



Zimbabwe
Idai Recovery
Project

MONTHLY OVERVIEW APRIL 2022



Surging forward to build resilience in Cyclone affected communities



As we push towards project completion, medium term recovery delivery is in full swing on the infrastructure components. UNOPS CI has completed 3 of the 9 roads that are being rehabilitated through the community infrastructure works. The remaining roads are in progress. Construction at Mutsvangwa Clinic and St Peter's Mission Hospital are on track. Approval of ESMPs for large piped water schemes and dip tank rehabilitation is near completion and work is anticipated to be completed on schedule.

The World Bank conducted the first physical supervision mission which saw a delegation including the Task team leader, Co-task team leader, E&S, Agriculture, Health and Education focal points visit projects across all sectors in 4 districts- Chimanemani, Chipinge, Bikita and Gutu. The World Bank were accompanied by Government stakeholders from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; and the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works.

Some highlights from the field visit were the meetings with the Secretaries of Devolution and Provincial Affairs. Both appreciated the intervention by development partners to support the cyclone affected communities and emphasised closer collaboration between them and government stakeholders.

The visit to Maunganidze Irrigation scheme demonstrated the merits of integration and collaboration by UN agencies which is unique to ZIRP. Through interventions by WFP, FAO and UNOPS CI; the scheme has now restored productivity from below 50% when Cyclone Idai occurred to almost 100% now.

At Vushe Primary School, the delegation was awed by the School Health Club which showcased their song, drama and dance skills which they utilise in spreading messages on health and hygiene promotion.

The delegation was able to appreciate the MHH-friendly toilets and hear first hand the impact these have had on the management of menstrual hygiene by young girls. The ownership of the WASH projects by the DWSSC was encouraging as it is clear they will sustain the interventions in their districts beyond the project.

The delegation met with the Provincial Medical Director, Dr Nyakunu who articulated the impact of the project on the health sector; particularly through community health structures. The integration of GBV support in the mobile outreach clinic showed again, the amplified results that can be achieved leveraging on the specialist agencies working together.

The delegation was also able to appreciate the impact of the education supplies in improving delivery of quality education. The hygiene kits that were distributed were timely for preparedness of reopening of schools after the prolonged closure due to COVID-19. The delegation visited Runyararo Farm where the Cyclone displaced families have been relocated by the Government of Zimbabwe. This gave testament to how the work that is being done under ZIRP aligns and supports the agenda of the Government of Zimbabwe in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Highlights from the field mission



"I am anticipating 2 tons of beans per hectare. Before ZIRP, I would have harvested just 800kg from my plot."

Mrs Wenjere, Maunganidze Irrigation Scheme

"We are processing dried tomatoes which we are selling and have also been trained on pulp making. We are also making dried vegetables and packaging our beans for retail."

Irrigation Management Committee
Chairman for Maunganidze Scheme



"We appreciated the support from the World Bank which has uplifted not just the 84 farmers in Maunganidze, but extended across ward 7 in improving livelihoods and food security."

Councilor Phaniel Makuku

"Last year we lost a lot of cattle due to the January disease (Theileriosis). But thanks to the World Bank, through ZIRP interventions we have received acaricides and vaccines. We have not heard any reports of cattle deaths this year"

Mrs Chitavati, Veterinary Services



Mentoring and coaching of targeted farmers and monitoring of crop production performance continued in the month of April. On livestock production, replacement of goats progressed well. 303 goats have been replaced and no deaths have been reported in this batch. There is significant farmer interest in BSF production as a feed and nutrition alternative and farmers contributing to construct BSF production sites.

2 dipping sessions were conducted for livestock



25 Black Soldier Fly (BSF) demonstration units were established



Outstanding Activities

Black soldier fly production

Production of BSF expected to start in June. All materials have now been procured. Expected completion date: July 2022

Pulpy kidney vaccination

Pulpy kidney vaccine procured but certification not provided due to the delay in obtaining efficacy testing approval. Expected completion date: October 2022

Dip Tank rehabilitation

Tender process in progress for contractors. Expected completion date: June 2023

Mutema Irrigation scheme

Mutema scheme is at design review stage. Expected completion date: June 2023

Nyahode Watershed

The tender closed on 23 March and evaluations are currently taking place. Expected completion date: June 2023

HEALTH

UNICEF Health has progressed on the documentation of the peer supervision model which was pioneered under the project. Communities continue to benefit from the village health workers whose capacity is now enhanced. UNOPS CI works in the health institutions is progressing. The contractor for the incinerator at Mutambara Mission hospital has commenced work on the sub-structure, and works are at 17% progress to completion.



