



ZIRP MONTHLY OVERVIEW NOVEMBER 2022

One Project, One Team

2022 closes on a high note with notable progress in implementation of the medium-long term interventions under ZIRP. The project was privileged to host Nathan Belete, the World Bank Country Director for Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on his inaugural visit to Zimbabwe. Accompanied by the Sector Leader, Sustainable Development Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, in the same office; M. Yaa Oppong, Ph.D and the Country Manager for Zimbabwe Marjorie Mpundu; they were able to visit some sites and witness first hand the impact that the project has had. Notably, the positive difference that the 'One project, One team' model of UN agencies has had on delivery of the project.

Under the food security and livelihoods component, FAO continues to provide guidance to irrigation farmers as well as facilitate market linkages so that they can get the most out of their produce. Lead farmers for both crop and BSF production, are ensuring that good agronomic practices are shared widely.

WASH delivery is ongoing. Hygiene infrastructure and installation of large piped water schemes is on track. Schools construction is progressing with most school sites now on superstructure brickwork. Health infrastructure has advanced and 2 sites will soon be ready for handover.

All project components continue to mainstream GBV response and surveillance. This will ensure sustainability of the intervention as UNFPA enters its last month of programming (December 2022).

Most sites will shut down for the holiday break and we look forward to deliver and transform lives in the target districts under One Project One Team approach.



Nathan Belete during his interview at Chimanimani FM. Chimanimani FM is one of the first community radio stations in Zimbabwe. ZIRP facilitated the licencing and set up 3 such stations.



Delegation accompanying Nathan (Government, World Bank, UN agencies) at Gudyanga irrigation scheme gabion wall. ZIRP has constructed the largest gabion wall in Zimbabwe at this site.

Black Soldier Fly (BSF) Production

FAO managed to procure BSF pre-pupae from other suppliers as well as from Bindura and Chinhoyi University of Technology which was distributed to expectant farmers to initiate the second production cycle. Each of the 22 Lead Producers received a start-up colony, which was acquired from Bindura and Chinhoyi University of Technology (CUT). About 12 producers benefited from the pupae from Bindura; each received 1 kg as foundation colony. Farmers also received 22 thermometers and 5 hygrometers to improve temperature and humidity monitoring in the greenhouses for effective production, documentation and reporting. Monitoring visits were also conducted in November 2022 and it was observed that some of the cluster farmers were trapping BSF successfully from the natural environment and were advised to use rudimentary equipment than to wait for construction of proper equipment which might take time. Farmers were also trained on general BSF management and feed formulation.

Dip tank rehabilitation

Legacy Boreholes Private Limited was contracted to rehabilitate diptanks under Lot 1 and Lot 3 covering Chimanimani and Mutare districts targeting total of 32 diptanks. An induction meeting was conducted with the contractor to discuss on scope of works, workplan, environmental and social induction and diptank site visits in preparation for the rehabilitation works. FAO is currently mobilising and preparing communities for this rehabilitation activity.

Market Linkages

Market study was completed and draft report produced. Some of the low hanging fruits of the study included linking honey and some banana farmers with Vumba Fresh in Mutare town. Some farmers in wards 19 were trained on organic pineapple production by Rusitu Fruit Growers Trust. This will result in the trained farmers joining existing producers who are already exporting their pineapples. Some farmers in the project wards were also been trained in honey production by Chimani Delites -a Private sector company in Chimanimani.



Farmer feeding her poultry with feed produced with BSF

HEALTH

St Peter's Mission Hospital



93% Complete

Current Activities

Electrical works , Doors,
Shelves, Lockers,
Gutters, patient cubicle
rails

Mutsvangwa Clinic



63% Complete

Current Activities

Roof truss assembly and
installation, lining of
storm water drains

Mutambara Mission Hospital



80% Complete

Current Activities

Access pavement
construction, landscaping
and lawn planting, Internal
finishes for the Incinerator
building



