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# AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT (08) FOR UMGUZA, ZIMBABWE

PROMOTION OF CLIMATE RESILIENT LIFESTYLES AMONG RURAL  
FAMILIES IN UMGUZA DISTRICT OF ZIMBABWE



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Tuesday, 05 September 2023

Joint Management Committee (JMC)

Att. Holger Jacobsen and Team

Seniors without Borders

(Promotion of Climate Resilient Lifestyles Among Rural Families in Umguza District of Zimbabwe

For Umguza District Project, Matabeleland North Province, Zimbabwe)

Denmark

Dear Holger and Team

## **AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY REPORT FOR PROMOTION OF CLIMATE RESILIENT LIFESTYLES AMONG RURAL FAMILIES IN UMGUZA DISTRICT OF ZIMBABWE – FOCUSING ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

The month of August focused on different activities:

1. Purchasing of bicycles for the volunteers
2. Purchasing of Visibility material in form of t-shirts and a banner for the climate change program
3. Working on adjustments as recommended by the meeting of 8 June 2023 at the Umguza RDC
4. Starting the registration of beneficiary Households
5. Recruitment & Training of Volunteers

Election fever has gripped the country and our operational area is affected and it becomes difficult to gather people as this is the activity by politicians.

Preparations for the Midway Evaluation Activity is underway.

Yours Sincerely



Bob I M Dzere

**Country Director**

## PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

No	ITEM	DETAILS			
1.	NAME OF PROJECT	PROMOTION OF CLIMATE RESILIENT LIFESTYLES AMONG RURAL FAMILIES IN UMGUZA DISTRICT OF ZIMBABWE			
2.	FUNDING PARTNER	The Civil Society Fund (CISU)			
3.	RESPONSIBLE PARTNER	Seniors without Borders Denmark			
4.	CONTACT PERSON	Holger Jacobsen: <a href="mailto:ejacobsen.holger@gmail.com">ejacobsen.holger@gmail.com</a>			
5.	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	Nhaka Afrikan Worldview Trust			
6.	CONTACT PERSON	Dzere Bob I M: <a href="mailto:bobnawt@gmail.com">bobnawt@gmail.com</a>			
7.	JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7 members)	Seniors without Borders		Nhaka Afrikan Worldview Trust	
		1.Holger Jacobsen		1.Bob I M Dzere	
		2.Anna Hempel		2.Knowledge Mafukidze	
		3.Bodil Nydal		3.Reginald Sithole	
		4.Britta Junge			
8.	PROJECT LIFE	<b>START</b>	01.01.2023	<b>END</b>	30.06.2024
9.	PROJECT REF: NO Journalnummer:				
10.	LOCATION	<b>COUNTRY</b>	Zimbabwe	<b>PROVINCE</b>	Matabeleland North
		<b>DISTRICT</b>	Umguzu	<b>WARDS</b>	14
11.	PROJECT SUMMARY one page	<p><b>Intervention Title: Promotion of climate-resilient lifestyles among rural families in Umguzu district of Zimbabwe</b></p> <p>The livelihoods of rural households in Zimbabwe continue to be affected by both systemic and idiosyncratic shocks, which include, but are not limited to, systemic shocks such as climatic shocks (drought and prolonged mid-season dry spells, floods, water logging, crop and livestock pests, hailstorms), and economic shocks, notable sharp changes of cereals and livestock prices. This has resulted in increased vulnerability and fragility in rural households, especially in drought-prone regions such as Umguzu district (in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe) where most of the people rely on rain-fed agriculture for their livelihoods. The worsening agricultural conditions, which are an effect of climate change, have contributed to and worsened situations of food insecurity, malnourishment, and undernourishment. Many smallholder families live in a sustained state of hunger, and as of January 2023, 5,8 million people of the 15 million population need food aid.</p> <p>Nhaka Africa Worldview Trust (NAWT) in collaboration with Senior without Borders (SwB), will be undertaking an 18-month intervention that will contribute towards improved resilience of vulnerable and food-insecure populations in the disaster-prone Umguzu district. The project is targeting 250 vulnerable smallholder farming households in ward 14 (60% female), Umguzu district, increasing their capacity to effectively cope, adapt to and recover from climatic shocks and stresses. This will be achieved through three main areas:</p>			

