

Wealth in the Soil

Zimbabwe

Completion Date: 2018
Total Project Budget: \$913,800



Overview



Sustainable Food Production

The Wealth in the Soil Project is working with unemployed people on the outskirts of Zimbabwe's capital Harare and Bulawayo to establish income generating gardens, access more profitable markets and improve household nutrition. Ongoing internal conflict means many community groups have been displaced and made vulnerable within a failing economy, while almost a third of Zimbabwe's population are undernourished (FAO, UN).

80%
ARE UNEMPLOYED



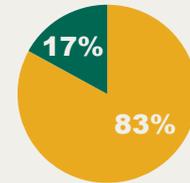
8 out of 10 Zimbabweans are unemployed.

32%
ARE STUNTED



32% of Zimbabweans have stunted growth.

Source: UNICEF



PROJECT FUNDING

83% Government Funding
17% Donations

ADRA Australia must raise \$1 to match every \$5 of Australian Government funding* received for this project.

*DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program

Activities

- Securing peri-urban farming land and working with beneficiaries to establish an irrigation system
- Providing training on agricultural techniques, business management and marketing along with nutrition, health and sanitation
- Assisting project participants to establish savings plans and develop strong links with the local market in order to sell their produce

Impact

Forty lead farmers have been trained and established demonstration plots which they have used to pass on their knowledge to 160 others. The farming collective has established a marketing committee which allows better price negotiations and best utilisation of the local market to generate an income from their produce which include carrots, kale, rape and potatoes.



Friday's Story

"I am excited about the future," says Friday, a participant in the Wealth in the Soil project. "I can see my daughter getting an education and I am planning to put a little aside each week so I can afford to have driving lessons. Then, I will work as a driver and my wife will care for the garden."

Friday is a father, a farmer and a poet. He stands on the edge of his plot, reflecting on a history of hunger brought on by his family's poverty. Though the future is still uncertain (he does not own the land he lives on and there are rumours that property development may soon begin) he and others working with ADRA, now have hope. Together they are building a brighter, healthier and hunger-less future.

With the green of his garden as a backdrop, Friday begins to beat out a rhythm on his leg and his poetry begins to flow. "The little creature called hunger is now going to die. Hunger days are over, we are anticipating bumper times. ADRA you are doing wonders. I appreciate your cooperation, I say to you keep up the good work, thank you!!!"

Join the Circle

You can partner with the Wealth in the Soil project by joining the Zimbabwe Circle. You will receive regular updates from the field and see the hope you are giving poor Zimbabwean families.



Donate

Your donation of \$30 per month will enable ADRA Australia to help one Zimbabwean farmer grow crops and earn an income. One-off donations of any amount also provide valued assistance.



Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the Wealth in the Soil project and all those experiencing poverty in Zimbabwe.



Advocate

Become an ADRA Church Leader or Advocate and encourage others to pray for and support those experiencing poverty in Zimbabwe.

ADRA Australia is the official humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our mission is to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. As a Christian aid and humanitarian agency, we believe our work is a natural expression of our faith, and a continuation of Christ's ministry of compassion.