Mutsvangwa Clinic Maternity Unit



St Peter's Mission Hospital

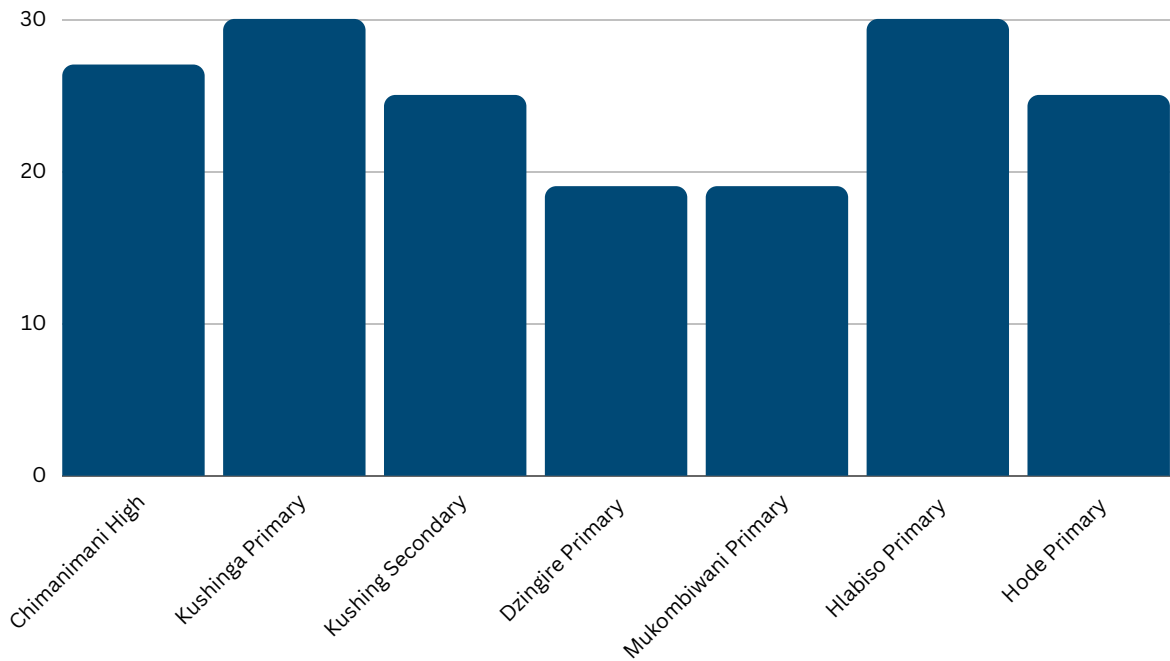


Mutambara Mission Hospital Incinerator

The work in schools is progressing well with most of the structures above 20% into completion. The contractors at Chimanimani High School, Hlabiso Primary School, Hode Primary School, Kushinga Primary and Secondary Schools are working on superstructure brickwork while Dzingire and Mukombiwani are working on sand blinding, slab and beam monolithic concreting.

According to the designs, the geometry and the central focus of the school landscaping is based on an emphasis on learning through play. In playful learning, children try out ideas, test theories, experiment with symbol systems, explore social relations, take risks, and reimagine the world. The infrastructure is going to increase chances for every child to have access to inclusive quality education.


Percentage of work completed in the construction of schools




Construction progress at Kushinga Primary School

WASH


Below are the WASH highlights for the month of November 2022



11,755 people provided with access to safe drinking water through water supply interventions.



10 water systems rehabilitated/constructed



358 households with restored access to water and sanitation services



4 self-driven households latrines constructed



Solar powered water schemes being constructed under ZIRP

Spotlight: ZIRP restores dignity for vulnerable family in Buhera

When Cyclone Idai hit Buhera district, the buildings at the homestead of Mr Chitanda in Ward 9 were totally destroyed. Whilst, they were not the only affected family, the situation was exacerbated for this family as Mr Chitanda is visually challenged. "Whenever I needed to relieve myself, my wife would have to stop whatever she is doing and accompany me to the bush. It felt like I had become a burden on my family as I could not help myself" he explains. The community came together to rebuild a home for the family. ZIRP constructed a toilet for the family. A rope has been installed from the home to the toilet to guide him. Now Mr Chitanda can go to the toilet unaided. "I cannot express how this has restored my dignity as a man," he exclaims.



Mr Chitanda uses the rope to guide himself to his newly constructed latrine



ZIRP implementing partner demonstrates handwashing in front of Mr Chitanda's new latrine. Mr Chitanda can use this veronica bucket unaided

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & RISK REDUCTION



27,400 persons benefited through rehabilitated community infrastructure and risk reduction interventions

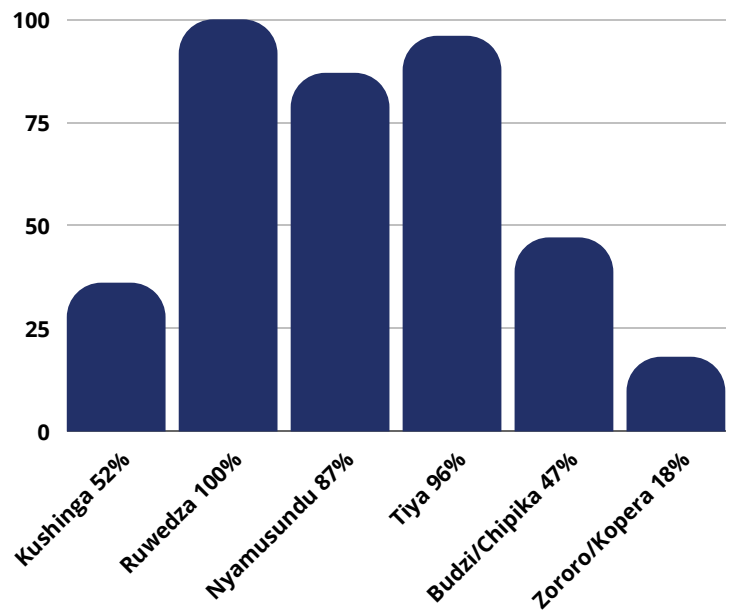


A total of 33.6km of damaged access roads has been rehabilitated



PROGRESS ON REHABILITATION OF ROADS

Great progress was recorded in the month of November on road infrastructure. Ruwedza road was completed and Tiya is almost complete currently sitting on 96%. Most of the sites will be closed for Christmas break and will resume in January.