	<p><b>a) Increasing households' capacities in sustainable agricultural production practices and climate-smart technologies.</b> The target households will be reached using a training of trainers approach using community-trained volunteers. In addition, they will also be trained at an established Climate Change Adaptive Resource Centre (CCARC) which will be equipped with solar-powered boreholes and demo gardens. The project will procure and promote traditional grains (sorghum, millet, finger millet) which are drought tolerant.</p> <p><b>b) Secondly, the project will enhance farmers' institutional capacities for comprehensive climate change adaptation planning.</b> This will see the facilitation of farmer groups with capacitated leadership structures where women will also occupy decision-making positions.</p> <p><b>c) Thirdly the project will enhance climate change knowledge dissemination.</b> This will see the documentation and sharing of best practices, carrying out of climate change awareness and adaption actions among stakeholders and households. Knowledge-sharing sessions will be organized where target households will showcase their work to the outside world.</p> <p><b>As a result of the intervention,</b> it is anticipated that 70% of the households will be applying climate-smart agriculture practices and technologies in their fields; all of them will be using climate information to implement risk-reducing actions thereby improving their resilience to climate change shocks; 60% will be participating in collective input and output marketing actions; and more importantly, they will be a 10% increase in family income.</p>
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## **AUGUST 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Report Focuses on Achievements of August 2023 as Seen from the Program Implementation Team**

#### **Introduction**

The report presents project progress achieved in the month of August 2023 under the project entitled above. The month of August focused on different activities which are:

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9. Starting the registration of beneficiary Households
10. Recruitment of Volunteers

Continuous collaboration with the village heads, Local Councilor for Ward 14, Mr. Ncube and prominent people such as retired influential figures, school heads, etc... remained the norm.

#### **Summary**

This report covers the activities conducted during the month of August in ward 14. Continued registration of farmers, orientation of volunteers, preparation of demonstration plot, procurement of seed inputs, visibility materials (t-shirts & a banner) and procurement of volunteer bicycles were the main activities done during the month. The country general election preparation continues to be a hindrance to full engagement with the community.

#### **Detailed activities**

The project continued with registration of farmers in the target villages of Alicedale, Barford, Imvana, and Nyokeni where the registration forms were left. George Silundika High School, the main secondary school in the ward will also benefit from the project trainings as it was selected to host one of the demonstration plot.

The project oriented 6 (3 females) of the 7 project volunteers on what they are expected to do in the project. The orientation meeting was also in done in preparation for their training in climate smart agriculture practices planned for the period 4 to 8 September 2023.

The project procured 7 bicycles which will be used by the volunteers and t-shirts for visibility. However, the distribution will be done after the general elections as local leaders and government officials are currently busy with election preparations. Also procured were seed inputs for the demonstration plot training that will be done in September.

#### **CHALLENGES FACED**

- As elections are approaching the challenge is that it is very difficult to gather people and address them due to campaigns
- After the Project Launch of 8th June, 2023, the project faced feedback delay challenges in finding a new site for the principal demo plot. This is being resolved.



### Plan for September

Activity	dates	By who
Training of volunteers on climate smart agriculture practices.	4-8	Program Manager, AGRITEX Officers
Rollout of training in villages	10-30	Volunteers, Program Officer and AGRITEX
Hosting of Seniors without Borders	18-30	NAWT Country Director, Ward 14 Councilor



*Procurement of bicycles at Manica Bikes in Harare*



### Attachments

Pictures showing the activities



*Project manager checking the bicycle pump if they are functioning properly before leaving Manica Bikes premises*





*Volunteers being oriented on the project implementation plan by the project manager Reginald Sithole*



*Bob Dzere the country director and Reginald Sithole the programs manager spearheaded the meeting with George Silundika High CEO Mr Abraham Manthonsi and his staff to map out the way forward for the project with the school hosting one of the demo plots*



*NAWT projects team touring the school premises*



*NAWT programs team and the staff at George Silundika high after the meeting*





*George Silundika is very active in sustainable agriculture and being resilient and attaining self-sustenance in the face of climate change*





*Proposed fishery at George Silundika High*

**Attachment No 1: Abbreviations:**

Common Abbreviations in this Project / Program

No	Abbreviation	Meaning
1.	JMC	Joint Management Committee (comprised of 7 members)
2.	NEC	National Executive Committee (NAWT)
3.	PMEC	Programs Management Executive Committee
4.	PMC	Programs Management Committee
5.	CISU	Civil Society in Development
6.	SUG/ SwB	Seniors without Borders
7.	NAWT	Nhaka Afrikan Worldview Trust
8.	DIP	Detailed Implementation Plan
9.	CVC	Corona Virus Challenge
10.	COVID 19	Corona Virus Disease of 2019
11.	PM	Program Manager
12.	PA	Program Accountant
13.	PAss	Projects Assistant
14.	PC	Program Coordinator
15.	PD	Programs Director
16.	FC	Field Coordinator
17.	CD	Country Director
18.	FU	Farmers Units
19.	AGRITEX	Agriculture Extension Officer
20.	SRRC	Sekwi Rural Resources Centre