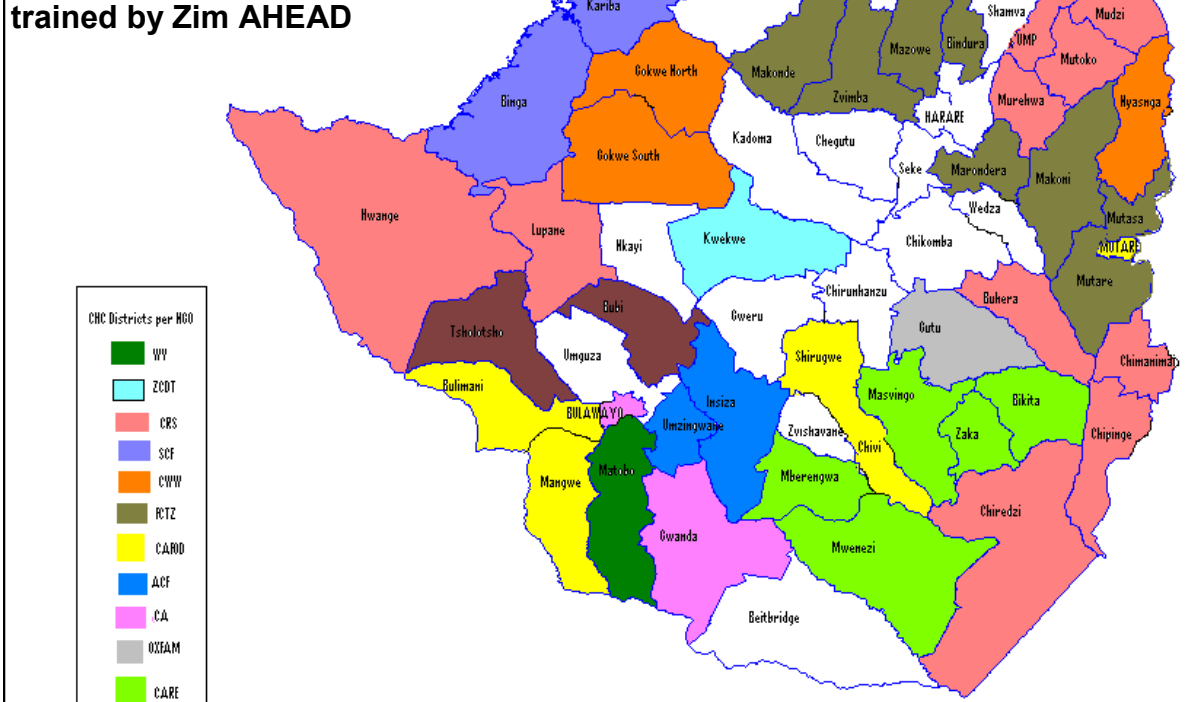


PROTRACTED RELIEF PROGRAMME (PRP II)

Districts with Community Health Clubs run by NGOs trained by Zim AHEAD



LEAD PARTNER	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	Districts with Community Health Clubs
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Natural Farming Network (NFN)	Buhera, Chimanimani, Chipinge
	CTDT ORAP	Mutoko, Murehwa, UMP, Chiredzi, Mudzi, Hwange, Lupane, Tsholotsho, Bubi
	Help Age Zimbabwe	Zvishavane
Concern World Wide	CWW	Nyanga, Gokwe North, Gokwe South
Farm Community Trust Zimbabwe	FCTZ	Makoni, Marondera, Makonde, Mazowe, Zvimba, Mutare Rural, Bindura
CAFOD	Cadec, Caritas	Binga, Chivi, Mangwe, Bulilima, Mutare urban, Nyanga
Action Contre la Faim	ACF	Insiza, Umzingwane
Christian Aid	Dabane Trust	Gwanda, Insiza
	Zimbabwe Project Trust	Bulawayo Peri-urban, Insiza
World Vision	Family Impact	Bulawayo, Matobo, Insiza
ZCDT	ZCDT	Gutu, Kwekwe
CARE International	CARE	Bikita, Zaka, Mberengwa, Chivi, Mwenezi, Masvingo
Save the Children	Christian Care	Binga, Kariba, Hwange
Oxfam	Oxfam	Gutu

