



Sustainable Development Application Form

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<p>Project: Shekwa Small Livestock project Partner: Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) Location: Manicaland Province, Chipinge District, Zimbabwe</p>			
<p>Partner's History/Relationship with the Project: Global Ministries has partnered with the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) since the council was formed in 1964. The Zimbabwe Council of Churches is a fellowship of 26 Christian denominations and 10 para-church organizations. Through ZCC members, the council is represented in all regions of Zimbabwe. The ZCC has partnered in sustainable development work with entities such as Global Ministries, Christian Aid, AusAID, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and many other ecumenical partners. ZCC programs reach over 12,000 people with food aid, and more than 5,000 individuals with sustainable development projects such as conservation agriculture, nutrition gardens, livestock production, bee-keeping, and fishery production. In addition to these agricultural projects, the ZCC works with families to build new sources of income in light of the current challenges of climate change and recurring droughts in Zimbabwe.</p> <p>The ZCC humanitarian and development unit has had successful experience in working with vulnerable communities to engage members on creating solutions to their challenges. The proposed project will seek to address food and nutrition insecurity of families with children under five in the Shekwa Community in the Chipinge district of Zimbabwe.</p> <p>The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have a historical presence in the Chipinge district of Zimbabwe through the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. The presence of schools and a hospital are still present in Chipinge, which were founded by missionaries through the denominations which Global Ministries works on behalf. Additionally, Week of Compassion has been supporting agricultural and sustainable development projects in this region over the recent years.</p> <p>In March 2019, the Chipinge district was one of the hardest hit areas of Cyclone Idai. It is estimated that over 20,000 houses were destroyed entirely or partially destroyed, leaving over 200 families homeless in Chipinge, Bikita, Chimanimani and Masvingo, and Mutare districts. ZCC member churches coordinated the distribution of over 80 tons of food and hygiene items to over 1,350 individuals in this devastated area. The congregation in Chipinge was opened as distribution centers for relief items sent across the country. This response from the congregation in Chipinge through the Zimbabwe Council of Churches was a compliment to the relief efforts made by the government and other relief organizations, so that more families would be reached with immediate relief items including food, utensils, hygiene items, water, and sanitation kits.</p>			
Description of Project:			

The proposed project will seek to improve the nutrition of families with children under five, pregnant women, and other populations at risk or currently vulnerable peoples living with malnutrition. To do so, the ZCC will work with 50 households in the Shekwa community on diversifying their diets with new and nutritious foods through the breeding of indigenous chickens, agricultural training. The project includes an income-generation component, with the sale of excess chickens.

The proposed project will provide four breeding chicken to each household, three hens and one male, and provide a series of training workshops for families on raising and breeding chickens. Additional training topics will include infant and children's nutrition, climate change conservation agriculture, disaster risk reduction, and how to design and construct a Climate Smart Energy Saving Stove.

The project will improve the immediate and long-term nutritional security of families participating in this project. Through the consumption of meat now available from this project, as well as through the new income sources by selling excess chickens to purchase other nutritional foods. Many families indicate that a new income source would assist in the purchase of items such as medication and school fees.

Target Population (*children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.- priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children*):

The proposed project will include the participation of 50 vulnerable households with children under five years and pregnant women in Shekwa Community, Chipinge District.

The Shekwa Community has no current functioning health center or health service delivery system. Maternal delivery care, reproductive health services, family planning, and nutrition services do not exist in Shekwa. Therefore, pregnant women and women who recently have given birth walking approximately 13 miles to the nearest health center for care. Malnutrition indicators are prevalent in this region, with young children, pregnant and recent mothers being the most vulnerable.

According to the 2019 Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment Committee (ZimVAC) report, Chipinge district had the highest stunting rate (the rate at which height is affected by malnutrition) in the country with a prevalence of 40.7%. Chipinge district is also vulnerable to natural disasters. In 2018 several communities in the Chipinge district, including Shekwa, experienced losses from a devastating earthquake, and in March 2019, the district was struck by Cyclone Idai, which affected approximately 270,000 people, destroyed homes, and destroyed livelihoods across nine districts of Zimbabwe.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

The project will serve 50 households, therefore approximately 250 individuals.

Key Objectives:

The project aims at addressing three key objectives:

- Improving household food security
- Improving household nutrition security
- Improving household incomes
- Building resilience and climate change and disaster preparedness for disasters at both the household and community levels

Key Activities:

Key activities of this grant period include:

- Identification and registration of project participants
- Training workshops on small livestock production with the majority of content on how to raise an indigenous chicken, called the Road Runner Chicken
- Purchase and distribute indigenous chickens

- Purchase and distribute stock feed to families
- “Look and Learn” tours for participants of farms already raising this breed of chicken
- Training workshops for ZCC staff on Climate Smart Interventions and the Climate Smart Energy Saving stove tops
- Training workshop on infant and children’s nutrition
- Training workshop on climate change adaptations and disaster risk reductions
- Training workshops with families on designing and building Climate Smart Energy Saving stoves and provide cooking demonstrations
- Project monitoring and evaluation

Duration of Project:

This first implementation of this project will take place over six months

Project Budget

Total Budget:

The budget provided with this grant proposal only indicates how funds from this grant will be used, totaling \$6,000. For detailed budget refer to separate excel budget.

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:

\$6,000.00

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?

This is a one-time request to address the identified need.

Please provide a cost breakdown for the requested funds (A detailed, itemized budget is required. May be provided on a separate sheet, if easier):

A cost breakdown for requested funds is attached.

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

- 2018 - Nutrition garden project in Zaka
- 2019 - Nutrition garden and Fishery project in the Chiredzi district.

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?

Yes, United Church of Canada (UCC) and Act for Peace (AFP) are supporting the Zimbabwe Council of Church’s food security and shelter reconstruction project in the Chipinge district.

Please list partners who are funding this project:

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Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?

This project is not being funded by OGHS of the UCC.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

0%, the Zimbabwe Council of Churches did not include administrative expenses in this request.

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

The program is regularly evaluated by the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. The project is evaluated using the Simple Measurement of Indicators for Learning and Evidence Based Reporting (SMILER) method. This method provides a

simple but comprehensive way to measure changes and results in a project. Indicators (qualitative and quantitative) will be measured at the start of the project and benchmarked for continuous tracking. Key outcome indicators will include household incomes, food consumption and diversity of meals, malnutrition levels and more. Additionally, the Global Ministries Executive for the Africa Office regularly communicates and visits projects of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches to monitor the progress.

A narrative and financial report on the use of Week of Compassion Sustainable Development funds will be provided to Global Ministries one year following the receipt of funds.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?

As soon as funds are available.