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FOREWORD



On behalf of Caritas Zimbabwe Executive Committee herein referred to as the “board”, I extend warm greetings to all the stakeholders in Zimbabwe

We are delighted to share what transpired in the course of 2019 in pursuit of achieving Caritas Zimbabwe's vision of empowered and prosperous communities deriving their livelihoods from sustainable land use. On the other hand, we will share some updates on the upcoming activities for the 2020 financial year

In 2019, the Caritas Internationalis confederation came together for the General Assembly in Rome, which I was privileged to attend. Guided and inspired by the theme “*One Human Family, One Common Home*”, Caritas Zimbabwe joined hands with the assembly to reaffirm the Caritas mission of promoting dignity, solidarity, and stewardship in all our interventions across the country. As the socio pastoral arm working under the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishop Conference, Caritas Zimbabwe remain guided and upholds the appropriation of the vision of The Holy Father, Pope Francis in “*caring for Mother Earth, our common home*”. (laudato Si -2015

We are delighted to share what transpired in the course of 2019. The focus was in pursuit of achieving Caritas's vision and Mission: “*A Zimbabwe in which the dignity of the human being is fulfilled, with no exclusion nor discrimination*”. Our Mission is striving to achieve integral human development, lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived and vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe, through promoting, supporting and sustaining the development of the whole being and prosperous communities.

The year witnessed serious catastrophic disasters that included Cyclone Idai, causing extensive destruction of property, livelihoods and loss of life of people and animals. The food security situation saw the numbers of people in need of food assistance rising to unprecedented levels. Faced with the situation Caritas Zimbabwe launched an Emergency Appeal through CI to respond to the Cyclone Idai in the most devastated seven districts of the diocese of Mutare (Manicaland province), Diocese of Masvingo and archdiocese of Harare (Mashonaland East Province)

Caritas Zimbabwe reached 11375 people affected by Cyclone Idai with assistance in various sectors, which included direct food distribution, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) shelter and livelihoods recovery. As this was not enough, the eastern districts continued to be hit by storm during the onset of the October –November and December rain season

In 2019, Caritas Zimbabwe also assisted nearly 300 000 people with food under the world food programme (WFP) lean season assistance (LSA) project in Masvingo dioceses (Gutu and Beitbridge) Matabeleland South (Umzingwane) . Under the WFP food assistance for asset (FFA) project households developed productive assets in Matabeleland South (Matobo district) as they got cash to buy food but later on the cash transfer modality changed to direct food distribution in some areas.

In 2019, the food security situation continued to deteriorate as the year came to the end, several assessments were carried out to monitor the deteriorating humanitarian situation. By the end of year, many agents including the UN led WFP and the Government Crop and livestock assessment revealed that 5.6 million needed food by December 2019, with the figure forecasted to rise to 7.7 million by April 2020. Also worried with the situation Caritas also carried out a complimentary rapid food security assessment, which affirmed findings from the preceding assessments. The year 2019 had notable successes, which will be presented in the annual report by National coordinator, the, but the successes did not go without challenges however; learning points can also be drawn.

As Caritas, we are committed to fulfil the vision and mission of the universal church while we comply with the PVO Act registration requirements from the Government. As the board, we will continue review our policies to create an enabling environment to achieve more results and impact in a transparent, effective framework that allows best use of resources. we remain committed to providing policy direction and strategic guidance to staff, It is our duty to ensure that enabling policies are enforced for the best results within the network.

My special thanks also goes to the entire Caritas Staff who have done sterling job particularly in making sure that the cyclone idai and food security response is well coordinated My sincere thanks also goes to Caritas Internationalis and the In country Caritas member organisations (CIMOs) some of whom are no longer having offices in the country but continue to support us with technical and financial resources, through the National office or bilaterally with dioceses, I may not hide to mention names like CRS, CAFOD, Misereor, Caritas Australia, Cordaid and Trocaire. I will not forget the local contribution by the faithful as they contribute to address immediate issues of concern in communities there by provide a social safety net, My sincere thanks goes to the Government of Zimbabwe for the enabling environment and their partnership with us

+Archbishop Alex Thomas (Caritas Zimbabwe Bishop President

Report-Preamble by National Coordinator



I am very pleased to introduce this annual report for the year 2019, which celebrates the work of Caritas Zimbabwe during the year. I assumed office at the beginning of May 2019, implying that part of what you will read in

the report for the year's report pre-dates me. I pay tribute to all of those responsible for the work that you will read and I pay tribute to all who achieved it. Before we celebrates the success for the year which is unpacked in the report ,let me be quick to acknowledge the rest of the year 's achievements to my ' *team members*' whom I have worked with in Caritas Zimbabwe during the remaining part of 2019 as we to respond to the call from Pope Francis to “*hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth*”.

