

St. Helena Water Project in Zimbabwe – Global Grant 2118636

St. Helena Rotary has teamed up with the Rotary Club of Harare, Zimbabwe in an effort to bring clear water and improved sanitation and hygiene to two villages, located approximately 50 miles from the capital, Harare. We know of these villages and their desperate need for water through James and Constancia Alexander, as Constancia spent her childhood there. During a recent trip to her childhood home she realized just how desperate the situation was. It was during a speech that James gave to our club that we found out about this need and since one of Rotary International's key initiatives is to provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to areas around the world, we decided to "take this project on".

Where is Zimbabwe ?



Where is Harare ?



Team WASH for Global Grant 2118636

- Saint Helena Rotary Club is the International Partner
- Harare Central Business District Rotary Club is the Host Club
- District 5130 provided people and financial support
- WASH Cadre in USA (Wade Nomura) and Zimbabwe (Gabriel Chipara)
- Zimbabwe Government Agencies
- TRF Grant Administrator Jessica Buttleman
- Participating Rotary Clubs from USA

The 5130 clubs that supported this project are:

- Sebastapol (twice)
- Calistoga (twice)
- Napa Sunrise
- Santa Rosa Main (twice)
- St. Helena Rotary (twice)

Why this Global Grant is successful

- Great People working together toward a common goal
- Very good communications – weekly Zoom meetings
- Harare CBD Hired an Engineer to design the system and oversee construction
- Harare CBD Rotarians visited the sites and managed our contractors
- Saint Helena provided financial administration
- Community involvement starting with the Community Needs Assessment and the formation of a water committee in each village to own and manage the resource
- Zimbabwe Government help with Sanitation and Hygiene Training materials
- Contractor provided training for the villagers on the operation and maintenance of the water system

Impediments along the way

- Covid-19 brought travel restrictions in Zimbabwe and delays in our schedules
- Inflation in both materials and labor costs
- A “Dry Hole” on first attempt to drill boreholes
- International Banking Rules and Regulations made it difficult to establish a separate account for this Global Grant in Harare, and there were exorbitant fees for wire transfers
- Education and Training for the Villagers, and their “buy-in” for the sustainable operation and maintenance of the water system



Many years of drought has resulted in a desperate need for water.

Wells and creek beds dry.



A community assessment was done to make sure the villagers wanted and needed the water.



After months of working with the CBD Rotary Club in Harare, Zimbabwe, District 5130 and Rotary International the drilling began



Water was found!

- The villagers helped to dig the trenches.



Music to our ears!



Solar panels and storage tanks installed



Why it is all worth it!



The Dedication of Phase 1 WASH Project

 **Nick Mangwana** @nickmangwana · 18h

MUREWA:
Govt is happy to work with partners to bring development and improve citizens' livelihoods. This is a piped water scheme which is benefiting the Mushaki and Musekiwa villages in ward 12, Murewa. It was funded by the Rotary Club. The DDF trained 2 waterpoint committees.



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Phase Two

Four new Villages needing Clean Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Cost Estimates: \$175,000 includes four bore holes, four sets of solar collectors and solar water pumps, four water tanks, distribution pipes and water dispensers, sanitation and hygiene training, organizational support for water committees to oversee operations and collect fees for use, maintenance and repair.

Community Assessments for Phase Two



Community Assessments show top priority is clean water



Phase Two Rotary Global Grant Financials

- Clubs contribute cash \$ 56,000
- Rotary District 5130 matches Clubs' cash with DDF \$ 66,000
- TRF World Fund matches District DDF \$ 53,000
- TOTALS \$175,000
- Time line: We are preparing the Global Grant Application now for submission to TRF in early September. We need to identify clubs now who will support our Global Grant. Money will transfer when the Global Grant is Approved by TRF- Estimated to be in November 2023.
- **Can we count on your Club's support to raise the \$56,000 needed ?**