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## Duncal Irrigation Scheme

Members of the ZDDT team recently visited the Duncal Irrigation scheme in Sigola which is situated in Mzingwane District. ZDDT undertook the tour as part of its Se-benzela iMzingwane' initiative.

One of the many challenges facing the local people is Duncal Dam which is now heavily silted. This in turn seriously reduces the amount of water available for irrigation at the near by scheme. Where there was once enough water to sustain the irrigation system, residents now only have enough to feed the plot holders livestock! The second, and most costly challenge, is the lack of irrigation equipment which has been vandalized. There is no water pump or piping and, as a result, irrigation reservoirs are empty and the canals have long since run dry.

In addition, crops that the community does manage to grow are at the mercy of pests due to the lack of chemicals. The fencing has long since disappeared and stray cattle and goats are problematic, resulting in a serious reduction in crop yield.

The high cost of herbicides adds to the list of challenges and the plot thereby reducing efficiency.

This once thriving irrigation scheme which sustained the local community, particularly during droughts, is in desperate need of restoration.

Through implementing the principles of community self-help, a full recovery is possible!

## PROJECTS



**overgrown irrigation reservoirs**

The *Sebenzela iMagwegwe* Community Action Team (CAT), under the Zimbabwe Development Democracy Trust (ZDDT) banner, took part in a clean up at the their community Housing Office on 8 July 2009. Magwegwe (Ward 18) Councillor Mr. Benjamin Sigwaze Ndlovu and Mr. Lovemore Hlomani, the Chairman for the Magwegwe CAT and Treasurer for the Residents Association, successfully organized and orchestrated the clean up.

From overgrown grass to scattered litter, the CAT and a group of at least 50 volunteers, worked tirelessly throughout the day. Both woman and men, young and old, laboured side by side in an effort to clean up the chosen site.

Councillor Benjamin Ndlovu's fervour and dedication is infectious. He has an additional three projects already lined up. All those proposed are highly visible and would allow Councillor Ndlovu and his team the exposure that they need to further motivate the rest of the community.

In closing, he expressed his gratitude to ZDDT for the tool kit that had been donated and acknowledged the wonderful difference such an acquisition has already made to Magwegwe.

## Shandira / Sebenzela Zimbabwe



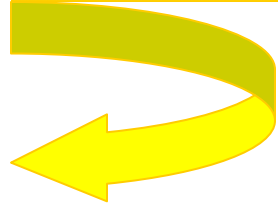
Councillor Benjamin Sigwaze Ndlovu



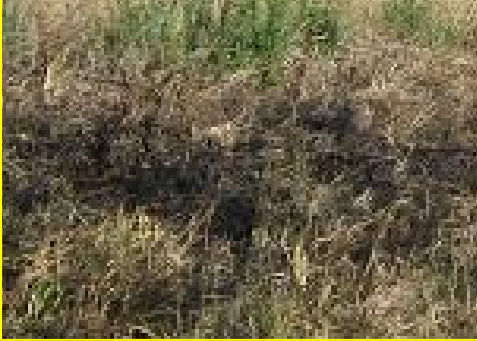
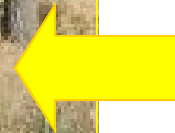
The 'Clean Up' Team!



Hard at work



Before &...



After



## Shandira / Sebenzela Zimbabwe Cont...

The *Shandira Manicaland* Program is off to a great start with many communities taking ownership of their challenges. Various clean ups, within Harare itself, were held in May such as the Harare Grounds Recreational Area and the Parirenyatwa Hospital. Introductory meetings were held in June with another 6 action teams being established. Other areas within the North have also been highly active over this period. *Shandira Kadoma*, which is headed by John Kinnaird, got off the ground quite quickly and has been well received. They have an office in the Kadoma Show Grounds which has been cleaned and is now fully functional. Various projects have commenced and they are in the process of organizing social competitions which include tug-of-war, football and netball. There are currently 15 wards actively engaged in Kadoma with 2 rural wards expressing keen interest. Gerry Whitehead, *Shandira Chiredzi*, has started the initial phase with the distribution of tool kits in his area. An introductory session was held in Masvingo and Mutare in June, which was headed by the *Harare Shandira* Team. This was well received by the group of Councillors in attendance. They will be creating Community Action Teams and formulating their plans based on the *Shandira/Sebenzela* concept. Tool kits were delivered to the Masvingo Councillors to assist the teams once established. Impressive work has already been started in the Mutare area which was initiated by Brian James the Mayor. Throughout Zimbabwe, there is real excitement about the *Shandira/Sebenzela* Community programme which has become a 'household' name!



# Community Institution Profile

*The Trust has set out to profile a community institution each month...*

Abilities was registered in 1974 as a welfare organization. According to Article 3(a) of the Disabilities Constitution its objects are:

‘To combine in one body the promotion of the interests of the physically and mentally handicapped of all races, both male and female, of eighteen years or over.’

Particular reference is given to those adults for whom no additional provision is made by any other existing organization/institution concerned with the handicapped.

Abilities manager, Mr. Francis Musendami, is concerned with the current and future sustainability of the establishment. He stated that: “Currently fifteen workers are employed at Abilities down from a previous figure of eighty. Seventy nine prospective workers are on the waiting list. In the last five years Abilities has not received any funding or assistance.” Grants, provided by Government in the past, were cut in 2004 signaling the downward spiral.

As a consequence, manufacturing productivity has dropped thereby reducing the sales which sustain the facility and maintain the equipment. This includes a Roller Machine, Jigsaw, Crayon Maker and other electronic tools. The current workforce, who on average have four dependants each, were last paid in December 2008.

Some assistance is provided by Abilities Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Ross, who routinely supplies vegetables. As much as the support is appreciated, the members at Abilities would like to restore the self-sufficiency of this Community facility once again!



**Chalk...once produced by Abilities!**



**A machine that needs repair**



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### **UK Bank Account -**

Zimbabwe Development Democracy Fund

Sort Code: 20-46-60

Account No: 13296008

Branch Address:

Barclays Bank, Finsbury Park, 254 Seven Sisters Rd, London N4 2HZ

### **Zimbabwe FCA Accounts -**

#### **Euro Account Details**

Bank: DRESDNER BANK AG  
Frankfurt, Germany

SWIFT Code: DRESDEFF

Acc. Name: Premier Banking Corporation, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe

Acc. No:  
499/08010262/00/888

SWIFT Code: PRDC ZW HX

Beneficiary: ZDDT

Acc. No.: 01111633010507

#### **USD Account Details**

Bank: DRESDNER BANK AG  
Frankfurt, Germany

SWIFT Code: DRESDEFF

Acc. Name: Premier Banking Corporation, Harare

SWIFT Code: PRDC ZW HX

Acc. No.: 0801026200

Beneficiary: ZDDT  
Acc. No.: 01111633010207

#### **RAND Account Details**

Bank: ABSA Bank Limited, Johannesburg, South Africa

SWIFT Code: ABSA ZA JJ

Acc. Name: Premier Banking Corporation, Harare, Zimb

SWIFT Code: PRDC ZW HX

Acc. No.: 028431ZAR671201

Sort Code: 63 03 05

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