BOREHOLE REHABILITATION IN MASVINGO RURAL



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Partner: Oxfam
Funding: OFDA
Budget: \$111,312.
Period:
Nov.2010-June 2011

Thanks to OXFAM, which based on our past performance gave ZimAHEAD the chance to demonstrate its ability to implement hardware projects in addition to our usual software role.



Each of the 15 Village Pump Mechanics had to rehabilitate a borehole before qualifying.



In total 82 Water User Committee members and 15 Village Pump Mechanics were trained and in total, 15 boreholes were rehabilitated.

An extra 7 boreholes above the target of 8 boreholes were rehabilitated. This was achieved by making it mandatory for each VPM to successfully rehabilitate a borehole in order to qualify for a certificate!

There were 121 CHC with 5,400 CHC members.

The size of CHC was smaller than our customary target of 100 per club due to partner's proposal which limited CHCs to an average of 45 members, which was well below demand.



The project also pioneered the involvement of local business community in providing soap to identified beneficiaries using a voucher system. The shops were paid upon completion of distributing 10,000 bars of soap.

Health knowledge and good hygiene practice increased from a baseline of 40% to 80%, exceeding the project target of 75%.

TOUR OF PROGRAMMES : Impressions from an Intern: Kate Brogan



On completion of my Masters Degree in Water and Sanitation, from Cranfield University, ZimAHEAD (the Zimbabwean arm of Africa AHEAD) kindly agreed to accept me as an intern to enable me to see first-hand how this approach is achieving sustainable development through the creation of a Health Community Club, the vehicle for change. Travelling with Acting Director, Mr Regis Matimati, to do a follow-up visit on some of the projects, I was able to see how the Community Health Clubs are faring.

Our first stop was the town of Masvingo where a project had been carried out from July to November 2010 in an area called Garikai. This is a high density area that was formed after 'Operation Murambatsvina' to rehouse some of the displaced people that were affected. Houses consist of two rooms and have no water or sanitation facilities. As many as two families can reside in one dwelling, as the number of houses built is not nearly enough for all those made homeless.



While driving through Garikai I am struck by how clean it is. Gardens are found surrounding every home, with tippy taps suspended on structures outside each. No litter is to be seen anywhere and rubbish pits have been dug to burn any rubbish that does need disposing of. As our car drives along the narrow dirt road through Garikai we are greeted with broad smiles and ladies coming up to the vehicle to greet Mr Matimati. They vigorously shake his hand and proudly tell him how clean their house it. They say that their life has now been transformed as they now know how to keep their house and area clean and free from illness.

The close proximity of houses and fact that these people are only renting their homes means that the building of latrines is not a simple matter for them; however they are proud to advise that now they practice 'Cat Sanitation' ensuring a clean environment is maintained.

To see such respect and appreciation for the education provided here was very moving, and showed that behavioural changes can be achieved in a short amount of time and in difficult circumstances if the approach taken is participatory.

Right: inside one of the Garikai homes: immaculate kitchen and hygiene standards to fit a King.



HIGH STANDARDS OF HOME HYGIENE IN RURAL AREAS OF MASVINGO



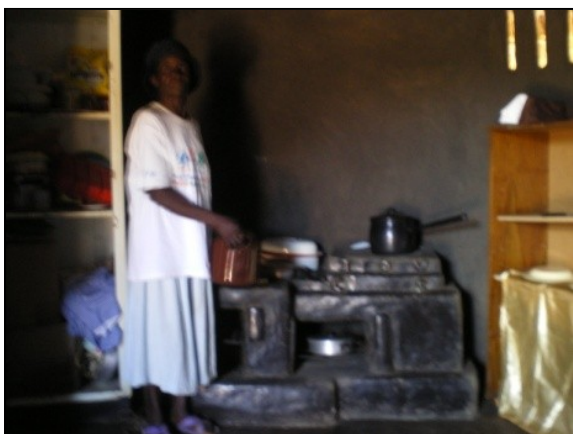
The following day we travelled to the rural areas of Masvingo to visit a project that is still running where we heard testimonies from members about how their life had changed as a result of the club. The support within the group for all its members is obvious, and through this support the people appear to feel encouraged to continue their home improvements.

