

Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund **SPECIAL APPEAL**



Dear supporters,

Thank you once again for your ongoing faithfulness in prayer and financial support for the people of Zimbabwe. It is with sad hearts that we write this communication because Zimbabweans have suffered greatly in recent years.

This year is no exception, however, political and financial troubles have been compounded by a devastating drought that has wiped out crops (the main food source for much of Zimbabwe's rural population). This means that most of the harvest, normally collected around March time, has yielded nothing for the year. It is rare that the plight of Zimbabwe reaches the international media but, on the 4th April, the BBC published an article titled [Zimbabwe's President Mnangagwa declares national disaster over drought](#).

Closer to hand, our team in Zimbabwe are reporting widespread food shortages and data from the World Food Programme and Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET) indicates how the current drought, attributed to the [El Nino weather phenomenon](#), has impacted agricultural production and water availability, leading to hunger and malnutrition, particularly among the vulnerable and rural populations.

Against a backdrop of continued economic turmoil and sparse employment opportunities, ZVSF continues to distribute mealie meal to the most needy in our communities, along with supplies of soya chunks and the ePap nutritional supplement as funds allow. Our work would not be possible without the abundant generosity of you, our supporters.

In 2023, we delivered an average of 11 tonnes of mealie meal per month. We would like to ask for your support to aspire to providing 30 tonnes of mealie meal per month until March 2025.

Gogo (Grandmother) Moyo, is pictured here with a 10kg bag of mealie meal. A bag of this size will generally keep a family going for a month. **With your help, ZVSF can aspire to distribute at least 30 tonnes of mealie meal (or 3,000 10kg bags), which will provide for more than 15,000 people each month!**





We have recently been asked how much it costs to feed a person for a month and, at the time of writing, one tonne of mealie meal was costing approximately £500, including some distribution costs. Therefore, a donation of £20 per month can feed a family of five or six (including children) for a whole month. We hope that this example illustrates just how impactful your donations are to people who do not know when they will get their next meal.

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website:
<https://www.zimbabwevictimssupportfund.org/donate>

We are so grateful for the financial support you provide for the work of ZVSF and hope you are able to continue to partner with us to serve those who need it most.

With heartfelt thanks,

The ZVSF trustees and Zimbabwe team

And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” (Luke 3:11)

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