

NOVEMBER 2023 MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT (11) FOR UMGUZA, ZIMBABWE

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



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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

NOVEMBER2023 MONTHLY REPORT FOR PROMOTION OF CLIMATE RESILIENT LIFESTYLES AMONG RURAL FAMILIES IN UMGUZA DISTRICT OF ZIMBABWE– PROCUREMENT OF SEEDS AND LAND PREPARATION.

The month of November focused on different activities:

1. Procurement of seeds
2. Training on land preparation and digging of planting basins in preparation for planting

However, the delay that is currently being experienced has disrupted the planting season schedule. Collaborations with ZIMFEP continue to be strengthened with the Director having currently dispatched 100 roadrunner chicks as an empowerment measure to the volunteers. George Silundika operational plan has been drafted after a meeting with the deputy head to map the way forward.

We are hopeful that as soon as the rains pour seeds will be planted since land preparation is already 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
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7.	JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7 members)	Seniors without Borders
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		3.Reginald Sithole
		4.Britta Junge
8.	PROJECT LIFE	START 01.01.2023 END 30.06.2024
9.	PROJECT REF: NO Journalnummer:	
10.	LOCATION	COUNTRY Zimbabwe
		PROVINCE MatabelelandNorth
		DISTRICT Umguza
		WARDS 14
11.	PROJECT SUMMARY one page	<p>Intervention Title: Promotion of climate-resilient lifestyles among rural families in Umguza district of Zimbabwe</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 Umguza 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 Umguza district. The project is targeting 250 vulnerable smallholder farming households in ward 14 (60% female), Umguza 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>a) Increasing households' capacities in sustainable agricultural production practices and climate-smart technologies. 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) Secondly, the project will enhance farmers' institutional capacities for comprehensive climate change adaptation planning. This will see the facilitation of farmer groups with capacitated leadership structures where women will also occupy decision-making positions.</p> <p>c) Thirdly the project will enhance climate change knowledge dissemination. 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>As a result of the intervention, 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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NOVEMBER 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

Report Focuses on Achievements of November 2023 as Seen from the Program Implementation Team

Introduction

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

1. Procurement and promotion of traditional grains
2. Training on land preparation and digging of planting basins in preparation for planting

Summary

The report represents project progress in the month of November 2023. The main activities carried out are, the procurement and promotion of traditional grains, sorghum, millet and maize, training on land preparation and digging of planting basins in preparation for planting. No meaningful rainfall has been received in the area for farmers to start the planting.

Detailed activities

Objective 1: To increase smallholder farmers capacities in sustainable agricultural production practices and climate-smart technologies.

In fulfillment of objective 1 above, seven volunteers have been trained on pfumvudza/intwasa concept. The training was done in collaboration with Miss Sikhosana from the Agricultural Advisory Services (ADS) (formerly Agritex) officer in ward 14 Umguza. In the same month, the project procured traditional grains such as millet and sorghum and these will be distributed once land preparation is complete.

The project also conducted a meeting with George Silundika in response to mid-term evaluation recommendation. The meeting came to a conclusion that students, teachers and other staff are to participate whenever there is a training on climate smart agricultural techniques at George Silundika High School by the project staff.



At Bafford they are already putting into practice the Intwasa concept



Purchased seeds ahead of the planting period ahead

CHALLENGES FACED

- The villagers continue to be facing challenges for, the land in Umguza is hard and rocky thereby making digging of dead level contours and permagardens difficult together with the intwasa pits
- There has not been any rains which has delayed the planting of the small grains.

Plan for November

ACTIVITY	BY WHO
Borehole installation at George Silundika	
Training of villagers, teachers and students theoretical and practically on intwasa	
Distribution of seeds to the project participants	

Attachments

Pictures showing the activities

	
<p>Volunteers at George Silundika Receiving the indigenous (roadrunner chicks)</p>	<p>Mr. Abraham Manthonsi the CEO of George Silundika posing for a picture holding the chicks.</p>



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