

# ZDDT NEWSLETTER



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(Left) Residents reap the benefits of their hard work in one of the nutritional gardens in Gweru.

*Gweru's Ward 8 demonstrated community responsibility by clearing and cleaning the grounds of Sandura Primary School in preparation for the school's annual sports day. The exercise was led by Councillor T Demo and his CAT and the Headmistress gratefully thanked all who were involved. Tools were made available by ZDDT through its Sebenzela initiative.*



(Left) Schoolchildren play in shoulder-high grass on their “soon to be revealed” sports field.

*ZDDT's HIV/AIDS affected and infected work groups who seek grass cutting and weed clearing contracts from companies, institutions and individuals have moved into top gear after the rains. Equipment is loaned to them by the Trust and income earned goes towards assisting group members and their families. One such contract secured was for Sir Hugh Beadle Infant School in Ward 2 who needed their sports field cleared and another was secured by the group in Ward 5 to clear grass in front of the Hillside Shops. Whilst in this area the group offered to clear the grass in front of the Hillside Police Station free of charge. Now that's community spirit!! The HIV/AIDS work groups initiative is funded by a German International Relief Agency.*

(Right) Making a difference – HIV/AIDS work group making headway in clearing a large area of long grass



*On the 26<sup>th</sup> February, Messrs. Jasmine Toffa and Verity Mundy, community leaders in Ward 4 led a programme in which about 90 trees were planted and ground cleared in a park area near the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) and adjacent to the Hilltop Theological College. Volunteers had been mobilised from students and lecturers at NUST (the Department of Forestry and the Environmental Department) and also heads, teachers and students from Petra High School (Flora and Fauna Club) and Masiyephambili School. City Parks Department were also present. There was a great feeling of community spirit and for the first time during a tree planting there were a number of specialists from NUST who had a vast knowledge of trees and the environment. Councillor Paul Malaba, who is also a lecturer at NUST, gave a speech encouraging such activities among communities . Many photos were taken during the day and food was served to the almost 100 people who participated. A resident of Ward 5, Mrs Pippa Rowland was present and was so enthused that she offered to be the programme leader for her ward in a similar tree planting exercise. On the following Saturday members of the community turned out for aftercare and watering of the trees.*



(Left) Mrs Jasmine Toffa and Councillor Paul Malaba address the crowd of volunteers in Ward 4

(Right) A resident of Ward 4 suggests the hole for the tree should be the same depth as the length of his forearm.



### *ZDDT Business Credit Scheme -*

*Thando Masuku, a financially disadvantaged and recently bereaved widow in Ward 21 did not have the means to meet funeral expenses for her late husband. Cllr Matengu thanked the benefactors involved for the cash donation which he received on behalf of Mrs Masuku, BAZ (Business Association of Zimbabwe) are major contributors in the BSCS initiative.*

(Right) Councillor Reuben Matengu, Ward 21, Bulawayo, receiving a cash donation on behalf of a bereaved widow.



### *Comments from Gweru City Councillors*

**GWERU** – During a recent visit to the Midlands Capital, ZDDT Field Correspondent, Lewis Jones, had an excellent opportunity to sound out local authority councillors and the Town Clerk, on their views about the Trust’s community restoration interventions in the city. Comments that ensued from interviews conducted proved to be most revealing and can be sampled in the following paragraphs with the compliments of Team ZDDT

Responding to a question on the impact that the Trust’s programmes being implemented in the city, Cllr. Enock Mukandi Chikweche, of Ward 5, Senga Township, remarked: ***“They have given rise to unprecedentedly improved relations between councillors and residents and this is certainly true in the case of relevant developments in my ward. It is also apparent that your programmes have contributed towards alerting them about their responsibility as custodians of the consequences of the initiatives in which they participated.”***

Commenting on the manner in which residents had initially received ZDDT’ ***Sebenzela/Shandira*** environmental clean-ups, self-reliance, leadership and capacity building training programmes, together with the current greening campaign, Deputy mayor, Cllr. T. Demo, ward 8, Ascot, replied: ***“At first people were wary because they suspected that there were political motives involved. However on discovering that this was not the case, they embraced the programmes with open enthusiasm.”***

The city’s chief executive, Town Clerk, Daniel Matawu, in a similar vein to Cllr. Makumbe, preferred to keep his comment short yet most complimentary when he said: ***“Thank you very much for the excellent work you are doing with us.***

Is there need to say any more?

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*“ Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of  
standing still”*

*Chinese Proverb*

