



Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund

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Dear friends,

We are writing to you with our bi-annual update on our work in Zimbabwe during the first half of 2025. After last year's devastating drought, we are thankful to report that the situation in many parts of the country has improved due to increased rainfall and a much-needed harvest.

A shift in focus

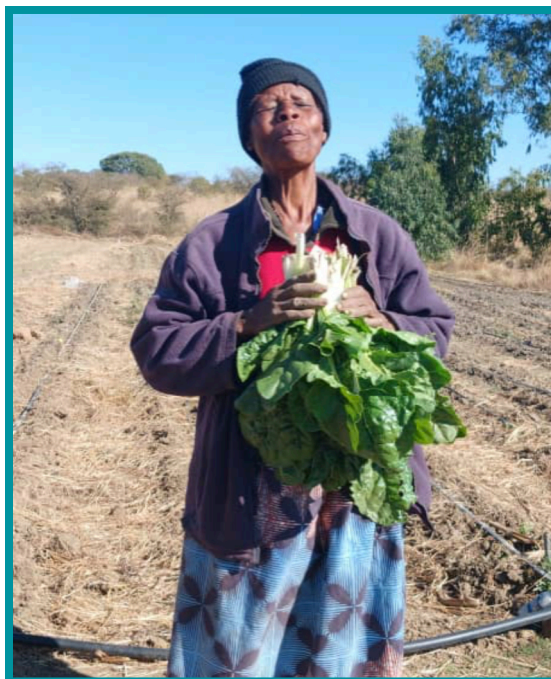
Following a more positive 'rainy season', many rural people have been able to harvest their crops and store some food up for the year ahead. In light of this, and with prayerful consideration, the trustees have made the decision to reduce our monthly delivery of mealie meal. Thanks to your incredible support, we have continued to provide 30 tonnes of mealie meal per month throughout the drought and into 2025 in order to sustain rural families who were in very real danger of starvation. We feel that it is the right time to incrementally reduce this food relief to 10 tonnes per month. This more targeted provision will ensure support continues for the most vulnerable while enabling us to redirect resources into sustainable, community-led solutions.

One such area of long-term support has been the Intuthuko Nutritional Garden, which continues to provide an opportunity for the local community to grow their own food. Thanks to the improved rainfall and a reliable borehole, the garden is able to produce a variety of crops and vegetables throughout the year.

Inspired by the success of Intuthuko, we are actively investigating opportunities to fund projects to promote independence in other urban or rural communities. These would provide not only routes to self-sufficiency but also income and purpose, which are vitally important given the extremely high level of unemployment. The trustees are currently pursuing partnership conversations through our contacts in Zimbabwe and we look forward to sharing more about these initiatives in the coming months. We remain deeply grateful for your ongoing support. Your generosity has enabled us to respond to urgent needs and now allows us to explore sustainable projects that bring dignity and resilience to communities.

The impact of legacies and Gift Aid

As we plan for the future, legacy giving is becoming an increasingly important part of our funding and we have received several generous gifts from the estates of long-term ZVSF supporters, for which we are very grateful.



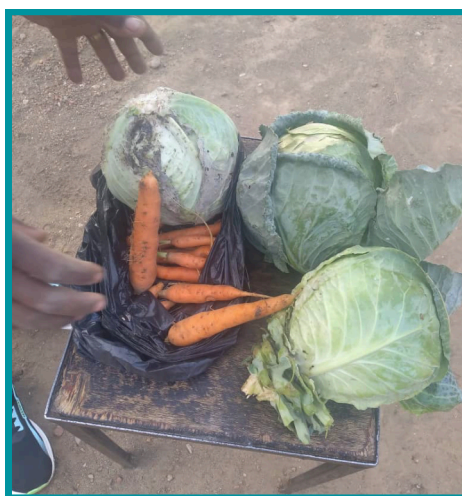
A grateful beneficiary of Intuthuko garden project



A very big thank you from Mlonyeni Primary school

A gift left to ZVSF in your will, no matter the size, can make a lasting difference to communities in Zimbabwe. If this is something you would like to consider or discuss, we would be very glad to hear from you and provide more information.

We also want to highlight the value of Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer, adding Gift Aid to your donation increases its value by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please do take a moment to complete a Gift Aid form if you haven't already done so. We have attached a copy to the end of this report for convenience.



Thank you for your continued support as we seek to serve the people of Zimbabwe. We hope this update gives you a glimpse of the situation on the ground and the direction of our work. As always, we would be delighted to speak at your church or community group, either in person or online, to share more about what we do.

With our heartfelt thanks,

The ZVSF Trustees and Zimbabwe Team

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Sort Code: 40-34-18
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Account number: 34676637

And cheques please to the Treasurer,

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Crops and vegetables at Intuthuko garden project



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