Jopa Market

The construction of Jopa market has commenced. Mobilisation by contractor, site clearance, site hoarding, document submittals were some of the activities completed. Works are at 2%. The contractor is aware of the timelines and UNOPS is monitoring closely to advise on opportunities for acceleration so that this component is delivered on time.



Engineers with some stakeholders at Jops women's market



Clearing at Jopa women's market

GBV SURVEILLANCE & RESPONSE




In the month of November,

625
persons reached with GBV services through mobile One Stop Centre




138
survivors were provided with transport to higher levels of care.



297
survivors received legal support. 53 were from Chipinge and 54 from Chimanimani.



540
women and girls received dignity kits



In addition, **96** survivors were referred for services by community cadres during the month of November. 40 were from Chipinge and 56 from Chimanimani. 30 reported physical violence, 27, emotional violence, 2 sexual assault, 28 economic violence, 2 child pregnancies, 5 child marriages and 2 rape. 1 was a boy, 13 were girls, 7 men and 75 women.

Also of the **540** women and girls who received dignity kits, 14 were girls and 526 were women. 340 received in Chipinge and 200 in Chimanimani.





Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project

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Highlights on November Results



More than **230,000**

people received food assistance to date

21,947

households supported through agricultural and livestock inputs



71

dipping sessions conducted



3,619,884

livestock vaccinated/treated

Rehabilitation works in

6

irrigation schemes completed



3,229

households have constructed latrines



37,085

households have restored access to water and sanitation services



661,447

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

8,587

GBV survivors reached through mobile OSC

1,314 survivors were provided with transport for higher level of care



3,540

women and girls received dignity kits

218

survivors received post rape care



27,400

people benefited through rehabilitated community infrastructure and risk reduction interventions



5



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



33.6

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





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



89% of rehabilitation works
have been completed at St.
Peters Isolation ward



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



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: Improving livelihoods through control of animal diseases in Cyclone Idai affected areas in Zimbabwe

Many smallholder farmers and marginalized populations in Zimbabwe depend on cattle for their livelihoods. However, a significant number of cattle belonging to these farmers die due to diseases. Between 2014 and 2020, Zimbabwe lost about 15,328 cattle due to tick-borne diseases resulting in huge economic losses in cattle assets and farm savings in the country.

To reduce livestock deaths, improve farmer livelihoods, promote better livestock production, better nutrition and better life, FAO under the World Bank funded Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project (ZIRP) supported vaccination campaigns for cattle against Lumpy skin, black leg, anthrax, botulism, and new cattle vaccination of poultry across 8 ZIRP districts.

FAO also provided acaricides to 546 community managed dip tanks in Chimanimani, Chipinge, Buhera, Chikomba, Gutu and Bikita districts to minimise cattle deaths from tick borne related deaths including Theileria (January disease). The supply of acaricides has helped to promote the practice of regular dipping amongst the affected communities. Farmers are conducting weekly dipping sessions during the rainy season and fortnightly dipping during the dry periods.

“This is helping cattle owners in Manicaland, Mashonaland East and Masvingo Provinces to manage one of the biggest obstacles (tick-borne diseases) especially Theileriosis (January disease) facing smallholders trying to increase their meat and milk productivity,” says Brian Nhlema FAO-ZIRP project coordinator.

“Regular dipping in ZIRP projects districts has resulted in zero cases of tick-borne related deaths in those respective areas in the province,” said Roy Dube the Chief Provincial Animal Health Specialist for Manicaland Province.

Farmers in cyclone Idai affected areas highlighted that the wide-scale vaccinations, deworming campaigns and the regular dipping programme supported by FAO is helping drive up their disposable incomes.



Farmers taking cattle for vaccinations and regular dipping @FAO/Chidoori

“Vaccinations and regular dipping sessions have resulted in healthier animals that produce more meat and milk and fetch higher market prices. The higher market prices, have allowed women like me to increase spending on household essentials like, clothing, food, health, and my children’s education and to invest in Income, savings and lending Groups (ISALs),” says 70 year old Sofia Mucharwa, from Chimombe dip tank, in Mutare District. .

“Cyclone Idai killed a lot of cattle, and those that were left were affected by tick-borne diseases and there was emergence of tick borne diseases. I lost two cattle, to January disease. I did not know what to do, but because of FAO support, I now have the knowledge on how to keep my stock healthy. For the past two years my cattle production has increased, I am able to sale my cattle pay for my children’s school fees, extra lessons, and transport to and from school,” added another farmer and LCD treasurer for Glenview dip tank, Tsanangurai Musavengena (52).

Other benefits reported by farmers included increased manure to fertilize croplands and improved draft power availability from healthier animals, which can pull the ploughs.



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Holidays*

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