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TO: PROF GREGSON AND DOC NYAMUKAPA

FROM: HOPE FOR KIDS ZIMBABWE

RE: FINAL REPORT FOR THE CYCLONE IDAI RECOVERY CHIMANIMANI PROJECT (2019-2022)

The Hope for Kids Zimbabwe management and board would love to extend their utmost appreciation to the friends of Mutsvangwa for their rescue to the Cyclone Idai victims through the Cyclone Idai recovery and resilience program that you funded. It was a great honour that you responded to our appeal by availing a total of US\$7,019 that has been generously contributed, from various partners, mainly through your fundraising initiatives which included Prof James Hargreaves' marathon run of the April 17th 2021.

The following report is the final report articulating the impact of your generous hand to the Mutsvangwa community through the US\$7,019 total grant.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The friends of Mutsvangwa-funded Cyclone Idai Recovery and Resilience program specifically had Hope for KIDS Zimbabwe, a local charity, as a conduit for the funding of the construction of two roomed cottages and toilets per household as reconstruction efforts to the destroyed houses as well as assistance with land rehabilitation on the affected households in Mutsvangwa Village, Chimanimani District in Zimbabwe.

Provision of shelter and land reclamation for the Cyclone Idai victims were the key objectives of this project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

On the 16th of March 2019 Tropical Cyclone Idai made landfall in Beira, Mozambique and continued into Malawi and Zimbabwe, wreaking greater havoc

and destruction that led to loss of lives, injuries, displacements and damage to infrastructure and property. The Cyclone destroyed crops in the Chimanimani and Chipinge communities but Chimanimani district's Ngangu, Copa and Mutsvangwa areas were hardest hit with over 400 people still missing and unaccounted for. The impact of Idai on the common, rural people of Mutsvangwa was been worsened by the socio-economic status of the already poor and affected people, mostly those who are elderly, the orphans and their guardians with the least capacity to cope due to poverty.

Friends of Mutsvangwa, represented by Professor Simon Gregson and Doc Constance Nyamukapa, partnered with Hope for KIDS Zimbabwe for construction of 6 houses and 6 toilets for the Cyclone Ida victims who had lost their houses during the cyclone. The grant also enabled land rehabilitation for 6 households, whose land had the topsoil washed away by the torrential rains, deposited heavy boulders in its place, leaving the farmers without hope and In need of an intervention to reclaim the land for agricultural purposes.

FINANCES

Hope for KIDS received various financial donations mainly through Prof Gregson and Doc Nyamukapa and the moneys were used mainly for buying materials like cement, doorframes, window frames, roofing timber, deformed bars, nails, window panes, putty, glazing, brick force and below is a summary of how the cash was used in relation to the afore-mentioned. All the payments were verified by our external auditors each November ie Nov 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Description	Income	Expenses
JustGiving appeal and gift from Prof Gregson	\$5,007	
Gift from Mr and Mrs Moyo	\$ 200	
Gift from B Mutisi	\$ 10	
Gift from Prof J Hargreaves	\$1,752	
S Nyauzame	\$ 50	
Gift from B Mutisi	R 100	
Building materials		\$4 146
Labour payments for builders		\$ 625
Agriculture costs - i.e. plants, land clearing costs		\$ 578
Community training expenses (food & stationary)		\$ 132

Community coordinator allowances		\$ 125
Staff allowances for programme manager		\$ 285
Per diem		\$ 190
Transport costs for building materials and staff		\$ 873
Communication expenses		\$ 15
Grocery items for Mark Makwapudze		R100
Total	\$7,019 and	\$6,969 and
Cash Balance as at 28 January 2022		US\$50

Cash balance as at 28 January 2022 is US\$50, being funds recently donated by S Nyauzame

Other Contributions

It should be noted that over and above the finances contributed above there has also been a lot of contributions from various stakeholders who made this project a success. Moses Semwayo and Shepherd Gwiza were born and bred in Mutsvangwa and now stay in Mutare; they were key consultants in the initial stages of developing this project, which was made easy because of their invaluable support and knowledge of the area. Elijah, the headmaster of Mutsvangwa Primary, also played an integral role both on the initial project development stages and throughout the implementation, where he was our key contact with the community members whom we were helping; he coordinated the project and acted on our behalf, a very demanding role which he undertook perfectly. Special mention also goes to Mr Man'anga, the local Agricultural extension officer, whose administration and supervision of the land reclamation project made the project a success; he managed to mentor the beneficiaries and patiently taught and demonstrated how they could make the best out of the land which was damaged due to the Cyclone.

