



## WEEK OF COMPASSION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

### For Global Ministries

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#### SECTION 1: Basic Information

<b>Area Office</b>	Africa
<b>Date of Proposal Submission</b>	Spring 2022
<b>Project Title</b>	Cattle Raising Project
<b>Project Period</b>	One Year
<b>Name of Local Partner</b>	United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) Zimbabwe Synod
<b>Location- <i>City/State/Country</i></b>	40 Jason Moyo Street between 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Bulawayo – Zimbabwe.
<b>Total Amount Received from WoC</b>	\$12,500.00
<b>Person Completing Report</b>	Rev. Sikhalo Cele, UCCSA – Zimbabwe Synod and prepared by Global Ministries
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## SECTION 2: Project Summary

### Project Goal

*Referring back to your original proposal, what is the overall goal of the project? If your plans have changed from the original proposal, please describe.*

To provide income-generating opportunities through the raising of cattle for families participating as well as generating resources for several UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod ministries, including children's ministries and emergency preparedness programs.

### Primary Activities Implemented

*Describe administrative and programmatic activities implemented in your request for funding.*

1. Procurement: Procurement of animals was completed through the UCCSA-Zimbabwe Synod's procurement methods and through the collective decision of the project personnel, finance and investment committee, and the Synod officers. The team sought quotations from multiple companies; high quality and low cost were all considered prior to purchasing.
2. Five (5) heifers were purchased from Mr. Themba Bhala, 24 Orange Grove Avenue, Northvale at a cost of US \$2,500.00. The heifers were transported to Inyathi Farm in March 2023. The purchase of cattle from Themba Bhala supported his business and provided care for his family.
3. A herdsman, Mr. Bekithemba Moyo, who resides at Inyathi Cooperative Community, has been identified and tasked with herding the cattle. The Inyathi High School agriculture teacher has offered to assist in the management of the project on site while the project officer will manage the project as well.
4. A poultry project was established. 100 three weeks old chicks were purchased and reared, and they are being sold. An additional 100 three-weeks old chicks have been procured and are being reared. This was added to the project due to the delay in available cattle to purchase. This smaller-scale project also provides sustainable revenue for the cattle project. Proceeds will be used to buy cattle medication, fencing, and income for herdsman following the grant period.
5. A second set of five (5) heifers are to be purchased from a supplier before the end of April 2023 (report submitted to Global Ministries in mid-April). A recommendable supplier has been identified who is selling three pregnant heifers and two heifers. This will be a great advantage as the stock to be procured would total 10 cows, and expecting three calves, before considering a pedigree bull. The price of these heifers will total \$2,500.00.

### Challenges and Actions Steps Taken to Resolve

*Summarize what organizational and environmental (political, social, infrastructural, etc.) challenges arose during this past year that hindered the project achievement of its goals. Also, include how the project/program addressed them.*

The initial focus was to carry out the cattle fattening project during the dry season of Zimbabwe, that is between July and September 2022, to combat the financial distress experienced at the Synod during this season. However, there was a leadership change in process, and during this time, the Synod Secretary

position was vacant. The new Synod Secretary started working within the office in October 2022 but fully assumed office in November 2022. To a large extent, this affected the implementation of the project.

The socio-political environment remains threatening. Zimbabwe will hold general elections, which is synonymous with violence, this year (2023). However, as of the reporting date, it appears as if it is not going to affect the project implementation in the foreseeable future. Inyathi farm however has seen the rise of artisan miners who leave serious shafts in the ground, which cattle are at risk of falling into. As a mitigation measure, the Church is planning to create paddocks that will be addressing the risks associated with mine shafts. The project is environmentally friendly to the community as it blended well with the already set up cultural systems of the Inyathi people. Cow dung from the cattle is being used as additional manure for the other farm productions for better produce.

### **SECTION 3: Project Results**

#### **Client/Participant Success Story or Details of a Program Achievement**

*Please share a client success story or a program achievement from this project. The success story or the program achievement should be related to program activities implemented and should convey the need or impact of the project. If using a client/participant success story, please keep client confidentiality in mind. If available, include pictures as attachments to your report.*

The procurement process enhanced the procurement system of the Synod and the need to ensure there are no opportunities for corruption or loopholes which can be exploited by people. This was a learning on the part of the Synod. The purchased heifers brought joy to the Synod and inspired the interest to grow the stock to about 200 cattle.

The local school, Inyathi High School, can benefit during its agriculture lessons by conducting their studies in real-life application through the presence of the cattle. The Tennyson Hlabangana High School in Hope Fountain, where chickens are kept, will benefit likewise from studying and experiencing the poultry project.

Since the project is still at its inception and the sale of cattle has not yet started, this being a long-term project, there are no beneficiaries outside the church at the moment.

#### **Short and Long Term Results**

*Realistically link program activities to the difference they are making. Describe how the project's activities are making a difference in the short and long-term for both the client and the community.*

In the short term, the project has provided employment to community members who can now take care of their families.

The project is expected to be a long-term project in which the Synod will benefit towards self-reliance.

#### **Best Practices:**

*Please Identify and Describe processes or practices that you implemented in this project that were successful, and that you recommend for use in similar situations.*

The procurement process appeared cumbersome in the context of committees but left an indelible mark on how things must be done.

## Quantitative Results

Provide “numeric indicators” of your work in serving people and implementing project activities.

<b>People Served</b> <i>Avoid Duplicate Counts  between Categories</i>	<b># of People Served</b>	<b>Comments or Description</b>
<b>Women</b> <i>age 18+</i>	2	<i>Spouses of the seller of cattle and the herdsman benefit from this project</i>
<b>Men</b> <i>age 18+</i>	2	<i>Mr. Themba Bhala and Mr. Bekithemba Moyo have benefited from the project</i>
<b>Youth</b> <i>age 13-18</i>	-	
<b>Children</b> <i>age 0-13</i>	200	<i>Learners in schools who will physically study agriculture with practical experience of poultry and cattle projects in the two schools where the projects are implemented</i>
<b>Families/Households</b>	2	<i>Families of the seller and the herdsman</i>
<b>Disabled</b>	-	<i>No data available yet</i>
<b>Other:</b> <i>specify such as employed, unemployed, immigrants, etc.</i>		

<b>ACTIVITIES Implemented</b> <i>-Specify Activities-</i>	<b># of Activities or Service Units</b>	<b># of Participants or Beneficiaries</b> <i>If applicable</i>	<b>Comments or Description</b>
<i>Procurement of Cattle Breeding stock</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>Two families benefited financially from the project. Learners will benefit from physically studying the cattle and poultry projects although this was not put as the primary purpose of the project.</i>
<i>Officials participating in the procurement process</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>11 officers of the church</i>

*Examples of Activity Descriptions: food distribution, legal assistance, trainings, workshops, clinical services, TB screening, intakes, pigs raised, wells dug, school supplies provided (units), etc.*

**SECTION 4: Financial Management**

**Required Attachment: How was funding used?**

*Provide a financial report of how gifts were put to use in support of your project. A template for this financial report is attached for your reference. Any report that does not follow this template will not be considered a completed report and not eligible for applying for WOC Sustainable Development grant.*

**If expenses differ from the original proposal, please explain variances here:**

As indicated previously, the project was delayed due to the change in leadership at the Synod level. This caused an inability for the project to move forward in the procurement of animals.