St Peters Isolation ward-rehabilitation works at **40%** progress to completion

Mutsvangwa maternal health center-rehabilitation works at **13%** progress to completion



Highlights from the field mission



"I really miss the ZIRP team. Sometimes, I will be in the wards and I see a patient with perplexing symptoms. Back then I would just call Dr Nyamagonda (ZIRP doctor) and we would discuss the case. I really wish they could come back"

Dr Mefe- Mutambara Mission Hospital

"We now have 3 apostolic Marange sect village health workers which has helped a lot in penetrating their church and communities with health messages."

Dr Muguri, District Medical Officer



"We have been trained to eliminate symptoms of high blood pressure in our fellow pregnant women. We also know what to look out for when we make home visits. This has helped to reduce maternal mortalities in our community"

Mrs Anna Mwandambira
VHW-Mutambara Mission Hospital



"The new incinerator which is being constructed at Mutambara Mission hospital, has been designed to treat a mixture of 70% "black bag" (non-infectious) and 30% "red bag" (infectious) medical wastes at an optimum throughput capacity of 50 kg/hr."

Moyiz Ebrahimji, UNOPS Project Manager



Procurement of hygiene kits utilising the savings realised by UNICEF Education is in progress. The kits will be distributed to the same 134 schools targeted by ZIRP. UNICEF Education is also conducting continuous monitoring of the education component to assess the impact it has had on learners and also identify schools that need further support.

Outstanding Activities

Construction of classroom blocks and staff houses

The procurement of contractors is at the last stage of approval with UNOPS HQ. The project is expecting approval of the award to 3 contractors by June.

Highlights from the field mission



"Many pupils have a fear of Mathematics which I call 'Mathophobia'. Most times, it is simply because the appropriate tools are not available. Thanks to ZIRP, our pupils now have protractors and other equipment to support their learning"

Mr Murecherwa- Deputy Head
Bumba Primary School

"Our student population grew by nearly 50% as we received pupils who had been displaced as a result of the Cyclone. The tents have helped us accommodate these pupils. Even when COVID-19 came, we had the hygiene kits for pupils to wash and sanitise their hands, thanks to ZIRP "

Mr Murecherwa- Deputy Head
Bumba Primary School




"ECD pupils learn through practise and the kits we received have colourful blocks and shapes which the pupils use to learn"

Teacher-Bumba Primary School




In the period under review, 40 self-driven households latrines were constructed (incl. piloting models flood resistant latrines), 22 sanitation facilities (squat holes) were constructed in health centres with hand washing facilities and 79 sanitation facilities (squat holes) constructed at schools with hand washing facilities.

140
latrines constructed for vulnerable households (female and child headed households)




822
households with restored access to water and sanitation services



3,170
school beneficiaries with increased access to sanitation and hand washing stations



4,975
people provided with access to safe drinking water through water supply interventions



Outstanding Activities

**Construction of 49 large
Piped Water Schemes**

Design works and Environmental and Social process completed and
Implementing Partners engaged.
Expected completion date: December 2022

Highlights from the field mission



"The Menstrual Hygiene friendly toilets have really changed the lives of the girl child and enabled continued learning as they no longer need to skip school using their menstrual period".

Ms Flora Chikumbo, health teacher and hygiene focal point- Vushe Primary School

We have a school health club that has 70 club members across all grades. These are our sanitation and hygiene advocates to others.

Mrs Makuku, School Head Vushe Primary School



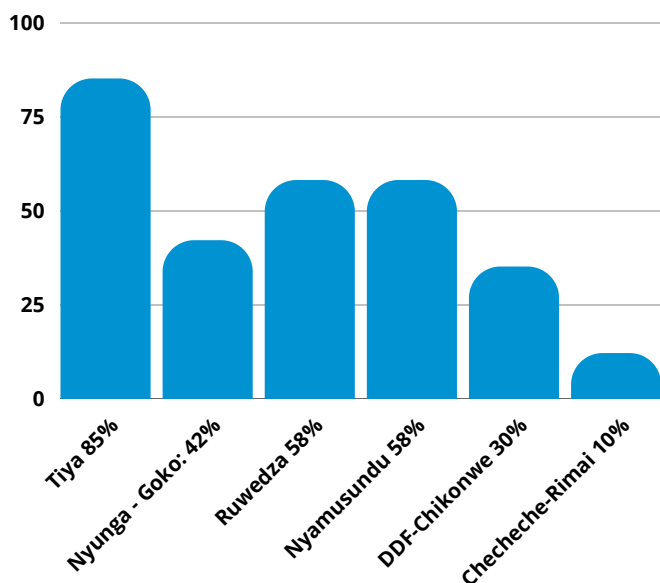
"We thank you deeply for this landmark visit to our community. The lives of the people from this community have really improved because of your interventions."

Chief Munyikwa- Munyikwa Piped Water Scheme, Gutu.