The project was supervised by Hope for KIDS Zimbabwe through Margaret Nyamutswa, the Project Manager, assisted by Bob Mwapinda (the Coordinator) who were paying constant visits to Chimanimani to ensure that implementation was being done according to plan and proceeding smoothly

PROJECT SUMMARY: PROGRESS ON THE REBUILDING AND LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT

The entire project involved building two-roomed cottages for the victims, toilets and reclaiming land for Cyclone Idai victims in Mutsvangwa Village, Chimanimani whose houses and land were swept away and damaged by the cyclone. A total of 42 families benefitted from the interventions as shown below:

Intervention	No of Beneficiaries	Total
Agricultural Trainings	24	
Families funded on land reclamation	6	
Families who had toilets built for them	6	
Families who had houses built for them	6	
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The intervention directly benefitted 42 Mutsvangwa village community members, with a value chain extending to the beneficiaries of the people we assisted, a total of 168 people, at a projection of 4 people per household.

COMMUNITY TRAININGS

The organization, through your grant, managed to reach out to a total of 24 people through community trainings that were facilitated through our partnership with the agricultural extension officer of the area, Mr Man'anga. The officer is a government employee who was facilitating agricultural trainings to the community members. He also mentored the 6 beneficiaries whom we funded in the land reclamation project, enabling them to grow macadamia, banana and orange trees on the reclaimed land.



Pic shows the Mutsvangwa community members during the initial meeting, discussing about the project. Community members are very important stakeholders in such projects where they were also taught and encouraged to contribute towards the project i.e., providing bricks and river-sand for building, which they did so well.

Community trainings were held twice; at first, to relate with the various stakeholders where Doc Nyamukapa attended in the initial stages of the project but more effectively halfway during the training where the 24 members gathered and were taught good agricultural practises by the Hope for KIDS facilitators and the

agricultural extension officer. Another expert in Macadamia plants was called to facilitate a 3 hour session with a view to equip the farmers on agricultural practises ideal for the land, considering the damage done by Cyclone Idai.

During the initial community training/meeting, the beneficiaries of our rebuilding project and land reclamation project were identified and agreed upon in a widely consultative approach.

All the beneficiaries of land reclamation, shelter and the general members benefited from the training program in that they managed to get the much needed knowledge in how to cope and reclaim the land. We further assisted by providing funds to help on land clearing especially on those lands which were covered by sand and stones during the cyclone and we further provided financial assistance that was used for purchasing orange trees and macadamia trees which will soon improve their income when they begin to harvest and sell the produce.

The farmers have been so grateful and explained that the income will sustainably fund their food, and other costs like school fees for their children. The community is a predominantly farming region, and agricultural trainings and support are very beneficial to the communities.

COMPLEMENTING THE CYCLONE IDAI RECOVERY; VEHICLE PURCHASE

The Cyclone Idai recovery project was effectively executed through the organization procuring an off road Ford Ranger , at the nick of time, which enabled the team to smoothly traverse the rugged Mutsvangwa terrain. We are grateful that our US-based funding partner bought a vehicle for Hope for KIDS just as the Cyclone IDAI intervention started - saving us a lot of hassles; we would have been travelling to the remote Mutsvangwa community on hired vehicles, which would have been unsustainable.



Bob sending building materials using public transport

It should be noted, and appreciated, that the Hope for KIDS project vehicle delivered more than 90% of the building materials (including cement) and the orange, macadamia and orange trees from Mutare and Chipinge to Mutsvangwa, a tremendous job which saved us a lot of money. The quoted transport money on the financials was just the fuel needed for the trips. This asset came timely, and this report would not be complete without mentioning how the asset eased our work in Mutsvangwa.