One lady stood up and told us how she would carry out all her daily duties and never once wash her hands. Then she would prepare the meals and serve them to her family with dirty hands. Now she knows this is not good, and washes her hands regularly and cleans her house daily. Another lady then stood to verify that the testimony was true. She said she had known this lady for years and that she used to be very dirty, to which they all laughed in agreement. They applauded the changes she has made her family is proud of their home -positive peer pressure!

When leaving we were begged by some members to visit their homes. Kitchens have been beautified with shelving moulded into the clay walls and a clay fuel efficient stove are the fashion contributing to the greening of the area, as less firewood is used and valuable time is saved.



A tippy tap (with soap) is found in the compound of every CHC household



CHC member with her slow burning, fuel efficient stove, promoted by the programme



A CHC member in her beautifully decorated kitchen. The water is covered and a ladle is used to dispense the water ensuring no contamination of water

SCHOOL HEALTH CLUBS IN MASVINGO DISTRICT

Our next visit was to a School Health Club in ward 27 of Masvingo Rural. The headmistress guided us around the school grounds where a tippy tap was to be found outside each classroom as well as outside the latrines. She advised that now the books are lasting longer as the children are keeping them clean and that it is the responsibility of the teacher and pupils within each class to ensure soap and water are kept at the tippy tap station at all times. The grounds of the school were immaculate and even the teachers' homes which are found on the school grounds must now be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness.



The children all gathered under trees in the school grounds and proceeded to sing songs and recite poems they had written in thanks for Zim AHEAD's project.

The school mistress said that the borehole that had been rehabilitated on the school grounds will never break again, as she now has the skills to repair it herself. She feels she is now as good as any village pump mechanic!



NATIONAL SANITATION WEEK: 30th September, 2011
Consolidating our national pride through Safe Dignified Sanitation and Hygiene



Zimbabwe commemorates its Sanitation and Hygiene week annually with the rest of the world. A venue is chosen for the prestigious launch by the national dignitaries as national commitment in pursuit of improving sanitation and hygiene goals. This year's launch has been the 14th launch and Zim AHEAD was delighted that the chosen venue was Masvingo City where we had run an Emergency Response project for 5 months, from July to November 2010. There were 10 CHCs with a total of 1,200 members and 7,200 family beneficiaries, with an average of 120 per CHC. In addition School Health Clubs were run at 10 schools with a membership of over 1000 primary school children. This was a highly successful urban PHHE project that saw the residents and city authorities working together to clear storm water and left the city sparkling clean.



This was noticed locally in Masvingo province and nationally such that when time for picking a venue for the Sanitation week launch, no other place could compete with Masvingo. A decision was made at the Sanitation and Hygiene Taskforce of the National Action Committee for the whole nation to gather in Masvingo and learn from the best practice of the CHCs and SHCs that took responsibility and action to clean their environment and also from the city council that became more accountable to the residents through providing backup refuse management systems in collaboration with the health clubs.

Drum majorettes and various entertainment accompanied the clean up team on a 2km march from the Town House to the Muccheke Stadium where hundreds of residents were entertained to poems from school children and university students and speeches from the Director of Environmental Health, Unicef representative, the governor of Masvingo and the guest of honor the Vice President of Zimbabwe, Mrs. Joyce Mujuru, who spoke highly of Masvingo residents' achievements in keeping cholera out of the city through the CHCs and said this approach should be spread. The governor was left beaming with pride as the custodian of a clean provincial capital.