I am therefore happy to present to all the partners and stakeholders the 2019 Annual Report and wish you a happy reading. We hope that this report will inspire you and Increase your knowledge on the work we are doing and encourage you to be part Caritas exciting journey of sharing God's love.

Caritas Zimbabwe 2019 Annual report



From left :A family survive on traditional fruit “shuma” in Chivi district of Masvingo being the highest food insecure district and on the right “Nzou hairemerwi nenyanga dzayo” the say in Shona- meaning “An elephant will always bear the weight of its task “when there is nothing to eat at home then the weight of food is not an issue

Executive Summary

The report covers who is Caritas, spelling out the geographical coverage of Caritas and areas Caritas operates in as well as activities that Caritas engages in the field of its operation. The report also has an analysis of the operating environment in which it highlights the challenges Caritas faced in the areas of political, economic and social environments.

The report will highlight projects Caritas Zimbabwe done in the year 2019. The report will cover all projects funded through the national office and those funded directly to the different dioceses. The key projects funded through the national office include the cyclone Idai emergency response funded by CI, WFP funded Lean season Assistance (LSA) Project and the Food assistances For Assets (FFA) projects that seeks to create of productive assets for the communities in an endeavour to bring livelihoods to vulnerable communities weaning them from dependence to self-sustenance.

Livelihoods and resilience projects executed during the year in various dioceses shall be presented in the report. The most common problem with

Zimbabwean communities is Caritas agency in all dioceses carried out activities undertook shortage of Water and because of that, WASH intervention.

The Climate change adaptation and environmental protection activities Caritas embarked on in the year follows the order. The specific project activities carried out in the constituencies and the impact of the projects highlighted.

The report will also highlight key activities related to its role of coordination, capacity building, monitoring, fundraising and representation.

The report then presents a summary of incomes are provided to give a comparison of the years 2018 and 2019 in terms of incomes as well as expenditures however a full report of the financial transaction shall be presented in the separate financial report

Highlights of the food security assessment, which led to the launch of another appeal in 2020 , will also be highlighted

The report concludes by highlighting major challenges encountered in executing operations in the year under reporting.

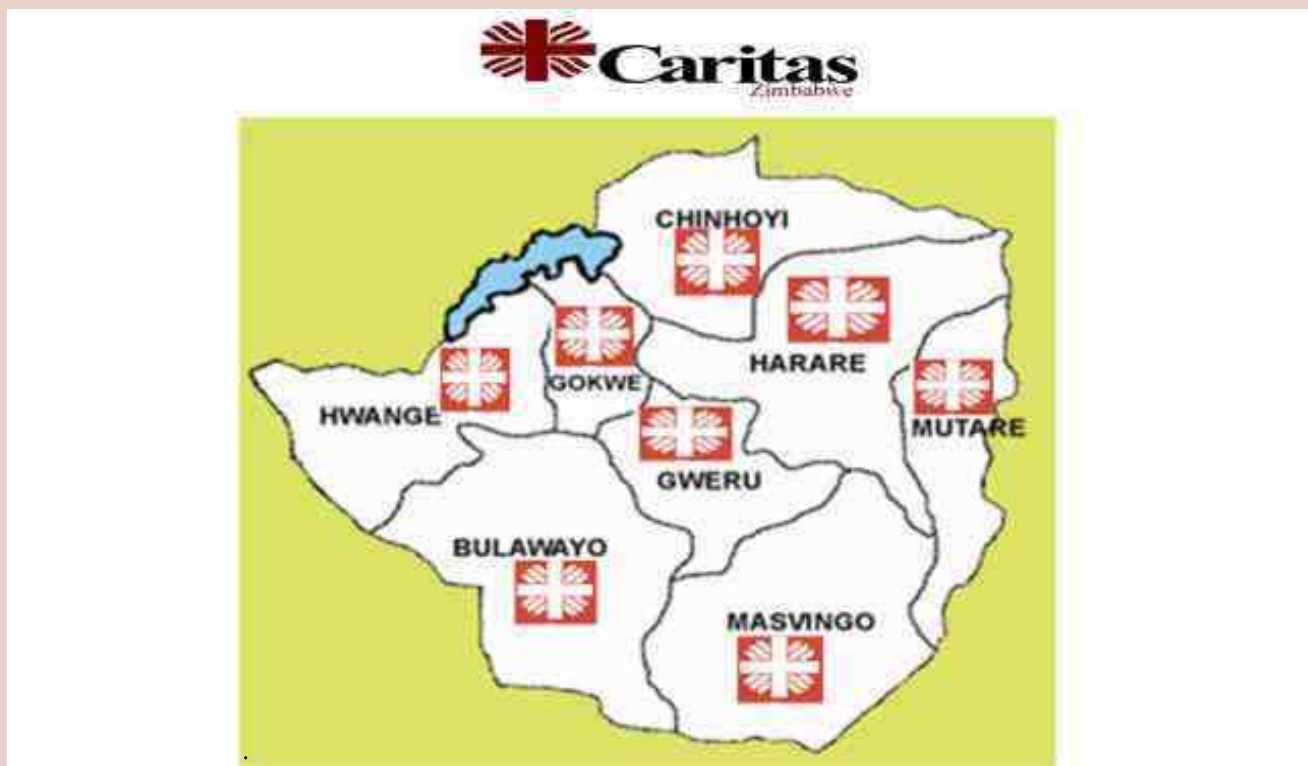
Who is Caritas Zimbabwe?