CHALLENGES

- We encountered various challenges during the course of our implementing the project, top being the Covid-19 pandemic which initially limited our mobility. This was easily solved when we were cleared to travel during lockdown times, unlike other sectors that remained under wraps and lockdown
- In November 2020, we encountered heavy rains that were incessant, stalling the building progress for about 3 months till February 2021. This however was a blessing in disguise since the land-reclamation project was faring better since the banana, macadamia and orange trees that we bought and delivered in Mutsvangwa grew very well due to the rains. The local Agritex extension officer was very happy at the rains and the positive effect on the project, despite the delays on the building side
- We had one beneficiary whose mental state was not very stable, the community ended up teaming together to assist her in gathering materials for building, which took very long-delaying us in the overall plan

We are grateful that the building proceeded smoothly; all the 6 cottages were built and painted, and the beneficiaries are staying in them and enjoying the shelter. The toilets as well have been welcomed a lot by the beneficiaries, all this fitting within the budget, achieved in a very cost-effective way.

SHELTER; BENEFICIARY PROFILES

The profiles below have details for each household that benefitted with pics inserted for comparison with the cottages that are constructed. We will always juxtaposition the pics before the intervention and the current ones.

Beneficiary 1: Vaina Chiwarawara Makumire is one of the beneficiaries whose house was destroyed by the cyclone. She is a widow who stays with two grandchildren, Rekayi and Shylet Makamure, whose parents and two other children were swept away by the Cyclone. She does part-time jobs to look after her family. Vaina had managed to gather bricks and stones as she hoped to build a house but could not due to financial constraints as she does not have any source of income. Our primary concern was for the children whom she is looking after, those who lost their parents due to the Cyclone. We are thankful that the building proceeded smoothly (barring the rains delays); the building has been of great assistance and provides shelter to Vaina and the children under her care.



First pic shows Vaina, during the initial works; the last two shows the finished cottage

Beneficiary 2: Jiyamwa Musayengana was staying in a tent after his home fell down during Cyclone Idai and was just a heap of ruins. Jiyamwa stays alone. The other challenge is that he is not entirely mentally stable and takes medication which helps him. Jiyamwa, with the help of the community members, worked hard to avail bricks, stones and pit sand, as we had requested that the community and the families also partner by providing the bricks as we provide the other building materials.



Pic above shows Musayengana Jiyamwa's "house", a temporary tent before we began the building, the second shows the building being constructed



Check the pic above of Jiyamwa which shows him at his newly built cottage

Beneficiary 3: Mark Makwapudze stays with his young brother and mother who has a mental challenge. He recently (2021 November) sat for his form 4 national exams at Mutsvangwa secondary school and was already on our education assistance project even before the Cyclone Idai tragedy; this is because the family is very poor and struggling to make ends meet. Their home was also destroyed during the cyclone and they made makeshift houses made of dagga. When we informed them about our request that they also make some bricks as we buy the other building materials they worked hard to avail the bricks. Check pics showing Mark's makeshift home adjacent to the foundations where we built the new cottage, and the final cottage which was plastered and painted, with a toilet as well for the family.



Pic shows Mark (in shorts) looking at the builder as he works on the foundations



Pic above shows the cottage during construction, still not yet plastered



Pic shows the two roomed cottage, finished except for painting



Pic above shows the toilet built for Mark and family, thanks to your magnanimous hearts

Beneficiary 4: Chipo Muchochoti (Muroora) was staying at the ARDA building (without permission from ARDA because of desperation). She expressed that is because she doesn't want to stay at her father's place. The brother (Pfungwa) was happy to hear of the assistance from Hope for KIDS and availed bricks, stones and pit sand as well. Pfungwa offered to build the two-roomed houses and was paid nominal charges for building; a great arrangement and partnership with Hope for KIDS. The building Chipo used to stay in was not meant for human habitation, and has gaping air vents as shown below:



Above is the building where Chipo was staying which belongs to ARDA



The new recently painted cottage for Chipo where she is living now

Beneficiary 5 ; Mrs Madhuku

Mrs Madhuku is a widow with two kids and is struggling to fend for the kids yet still having a decent shelter was a struggle for her and the kids. Mrs Madhuku's previous pole and dagga house was swept away by the cyclone. She was also facing social problems where her in-laws chased her from the matrimonial homestead. She later

found a small piece of land measuring about 130 square metres where we built a 2 roomed cottage

Below are images showing her before and after her newly built 2 roomed cottage.



