

BANDA AND CHIMURUDZE GARDEN ESTABLISHMENT REPORT

A. INTRODUCTION

The establishment of Banda and Chimurudze Gardens was initially pegged for 2020 but was delayed due to delays at earlier projects namely Kotamaurime and Ruzambu. This twin set of new gardens was then rescheduled to be constructed in 2021. As a rule, garden fencing should be preceded by toilet construction in each garden as well as garden constitutions. The toilets were quoted at USD 860 while the fencing was quoted at USD 3,134 for both gardens. In each of these assignments, the community contributed in kind, especially in the form of manual labour.

B. SUCCESSES

These gardens were largely successful. First, the gardeners agreed on garden administration principles and formed them into garden constitutions ready for signing. The agricultural officers and the village heads had allocated land for these two new gardens in the previous year. There were several meetings conducted in March 2021 for the purpose of garden constitutions. Secondly, the gardeners commenced the excavation of toilet pits in April. The FFM then sent USD 2,276 for fencing materials as well as USD 512 for toilet construction materials in May. For the fencing, the gardeners' in-kind contribution was worth USD 858 and for toilet construction it was USD 348 including the moulding of bricks. Materials for both fencing and toilet construction were bought in August. The gardens moved at very different paces in executing these assignments, with Chimurudze garden completing everything in September and the other garden following on with unfinished toilet in November.

C. CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The constitutions were agreed but the signing was not done due to confusion regarding some pre-existing constitutions. Discussions are underway to harmonise old garden constitutions and the ones for the new organic gardens.

Banda Garden once entered a brief period of disagreements regarding the garden site, leading eventually to two sites. The AGRITEX Office is handling this matter.

The excavating of toilet pits took unfairly long. As a result the toilets were not yet built when the fencing was done.

D. ATTACHMENTS



Banda Garden Fenced



Banda toilet (new site)



Chimurudze Garden Fenced



Chimurudze Toilet