Caritas Zimbabwe is the official Humanitarian and development organisation of the Catholic Church. Caritas is dedicated to the promotion of charity and justice and the service of the poor, regardless of race or religion. Inspired by the gospel values, Caritas helps the church to respond to humanitarian disasters, promote integral human development and advocate on the causes of poverty and violence. It is the permanent presence of Caritas in the country's most remote disaster prone areas that makes it able to react quickly when people are in desperate need. The strength of local Parish Caritas teams on the ground is reinforced by their ability to call on the diocesan, national, regional and international Caritas players to deliver an effective response to the needs of the people

Geographical coverage

Where we work in Zimbabwe.

Caritas Zimbabwe operates in the ten provinces of Zimbabwe through its Diocesan offices (Archdiocese of Bulawayo, Archdiocese of Harare, Dioceses of Chinhoyi, Dioceses of Gweru, Dioceses of Gokwe, Dioceses of Masvingo, Dioceses of Hwange and Dioceses of Mutare). The operations covers the entire country of Zimbabwe with some dioceses overlapping the political administrative boundaries in their operations



The above table shows the location of Caritas Diocesan offices in Zimbabwe

Operating Environment

The year 2019 has seen Zimbabwe going through very difficult times, which forced the country to declare on two separate humanitarian crises 'state of national disaster' within a space of five months. First was the worst ever-experienced cyclone Idai disaster. While much of its eastern provinces continued to recover from Cyclone Idai, Zimbabwe was faced a second complex food security emergency. A poor 2018/19 planting season (adversely affected by effects of Cyclone Idai and severe drought) and macro-economic challenges has led to a severe food crisis. FEWSNET reported that Zimbabwe's 2018/19 national maize production was 54% below the previous year and 41% below the five-year average. Household food stocks from own production were smaller than usual, that resulted in earlier reliance on the market for food purchases. The FEWSNET Food Security Outlook Update from November 2019 projected that all 60 administrative

districts will be either stressed or face an acute food and livelihood crisis until at least March 2020.

The 2019 Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment Committee (ZimVAC) Rural Livelihoods Assessment estimates that 5.5 million people (59%) in the rural areas are food insecure by December 2019

On 6 August 2019, the Government of Zimbabwe declared “a State of National Disaster” and requested international assistance.

However, despite ongoing humanitarian food assistance during the last quarter of the year, large-scale assistance needs persist and there are concerns about the impact of deteriorating economic situation on household food security. Based on prices increases and shortage of maize grain, this analysis estimates there are currently 7.7 million food insecure individuals across Zimbabwe.

2019 Projects highlights

1. Zimbabwe Cyclone Idai Emergency Response (EA11/2019) March 2019-march 2020

“The joy and hope ,the grief and anguish of men and women of our time especially the poor and afflicted in any way are the joy and hope ,the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well' -Vatican 11,Council, Gaudium et Spes 1965

The year 2019 saw Zimbabwe faced with serious destruction of lives, livelihoods, shelter and other infrastructure through the Cyclone Idai. Three of

the ten provinces of Zimbabwe that were most affected are Manicaland Province, (with Chimanimani, Chipinge and Buhera district being the worst hit in that respective order), Mashonaland East province, (Chikomba and Hwedza) and Masvingo Province (Bikita, Zaka and Gutu) see table of imtervention below:

The table below shows the operational wards in the 7 Cyclone Idai affected districts.

