



*Dear Om,*  
**WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON  
YOUR WATER PROJECTS!**



# Zimbabwe

Shamva, Mt. Darwin, Chegutu, Zvimba, and Rushinga Districts



**Implementing Partner:**  
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

**Status:**  
In Progress

**Estimated Completion Report:**  
Fall 2023

In the second half of 2021, you generously funded 1 Well with a Hand Pump in Zimbabwe. Your gift — along with donations from our global community of supporters — has since been put to work as part of a larger grant. Already, it's making a difference. Below is a report on the progress so far.



## PROGRESS TO DATE

Our local partner, WHH Zimbabwe, is hard at work. So far, they have:

- ✓ Completed 161 of 270 proposed water projects.
- ✓ Completed all 150 water point rehabilitations.
- ✓ Drilled 11 boreholes and fitted each with a hand pump.
- ✓ Trained 100 latrine builders and built 251 latrines.
- ✓ Trained 23 Water User Committees (WUCs). Certified four communities as Open Defecation Free.

## FIELD CONDITIONS

After years of economic crisis, political turmoil, and droughts, access to basic water and sanitation remains a major issue for Zimbabwe. This is especially true for the rural population where 52% of people lack basic access to water and 68% lack access to basic sanitation. The low water coverage forces women and girls to walk long distances for water, and the few water points that do exist are often subject to overuse and breakdowns. In addition, gold mining activities can cause chemical and bacterial contamination. While this is not currently a problem in the districts where WHH Zimbabwe works, they do routinely conduct water quality testing.



## PARTNER PHOTOS

We recently received progress photos and a video from WHH Zimbabwe. We're excited to share them with you!



Community members help build a protective wall around their water point.



WHH Zimbabwe provides latrine construction training to local builders.



A moment of pure joy—women break into song and dance as they collect water for the first time from their new borehole.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHH Zimbabwe prioritizes community engagement and capacity building before implementation. Prior to construction, community members and school development committees learn about the project strategy, targeted goals, and estimated timeline. They are then involved throughout implementation so that they understand all aspects of the project. This investment of time and energy prepares communities to manage their water point, ensures sustainability, and fosters a sense of ownership.

WUCs are also formed, trained, and provided with support from the local District Water Committee (DWSSC). On a quarterly basis, the DWSSC visits the WUCs for monitoring. Using a set checklist, they review the financial records, make sure a maintenance fund is in place, check the functionality of the project, and confirm that the water point and surrounding area is being kept clean and well-maintained.

Finally, local businesses are encouraged to stock spare parts. This makes borehole maintenance easier overall, while also ensuring water points can be fixed quickly and efficiently.

