



FFM 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The following report summarises the activities conducted by FFM and the community of Matibi over the year 2019. The activities were conducted in the same cumbersome environment that has characterised Zimbabwe for a couple of years now. As usual there were chaotic changes in our experiences in the banks and the market due to irregular governmental policy on finance. These changes have included the disbanding of currency bonding between the US Dollar and the local legal tender; the rising of bank withdrawal charges and prohibition of foreign currency transactions. The results of such factors have also been fiery: abnormal crossrates between currencies, unbearable commodity prices and economic desperation among ordinary citizens. Suppliers increasingly refused to offer quotations for their goods and services in fear of market unpredictability. Such an environment created a sense of volatility in the operation of our projects, leading to the missing of targets and sometimes the enlargement of costs.

PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2019

CHS

The year opened with the belated completion of the 2018 incinerator project. In this project, there was a little disagreement between the contractor and the hospital regarding the terms of engagement. This led to delayed settlement of balances for around 8 months because the FFM waited for the approval of the hospital as the client and end-user of the incinerator.

The FFM also funded the installation of two boreholes by the mission hospital. One was a conventional borehole while the other was a solar-pumped one. The two boreholes were drilled in an emergency response to a threat of waterborne diseases around Christmastime in the previous year. The boreholes improved the situation in more than one way because apart from alleviating the crisis at the densely populated



institution, they later provided irrigative water for the nearby gardens. Villagers from at least 2 villages and from the local township fetch clean water from these boreholes as well.

There was also a middle-of-the-way emergency to attend to dilapidated sewerage. Initiated in July, this project would have seen the hospital and the school contributing US\$ 321, which is 12% of the total cost of US\$ 2,711. FFM approved the arrangement and agreed to pay US\$ 2,390 towards the sewerage project which was unfortunately put on hold when the technician got sick.

EEA

There was also another urgent project which emerged outside the plan – the Strongroom to store examination materials. The FFM and the school agreed in May to replace the ceiling project with that of the Strongroom. A building was chosen and renovated to meet the requirements of the Strongroom and then a safe was purchased on August 14th. Early September when the safe was about to be fitted, the school received a ministerial directive stating that the Strongroom must have an automated door, and this required additional funds. The FFM provided the funds for the purchase of the electric door which was delivered on December 13th and fitted the following day.

Meanwhile, the school set aside local currency equivalent to US\$ 600 for furniture and textbooks. The FFM agreed that the school put US\$ 300 towards furniture and the other US\$ 300 towards textbooks so that the former contributes US\$ 2,700 towards each of the two projects. The furniture comprised 46 sets of student chairs and desks with shelves and they were still being manufactured by the time this report was made. The textbooks were paid for on December 5th and were also delivered on December 13th.

SLI

We also set up drip irrigation at Njeremoto Garden, a US\$ 15,000 project where the FFM contributed US\$ 9,210. The community contributed nearly 40% of the resources mainly in kind and manual labour. By the end of March the project was complete and in May the garden was already



flourishingly green, leading to a bumper harvest only a month later. This was the second such experience after the one at Tamuka Garden who were by this time already selling organic garden crops by the roadsides.

There was also a US\$ 5,000 project of fencing two gardens in which the FFM contributed US\$ 3,488. The new gardens were Ruzambu and Kotamaurime – constructed in Ruzambu and Mafirenyika villages respectively. The FFM contribution purchased the fencing materials which were delivered in two batches on June 30th and July 6th. There was also groundwork for setting up drip irrigation at these two gardens. The service provider visited the garden sites on August 23rd, and on November 20th the quotations for the work were presented.

There were also Blair toilets that were built at Tamuka and Njeremoto gardens. FFM helped in this project with USD 440 worth of building materials. Each of the gardens had a two-hole toilet block with a compartment for women and another for men.

Last but not least is the ongoing Nook project, which saw the District Council donate land to FFM in May. The villagers constructed 65,000 bricks in June. The foundation trench was excavated in September followed by the gathering of foundation materials including quarry and sands. The footing marked the commencement of the actual building work and it was done by the end of November. Putting the slab was pencilled to begin on December 9th; and the work is now making progress at a more reasonable pace.



PROJECTION FOR 2020

PROJECT CODES	ASSIGNMENTS	PROPOSED MONTH OF IMPLEMENTATION												
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Comprehensive Healthcare Support														
CHS20.1	Monthly doctors' incentives	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
CHS20.2	Annual medical supplies			∞										
CHS20.3	Procurement of outreach vehicle							∞						
CHS20.4	Procurement of x-ray machine												∞	
CHS20.5	Setting up drip irrigation for hospital staff garden													∞
CHS19.0	Sewerage project carried over from 2019													
Enhanced Educationalisation Assistance														
EEA20.1	Construction of ECD classroom block										∞			
EEA20.2	Procurement of grade 6 textbooks	∞												
EEA20.3	Procurement of grade 5 learners' furniture		∞											
EEA20.4	Fencing of school garden				∞									
EEA20.5	Setting up drip irrigation in school garden								∞					
EEA20.6	Starting up a fishery project									∞				
Sustainable Livelihoods Intervention														
SLI20.1	Setting up drip irrigation system at Ruzambu Garden			∞										
SLI20.2	Setting up drip irrigation system at Kotamaurime Garden					∞								
SLI20.3	Building toilets for Ruzambu and Kotamaurime gardens										∞			
SLI20.4	Conducting a ward-level agricultural show								∞					
SLI20.5	Replacement of stolen solar panels at Tamuka Garden													∞
SLI20.6	Fencing 2 new gardens										∞			

Note that the sewerage project is not timeframed because the hospital is still deciding how to proceed after their technician fell ill.