Dioceses	Province	District	Ward Names
Caritas Mutare	Manicaland	Chimanimani Chipinge Buhera	Direct food distribution WASH with NFI, livelihoods, capacity building and training
Caritas Masvingo	Masvingo	Bikita, Zaka Gutu	Direct food distribution, WASH, livelihoods, capacity building and training
Caritas Harare	Mashonaland East	Chikomba	Direct food distribution) WASH, Shelter /livelihoods, capacity building and training

Caritas responded to the Cyclone in the affected areas with the provision of emergency relief, early recovery and resilience building to the affected families under the mantra “*building back better*” Thus Caritas focused on the following activities in the seven cyclone affected districts as shown in the table below.

DIRECT PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

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Households	woman	Children	men	elderly	Total individuals
2275	7 167	3 250	4 208	1 706	11 375
Average Number of Family Members per Household: 5					

Planned versus achieved target).

sector	Units	Planned/ targets				Achieved
		Mutare	Harare	Masvingo	total	
A1 FOOD SECURITY and NUTRITION						
Direct food distribution	Individuals	300	420	910	1760	4902
A2 WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION, and HYGIENE						
Rehabilitation of springs	Spring	60	0	0	60	60
Rehabilitation of hand pumps	Hand pumps	10	0	5	15	15
Drilling of boreholes	Borehole	5	0	0	5	5
Water points head works rehabilitation/construction	Water Point	25	10	10	35	35
Sanitation in Community						
Latrine Construction	Latrine	100	60	60	220	220
Wash in schools/Health Institutions						
Construction of solar powered water infrastructure	Systems	0	0	1	1	1
Construction/rehabilitation of of latrines (with handwashing facilities)	latrines	15	3	4	22	22
Construction /rehabilitation of solid waste management facilities in Heath institutions	Facilities	5	0	0	5	5
A3 SHELTER, SETTLEMENT and NON FOOD ITEMS						
Construction of New Shelter Construction of 2 roomed houses		-	60	0	60	80
A10 LIVELIHOODS						
Establishing/Re-establishing gardens for horticulture production	Community ardens	6	5		11	11
Provision of inputs and tools for horticulture production	Community ardens	6	0	0	6	6
Promote small Livestock & Restoking	Households	200	0	0	200	200

SHELTER IN CHIKOMBA



Above: left picture 50 yrs Mrs. Shindi of mash East, Chikomba district, ward 15, Gumbe village with her collapsed huts, as a result of the Cyclone Idai, right picture with the shelter intervention she now has a two roomed house, a kitchen and toilet. (building back better)



Mr Crispin Magwaza (household head) of ward 19, Rwambiwa village. He has chronic disability and lives with his family of 5. His two roomed house was destroyed by Cyclone Idai, he is using this kitchen hut interchangeably as a bedroom too.



Mrs. Violet Zvavamwe (ward 30, Mutove village) with her son receiving their food basket. Both beneficiaries are chronically ill and have disabilities. They receive assistance from the community as they live on the homestead just the two of them.

TOTAL EA CONTRIBUTIONS

DONOR	TOTAL LOCAL CURRENCY
CORDAID	16 350,00
CARITAS ITALIANA	163 434,60
TROCAIRE	86 314,70
CAFOD	75 000,00
CAFOD	200000
CARITAS AFRICA	1 092,80
EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF ZAMBIA	5 000,00
CARITAS BRASILEIRA	99 985,00
CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF JAPAN	5 000,00
CARITAS KOREA	50 000,00
CARITAS BELGIUM	108 600
Total	810 777,10

WASH INTERVENTIONS



Caritas Mutare's Cyclone response: Rehabilitation of dip wells and spring protection in Manicaland, Buhera district, ward 19.

2. Food assistance for Assets (FFA) June – December 2019

Caritas Zimbabwe implemented Food for Assets (FFA) project in Matobo in the year 2019 creating productive assets to provide livelihoods for the communities in the area. Nine hundred (900) selected food insecure households received cash assistance while working in the creation of community assets in their respective wards. The assets created included, dip tanks, community gardens, drilling and solarisation of boreholes and rehabilitation of dams to provide water for the gardens in their respective areas. The beneficiaries held Watershed management activities around the dams to protect the dams from siltation.