Pic above shows the makeshift house the family was staying in before our intervention



Kindly note that the cottage above was built with the funds generously donated by Prof Hargreaves

Beneficiary 6:

Mrs Sozwana is a widow who is mentally challenged, and has a son who is unemployed. She was selected because of her health status whilst having no decent shelter. She also benefitted from a 2 roomed cottage. Below are the images showing her, and the tent before we built the neat and painted cottage.



Mrs Sozwana, above, at her place



Kindly note that the cottage above was built with the funds from Prof Hargreaves' marathon grant, check the juxtaposition of the two pics, all on the exact place before and after

It should be noted that both of these beneficiaries participated in the project by providing materials like bricks, stones and pit-sand for building their cottages. Mrs Sozwana was helped by her son and Mrs Madhuku was helped by her kids.

LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT

This project had us empowering the community by funding clearing of their land, enabling them access to the technical services of the local agricultural extension officer who guides farmers in the best practises and appropriate response. i.e. the best plants/crops to grow on the cleared land.

Beneficiary profiles:

Beneficiary 1: Agness Madziyeshana had a badly damaged field after the Cyclone storm which had pushed a lot of rocks and huge boulders onto the land. More than half of the field was cleared of huge rocks through the help of Hope for KIDS (funding labour) to ensure that the land is arable enough to put some macadamia trees and some banana plants. Pics shows the banana and macadamia plants after our efforts. Agness is looking forward to harvesting the bananas and the macadamia nuts - ensuring a source of income for Agness and the children under her care.



Above pic shows the current state of Agness' field after our intervention, with a distant cousin who was helping the elderly Agness with the clearing of the land

Beneficiary 2: Mary Maivhano is an elderly lady whose field was badly damaged during the cyclone. It has stones and the other part is beyond redemption because of big boulders that were rolled to cover the area. She is staying with two grandchildren whose parents died leaving them in her care, which is a difficult feat because of her age.

The Cyclone deposited small stones on her land that she could not remove from the land because they were too many. Upon consulting her and the agricultural extension officer, she explained that she prefers banana plants. We assisted her in clearing the land and digging holes. The end result is a remarkable banana plantation which is our pride. We will be quick to show the visitors the new plantation, with budding banana plants, these rains are a blessing for the agricultural side of our intervention, and the opposite for the building project that was stalled.



Pic above shows the Agricultural extension officer advising Mary when she was clearing the land and digging, readying for planting



Above pic is Mary's current field taken after the intervention, covered with bananas with no sign of the stones, which were cleared

Beneficiary 3: Elizabeth Mawonei's field is on a gentle slope where two rivers meet – the Musengera and Rusitu rivers. Cyclone Idai left a huge deposition of sand on the field; the two rivers converged and left a trail of sand. There was need for labour to dig holes and to add manure before planting anything, this was the advice we got from the expert. i.e. the Agricultural extension officer. Hired hands were recruited and assisted with the removal of the stones and also the digging of the holes. Elizabeth planted 112 orange plants, totally changing the landscape; she is looking forward to some change in her fortunes when she begins to sell the oranges, which have an assured market.



Pic above shows the agricultural extension officer (Mr Man'anga) inspecting the holes that were dug by the beneficiaries after clearing the land and adding manure. On the right is the land after planting the orange trees



The current state of the field for Elizabeth: she is proudly holding one of the 112 orange trees grown

Beneficiary 4: Kumbirai Muremeredzo owns a field near the road. There are plenty of boulders there and a gorge that developed during the cyclone. Labour was needed to fill in the gorge with the stones to be removed from the fields. The farmer preferred banana plants rather than any other plants, so labour was mostly needed and banana plants.

Through the generous donation from friends of Mutsvangwa, Hope for KIDS assisted to clear the land and availed the plants needed by the local farmers and the landscape is totally changed. Kumbirai and family have their hope restored as they look forward to harvesting after 2 years. Below is Kumbirai's field.