18,400 persons benefited through rehabilitated community infrastructure and risk reduction interventions

PROGRESS ON REHABILITATION OF ROADS



Outstanding Activities

Roads

5 roads in progress and 3 roads to commence in Q2
Expected completion date: September 2022

Construction of Jopa Market

Jopa designs cleared. Procurement of a contractor will be carried out in May
Expected completion date: June 2023

Implementing sustainable community-based projects

ZIRP is deploying the Community Based Approach as one of its methods on construction works. This approach fosters a sense of ownership amongst beneficiaries, build beneficiaries' confidence and promotes accountability.

At Ruwedza Road, a total of 158 community workers, 100 females and 58 males have been employed to work on the culverts and drainage for the road. The rehabilitation of the road has economically empowered the villages custodians who heavily rely on farming as their source of income through connecting them with their markets which include Chimanimani town, Mutare and Nhedziwa where they go to sell their produce.

The community workers have gained construction skills from the trainings conducted by UNOPS CI before they commenced work.

These skills have seen the community workers constructing their own houses and recovering the losses they incurred during the Cyclone. Apart from construction, the communities have also been trained on health and safety issues as well as gender empowerment.

The remunerations granted to community workers have greatly improved livelihoods. The community workers are now capable of paying school fees for their children, buying livestock and are also improving their small irrigation schemes by procuring pipes and sprinklers. Therefore, the rehabilitation of Ruwedza road has hugely impacted the community whilst connecting people to vital government and social services.

The use of locally available materials as well as capacity building of communities has given UNOPS CI the assurance that the community will be able to maintain the road even beyond the ZIRP project.

Highlights from the field mission



"Now that cars can travel to our village due to road rehabilitation, I saw the opportunity to open a tuckshop and sell groceries in the village using the money I am making working on this road with UNOPS, I now have a source of income and can take care of my family"

Juliet Tsarara, Community worker,
Ruwedza Road

"I have nicknamed my baby 'UNOPS' because it is only through the income that I earned working for UNOPS that I have been able to provide for this baby. UNOPS gave me an opportunity to work on the road project even though I was pregnant at the time"

Paidamoyo Manyezu, Community worker,
Matezwa-Gumira Road



"I am very grateful to the World Bank thank for considering people with disabilities on the rehabilitation of this road. They saw the potential in us and allowed us to participate in the road works we feel we have contributed to the development of our own community"

Mr Takarindwa Gari (born with cerebral palsy)
Community worker, Matezwa-Gumira Road



"What touched me the most about the project is how it has helped single mothers regain their dignity. Society shuns them but the project provided an opportunity for them to work. Some of these women have improved their homesteads and others are purchasing livestock"

Ms Tsitsi Chakandinakira, Childcare giver,
Ruwedza Road



UNESCO was granted 2 months extension to successfully complete outstanding activities. These include:

- Endorsement of the Chimanimani Biosphere Reserve during their international conference in Paris
- Local launch of the Biosphere Reserve and handing over ceremony
- Launch of the community radios
- Capacity building workshop on early communication and early warning signs



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE SUPPORT



Upon exit of WHO from the ZIRP in December 2021, in Q1 2022 UNFPA continued to explore direct support of Mission hospitals nurses to join the mobile One stop Clinics (OSCs) teams and outreach, in order to ensure continuation of Clinical management of rape services at mobile OSCs, as well as strengthened support to transport to higher level of care for survivors of sexual violence approaching the Mobile OSCs. The related budget adjustments were cleared by PIU and the direct engagement of Mission hospitals nurses has begun.

UNFPA is working closely with Mobile OSCs teams, Behaviour Change Facilitators (BCFs) and Mission hospitals to

- 1) increase awareness on the critical 72 hour reporting
- 2) improve coordination of MOSC teams and Mission hospitals for the utilization of ZIRP supported post rape kits.

146

survivors were referred for services by village health workers.



196

persons reached with GBV services through mobile One Stop Centre

45

survivors were provided with transport to higher levels of care.



123

GBV survivors were supported through legal support.



100

women and girls received dignity kits.



5

Sexually abused individuals were initiated on PEP.



5

survivors received post rape care.



Highlights from the field mission



"Setting up a mobile one stop centres at maternity waiting shelter has been a good practice as pregnant women find a safe space to open up on abuse by intimate partners"

Nyasha Maphosa, UNFPA Implementing Partner

"ZIRP has mainstreamed GBV support across all sectors of the project. Through behaviour change facilitators, GBV survivors are identified and referred for free support under the project."

Verena Bruno, UNFPA project focal point



"We help women, children and even men who are victims of GBV. Men can trust us with their issues because we have been trained to maintain strict confidentiality. We refer them to expert help that would be suitable for the issue".