Above: Caritas Bulawayo with support from WFP has seen communities in Matobo District successfully drilling and solarisation of three boreholes (productive community assets) that discharge water for agriculture production and for drinking under the FFA project.



The Caritas Bulawayo WFP funded FFA program has seen the establishment of Midlo Dip tank in ward 14 Madwaleni area of Matobo District in Matabeleland South province.



Above: Caritas' Food for Assets program shows works as people were fencing the embankment at Mahlasela Dam as well as carrying out conservation works to protect the dam in ward 8 Bidi area of Matobo District.

In Hwange Dioceses the Food for assets programme saw the extension of water pipeline from Siakancele to Bhotela village in Tyunga ward in Binga benefitting 4068 people. The program also saw the construction of toilet and installation of showers at the waiting mothers' shelter at Sinamunsanga clinic as well as construction of toilets and bathrooms at Tyunga and Kalungwizi clinics in Binga district.

3. Lean Season Assistance (LSA) Project Funded by World food programme (WFP)

Caritas with funding from WFP supported Masvingo Province (Gutu district) and Matabeleland south (Bulawayo Umzingwane and Beitbridge) with food/cash assistance during the Lean season. The program saw a people receiving cash for the purchase of foodstuffs during the lean season period.

Diocese	Province	District	Beneficiaries
Masvingo	Masvingo	Gutu	29611
Bulawayo	Matabeleland South	Beitbridge	13206
Bulawayo	Matabeleland South	Umzingwane	9486
Masvingo	Masvingo Province	Chivi	29 222
Harare	Province	Chikomba	15397
Total			96922

The table above shows the breakdown of beneficiaries who were assisted by Caritas during the LSA program in the year 2019.

The Caritas Chinhoyi dioceses with support from Jesuit Mission Germany under emergency food assistance provided 840 HHs with food assistance to the ten mission stations in their area in the year 2019. The Diocesan Caritas offices of Masvingo, Mutare and Archdioceses of Harare also distributed emergency food relief including Non-Food items (NFIs) to the victims of cyclone Idai in the year.



Caritas Mutare distributes food items to beneficiaries in Chikomba district ward 19.

The beneficiaries of the Emergency food distribution were the lot affected by Cyclone Idai in Chimanimani, chipinge, Buhera, Gutu, Bikita, Zaka and Chikomba districts.

4. Improved Livelihoods and Resilience projects

Caritas Zimbabwe implemented programs on Improving Food Security and Income through Livelihoods Diversification and Community Empowerment. The programs received funding from in country CIMOs (Trocaire, CRS, and CAFOD) and other funding partners working in sustainable development. (WFP funded the FFA in Matobo Bulawayo where 900 HHS were assisted in creating productive assets for the livelihoods of their communities).

In Mangwe District Caritas Bulawayo was implementing a Recovery Program funded by the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) through OFDA and targeted 2100 households affected by the 2017/2018 drought and were expected to recover from the previous years' drought through agriculture interventions that included growing of small grain and livestock production. The Recovery program covered 6 wards in Mangwe regarded as a built up on 2 years of lessons learnt in ZEN 1 and ZEN 2 in Umzingwane District.

Caritas implemented yet another short Food for Assets Program entitled DREP. The intervention had 675 vulnerable households as direct beneficiaries and 3307 indirect beneficiaries in 3

wards of Mangwe District.

Caritas Zimbabwe through its Gweru dioceses has been operating in Shurugwi, Chivi and Mberengwa districts implementing integrated community development programs focusing on 4 thematic areas of Food security, Water and Sanitation, Gender and Child protection issues In Shurugwi, the program benefited 2038 . In Chivi Caritas reached out to 650 people. In Mberengwa, Caritas had a Misereor funded program on Improvement of Nutrition, Water Supply and Sanitation with, 2107 direct and 1376 indirect beneficiaries for ward 2. The programme saw communities having access to clean water for drinking and agriculture purposes. The supporting funders to Gweru Dioceses programs were Misereor, Caritas Australia and Society Missionary of Bethlehem.

Caritas has also encouraged planting of fruit trees in community gardens and their homesteads. There are also conservation farming and dam rehabilitation projects which are being undertaken to promote moisture retention and water harvesting for agriculture and domestic use in the areas of operation.