First pic shows the land after the cyclone; second shows the cleared land and the bananas that had just been planted after our intervention and the last shows the banana plants, growing well

Beneficiary 5. Peter Mutsvangwa (The Village Headman)

Peter is the village headman and, as a traditional leader, his field is the bread-basket for the needy in the community. His field had huge deposits of stones on it and we empowered him by partnering to clear the land. A third of the plot required clearing, removal of boulders in the field. We also availed 36 orange plants for him from Chipinge research station, good plants from the Government research station.



Pics show part of the land with boulders and the macadamia plants grown after our intervention

The local farmers are so much grateful for the interventions and, should we get more funding, we will purchase more building materials for the Ndima Mutsvangwa community to build more cottages and toilets. A new two roomed cottage costs a total of US\$750 to construct, complete with painting, in a partnership arrangement where the beneficiaries will also avail part of the building materials needed as is the current scenarios. The locals also need more land reclamation opportunities to reclaim the land which was rendered unfit for agriculture; but for special attention as we did with the farmers, a very cost effective intervention which can fully fund a family by US\$150 per family for land clearing and the replacement trees.

CURRENT NEEDS

Immediate further needs for the Mutsvangwa communities that we observed are:

- Food assistance

Food security was greatly disrupted by the Cyclone and the families are still recovering and working on the land, and there is a huge crisis since the poor community has been seen to have a dire need for school fees for their kids like Mark and Mrs Chiwarawara's 3 children. Basic groceries would need US\$20 for a family of 5 which include cooking oil, mealie meal, sugar, salt and a bar of soap.

- School fees for the children of the Cyclone IDAI victims

In Zimbabwe, there are no public schools where children can access education for free, and this is a huge challenge for children from poor families, who struggle to raise income to send the children to school. Children like Mark Makwapudze are bright at school, but poor and may not proceed with their education if they do not get help. School fees is for an average of US\$10 per child per school term in primary school, and US\$20 per child per term in secondary school is urgently needed.

- Sustainable Income for the beneficiaries

Programming through the Cyclone Idai recovery project addresses the very important aspect of Shelter, which was a great need, and also land reclamation. The Hope for KIDS Zimbabwe team has a strategic focus to improve the livelihoods of the beneficiaries through small, sustainable business models that could change the fortunes of the beneficiaries. The current grant helped in food security, addressing the issue through land reclamation and thus ultimately agriculture. As an organization we are praying that we get more funding for beneficiaries to run sustainable business initiatives both in agriculture and other sectors.

- More houses for the victims of Cyclone Idai.

We successfully complemented Government efforts through this project but there are still many beneficiaries in Mutsvangwa and the neighbouring Ndima village who need shelter. A total of US\$750 is needed for each two roomed cottage, and we

have 3 more families on our waiting list whose houses fell down due to the torrential Cyclone Idai rains of 2019, needing urgent assistance.

- Post Cyclone Idai Psychological Trauma Care

The Chimanimani communities have a surge in post-trauma disorders due to the absence of psychosocial support for Cyclone Idai survivors. Some survivors have often narrated to staff of how they have remained haunted by the ordeal, some narrating how the screams of their dear departed still rings in their minds. In the initial emergency stages, a lot of attention was given to restoring the livelihoods and sanitation in the affected regions but little has been done to address the mental health challenges.

The Chimanimani survivors are struggling to cope with grief, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Hope for KIDS can play a pivotal role in coordinating and addressing this challenge, with the expertise and relations gathered these past 3 years, funds permitting. The survivors should be treated with respect and dignity as we offer them safe-spaces for them to talk and be listened to. Constance Nyamukapa, one of our partners, has narrated how she met Chipo Chiwarawara, one of our beneficiaries whom we built a cottage for after losing her house to Cyclone Idai. Chipo narrated to her how she went for two weeks following the length of the river up and down, with the hope that she would see something, even a piece of cloth that could help her get closure, she needed to have something to bury so that she will have a grave to visit and grieve at ... this has not happened, her trauma lives on, and people like Chipo need our intervention.

SUMMARY

We thank the Almighty for His provision through our generous funding partners who pooled resources to build 6 homes and toilets as well as enabling reclamation of 6 pieces of land for the victims of Cyclone IDAI whom we identified with the Mutsvangwa community leaders. We are so grateful that the agricultural recovery efforts have been successful and that building of the cottages has been fully completed, all this because of your generous hand through Hope for KIDS.

Submitted this 15th of February by,

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