



## END OF YEAR PROJECTS UPDATE 2022

The major projects in the period under review were on track with just a few to mention falling to meet up the deadlines. The current economic situation is difficult with an inflation rate at 268.8%. Inflation rate has been falling since August this year following tight monetary measures implemented by the government and monetary authorities. With this in hand, it has forced some projects to realign activities and priorities on urgent projects. The main concern was of the beneficiaries also failing to raise needed contributions for their projects on time. In the period under review, more than 1200 people have benefited from all the FFM projects being implemented in Matibi community with a total of US\$ 270 380.00 was budgeted for across all the projects.

### EEA

In the pursuit to create a conducive and accessible learning environment for children in Matibi, Friends for Matibi worked with St Ambrose primary school in the reporting period under review to construct ECD classroom block, Borehole drilling and fencing of 2021 school nutritional garden, installation of E-Learning Library, providing school assistance Grant. A total of US\$44 889 was budgeted for in the period under review being tuned into benefit 270 learners. The school contributed US\$ 5448.00 towards all the activities and also labour. The following activities will be carried forward to 2023

- Ceiling for 2016 block
- Electrification of 2016 block
- Grade 7 furniture
- New curriculum stationery kit
- Glazing, Skirting, Painting inside and outside, Skirting, Floor tiling, Ceiling installation and wiring of ECD Block

### Challenges

- At the time of submitting the report the school E-Library battery was stolen and the school is in the process of replacing
- Stakeholders failing to meet deadlines assigned for each project due to unavailability of funds to contribute towards all the projects being implemented

### Recommendation

- The school to start income generating projects to assist in contributing towards projects that are being implemented within the school.

### SLI

The sustainable livelihoods projects repaired 2 gardens namely Tamuka and Njeremoto in the period under review, they changed the water system from surface water to boreholes mechanism. In the same period drilling of four boreholes was done for Chimurudze, Banda, Tashinga and St Ambrose Primary



School Garden hence drip irrigation system was not installed and carried forward to 2023. With the need to establish more gardens within the community three gardens were established namely St Ambrose Primary School Garden, Banda and Chimurudze with a standard size of 50m x 50m. In the period under review there was solar installation and drip irrigation at Ruzambo garden.

In the same period there are activities such as Training of garden committees, bee houses, Signboards for 8 Gardens and Income pass-on scheme which were not implemented due realignment of budget lines and have been planned for 2023. A total of US\$25 248.00 was budgeted for under the period under review.

With the project receiving optimistic reception in the district, community members have also welcomed the initiative positively. Different government departments have supported the project and appraised it for its creativity and contributions to the implementation of the projects. A total of 470 people are benefiting from the project. The agricultural extension officers received US\$50 each for fuel to be able to monitor and assess the gardens.

### **Challenges**

- Three gardens were affected by heavy storm and the damages ranging from damaged solar panels and solar stands, damaged water tank

### **Recommendation**

- We would like to recommend to have the repairs budget line to be revived

### **Lesson Learnt**

- Borehole drilling should work hand in hand with the installation of drip irrigation to avoid unnecessary expenditure and also saving time.

## **CHS**

Matibi Mission Hospital is serving over 600 households in the Matibi community which makes it one of the health referrals institutes in the Mwenezi District. In the period under review the hospital received several medical equipment consisting of x-ray machine, anaesthesia unit, ultrasonic and reanimation unit for new babies which are meant for hospital theatre from Switzerland. The renovation of theatre renovation with a total cost US\$41,105.00, of this figure, the hospital has pledged US\$4,100 available so that the amount remaining to be requested from the FFM for this purpose is US\$ 41,208 USD, to date the following projects have been completed

- Medical supplies
- Installation of X-ray machine
- Borehole drilling for staff garden

### **Uncompleted Projects to be completed in 2023**

- Palisade around hospital staff quarters



- Doctors' trainings
- Hospital theatre renovation

## Challenges

- Project deadlines went off course due to unavailability of staff members to attend meeting which hindered progress of the work on the ground.
- The malfunction of the new installed Xray machine.

## Recommendations

- Hospital personnel to attend meeting regularly.
- To have a committee that will assist Medical Superintendent in executing and implementing FFM projects.

## NOOK

This report gives an outline of the development of Matibi Nook Hub. The report period under review shows the flow of activities that have taken place to date the more than 73 people have been enrolled at the nook with a high number of young girls and youth mothers taking part. This entailed check on the components of the project such finishing construction of the nook hub, competition of 1st Goal Cycle with 13 out of 14 projects exhibited, conducting Psychosocial Support Training which 9 learners participated in collaboration with SWIZIM Trust. Our international partner such as Project DEFY visited Matibi Nook Hub to commence the first goal cycle, Leopold Bachman Foundation representative visited Zimbabwe and held a meeting with the staff hence she could not reach Matibi Nook hub due to a packed schedule and local project partners and stakeholders were highly engaged in the project period under review. Major players include Project Defy, Mwenezi Rural District Council, civil society organizations. A total of US\$53 149.00 was budgeted in the period under review with changes happening in the middle of the year due to economic instability.

## Challenges

- Acquiring of material forced the timelines to change as it takes long to procure the materials.
- Unavailability of project vehicle to transport project materials which make it difficult and straining on the budgets
- Language barrier as most learners can not speak nor understand English language which make it difficult to exchange ideas with other learners from other nooks.
- Internet interruptive affected most of the learners to work on their projects

## Recommendation

- Planning and purchasing of project materials to be done ahead before projects commence as to give more time in getting the materials
- Purchasing of project vehicle



- Reviewing of budgets should be done on a half yearly basis so as not to allow room for inflation to disturb the allocated budget line and the work that should be done.

### Lesson Learnt

- Due to the unstable pricing system and high inflation in Zimbabwe we have learnt that our budget should be reviewed every half year.
- Community members are now being motivated to join the nook by the projects which they see being done by other learners.
- Over the period of time since the nook opened its doors to the community, we have seen high number of girls and young mother's participating compared to the young boys and men

### 2023 PLAN

Project title	Category	Priority
Doctors' incentives 2023	CHS	1
Medical supplies 2023	CHS	2
Hospital theatre renovation	CHS	3
Doctors' training in surgery	CHS	4
Perimeter wall around hospital staff quarters	CHS	5
Grade 7 learners' furniture	EEA	3
Classroom electricity	EEA	1
Starting up a secondary school	EEA	4
Classroom ceilings	EEA	2
Conducting repairs across all gardens	SLI	1
Trainings for gardeners	SLI	2
Dip tanks for goats and sheep	SLI	3
Apiaries (keeping bees for honey)	SLI	4
Construction of Nook Hostel	NOOK	1

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Purchasing of FFM Project Vehicle	NOOK	1
Fencing of the Nook Perimeter	NOOK	2