"I had to come back today to say thank ZIRP, they saved my life. I could not walk and here I am today doing great. I am even back at work. If it was not for ZIRP I would have died. I could not have afforded to get the treatment I received and I am forever grateful to them for the love and care they provided me. They even went on to use their own car to take me to the hospital," explains Tendai with a huge smile on her face.*

Tendai is one of the many people who have benefited from ZIRP over the past few years. As an implementing partner under ZIRP, WHO has been supporting health systems in cyclone affected communities to enhance increased access to free integrated health services through community outreaches using mobile clinics in the worst affected districts of Chimanimani and Chipinge.

The Project was launched in response to the damages caused by the extreme weather phenomenon in 2019 that left a trail of death and destruction in parts of Masvingo, Mashonaland East and Manicaland Provinces.