Gladys Gambura, Behavior Change Facilitator

The integration of GBV services into the mobile outreach clinics under ZIRP is a commendable practice, which as the Government, we will also emulate"

Government Official





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Highlights on April Results



More than
230,000

people received food assistance to date

21,947

households supported through agricultural and livestock inputs



68

dipping sessions conducted



3,619,884

livestock vaccinated/treated

Rehabilitation works in

6

irrigation schemes completed



2,125

households have constructed latrines



33,937

households have restored access to water and sanitation services



661,394

people provided with basic health package services and support



3,784,821

people reached with community sensitisation on health promotion interventions

Capacity building completed for

2,843

village health workers in 9 districts



88,516

students in 134 schools benefited from teaching and learning supplies

92

classroom tents distributed



400

Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits distributed

64,418

school backpacks distributed



500

units of school-in-a-box distributed



300

recreational kits distributed

6,125

GBV survivors reached through mobile OSC

595 survivors were provided with transport for higher level of care



3,000

women and girls received dignity kits

182

survivors received post rape care



18,400

people benefited through rehabilitated community infrastructure and risk reduction interventions



3



access roads completed. **6** access roads undergoing rehabilitation



19

kilometers of damaged access roads completed

10

Displacement Tracking Matrix surveys and assessments conducted



25

one on one sessions conducted with TAs to review DTM data and inform ZIRP programming





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COVID-19 Response

4

ambulances, 2 four-wheel drive vehicles and 1 PCR extraction machine purchased and handed over to mission hospitals to strengthen disease surveillance and response



36

EHTs provided with laptops, tablets and phones to use in disease surveillance



130

Environmental Health Technicians (EHTs) were trained on disease surveillance and are now deployed



580

VHWs recruited, trained and deployed increasing the coverage in the targeted districts to at least 81% of villages with VHWs



812

community peer supervisors were identified and oriented on supportive supervisory, mentorship and coaching skills



168

health workers from 19 Health Facilities (7 ZIRP-supported mission hospitals and 12 Regional Council Clinics) were trained on case management and IPC ; and are now deployed



99,839

specimens have been transported to government labs for testing



4,276

UNICEF VHWs and 9 UNICEF Health training centres in Chimanimani and Chipinge districts received PPEs and IPC



40% of rehabilitation works have been completed at St. Peters Isolation ward



18

motorcycles procured for delivery specimen transportation



5

ZIRP-supported mission hospital labs received supplies and consumables



10

art murals have been completed for community messaging targeting nearly 2.5 million people indirectly in the 9 ZIRP districts



In addition to procurement of PPE, ZIRP has supported the health systems response to COVID-19 through capacity strengthening at institutional and community level by reinforcing COVID-19 surveillance, lab support, case management, IPC, including RCCE and continuity of essential services in line with the COVID-19 National Response Plan and priorities. Health interventions, with the exception of construction works, are now complete.

FEATURE STORY: ***Denouncing social norms that fuel abuse against women***

For 56 year old Esnath Masinga (not her real name) from Hortburg Chipinge the death of her husband brought about an unusual form of economic and emotional abuse. In her community, issues of property grabbing when a woman's husband dies are normally at the hands of relatives. This is normally faced by women or minor children who have lost their parents as the relatives feel entitled to what the deceased owned. For women, it comes from the tradition that women have no right to own land or property in their husband's families.

Esnath described how soon after her husband's death, a male neighbor started threatening and verbally abusing her with the intention to force her to leave her home and fields so that he could occupy them. Her neighbour also went on to construct a toilet on her land and began doing farming activities.

The neighbor did not stop abusing Esnath even after reporting the issue to the police, she only got results in October 2021 when the neighbor was ordered by the court to destroy his toilet and crops.

In spite of the court order, my neighbor intensified his threats and violence against me and he said women had no right to own land," Esnath recalls. "He even manhandled me and was always threatening to kill me. I was living in fear of my life and did not know what else to do."

After a conversation with a local village health worker, Esnath learnt of a mobile outreach team which was being conducted by the ZIRP project being implemented by UNFPA and Msasa. That is when she was supported through counselling, legal support to understand her rights and retain her property. As a result of the coordinated support of the mobile team and static legal services that Esnath was referred to, the Messenger of Court went ahead to finally remove the abusive construction and crops, as per the court order she had earlier on obtained.

"I am now living in peace and my neighbor is not proceeding with his violent behaviour towards me since the mobile OSC team intervened. I am so grateful because they paid all the legal work I required," says Esnath.

Experiences of women like Esnath are all too common in many parts of Zimbabwe. Gender Based Violence affects at least 1 in 3 women and girls but through the support of programmes such as (ZIRP) survivors of economic violence, and any other forms of GBV , can find peace in their lives.

**Societal inequalities fuel
abuse against women.
Promoting and achieving
gender equality is a
critical element of the
prevention of violence
against women**