*Community members digging a trench to connect water from a drilled and powered borehole.
Communities produce crops using water from the drilled borehole.*

Caritas through Gokwe Dioceses with funding assistance from Caritas Australia reached out to 1174 HHs with a program aimed at improving food security, nutrition and household income for the community (under the Zimbabwe Integrated community development program) in ward 22, Gokwe south.

In Hwange dioceses, the Zimbabwe Integrated community development program (ZICDP) with funding assistance from Caritas Australia saw the following developments taking place in Kachechete and Nemananga areas:

- Establishment of 4 community nutrition gardens,

- Training of 60 beneficiary farmers and the support of inputs for the farmers.
- Drilling of four (4) boreholes in the areas
- Installation of solar powered water system at Chimbombo primary school.
- Construction of latrines at St. Michael's primary school.
- Construction of Musani dip tank and rehabilitation of another dip tank in Mvutu vilalage . There was also capacity development training that saw water point committees and pump minders trained in the areas.

5. Water and Sanitation

The interventions in the areas of water and sanitation were across all the Caritas dioceses with different partners supporting the programs at both household level to institutional level. The funding for the Water and sanitation saw funding pouring for the support to cyclone Idai which saw the Arch dioceses of Harare, Mutare and Masvingo dioceses responding to the water and sanitation needs in responding to cyclone Idai in Chikomba, Chimanimani, Chipinge, Buhera, Gutu, Zaka and Bikita respectively. The report for these water and sanitation activities in the cyclone affected areas has already been made

under the emergency response (cyclone Idai response.).

The program in Hwange dioceses saw Binga district through Match Fund support from CAFOD supported the installation of water pipeline for Malube community and to two schools and a clinic. Drilling of boreholes on four institutions as well as rehabilitation of five boreholes providing safe drinking water to the community. The project also managed to construct 30 institutional latrines, 50 household latrines and trained 6560 people in PHHE and established schools and community health clubs in the area.

6. Climate Change adaptation/Environmental Protection

There were climate change programs implemented in all Caritas dioceses with emphasis on the protection of the environment, calling all Caritas partners to be stewards of the environment according to the *Laudato Si*. The Archdioceses of Harare has been educating and encouraging people in the cyclone affected areas to plant trees around their homesteads to create a buffer against strong winds and rain in the wake of climate change. The campaign saw the people of Masasa village ward 17 in Chikomba district Mashonaland west province planting 2500 trees in response to the climate change.

In Mutare, Manicaland Province, Caritas work focused on Promotion and encouraging project beneficiaries to embark on climate smart agriculture techniques– (conservation agriculture, water harvest techniques and use of solar water pumps and use of organic fertiliser).

Caritas through the Dioceses of Mutare distributed horticultural inputs to four community gardens with 141 beneficiaries as well as 93 HHs running individual gardens also receiving inputs.

The support also saw 174 HHs receiving support in a pass on livestock program in Mutare dioceses.

In Hwange district, through Asset based community development approach, the beneficiaries are encouraged to use their natural resources to develop projects which will sustainably use these resources, eg communities are encouraged to use abundant sand silting their rivers to mould concrete bricks to be used for toilet constructions under WASH activities instead of cutting down trees for moulding bricks.

The community has been encouraged to embark on the planting of fruit trees in community gardens and homesteads. There are also conservation farming and dam rehabilitation projects which are being undertaken to promote moisture retention

and water harvesting for agriculture and domestic use.

Caritas Bulawayo trained 289 lead farmers together with the DRR committees on the soil and water conservation in Mangwe District. The training focused on management of dams, gully reclamation, soil and water conservation in arable land and pegging of dead level contours that can retain water for crop production in the drought prone districts of Matabeleland North and South Provinces.

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1000 smallholder farmers have since adopted the concept of Agro ecology and now practising at their homesteads. Communities trained in Agro ecology also adopted other practices like use of Mandala beds for mixed cropping, container gardens and moisture conservation techniques.

Other activities included Agro forestry, training of farmer groups in Soil fertility management, small livestock management, Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), Conservation agriculture and Grey Water cycle.

In Chinhoyi Caritas held Conservation agricultural practice training of the *Pvumvudza* plot, which focuses on promotion of small grain and legume production. There was also distribution of seed packs to support the program in the year under reporting.

Caritas Chinhoyi in partnership with Family Aids Support Trust (FACT) with funding from UNFPA supported the establishment of Places of safety for survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Muzarabani. The works included renovation of houses and provision of supplies for use by survivors of GBV.

7. Coordination Networking

Country Forum Coordination meetings with CIMOs:

Caritas National office has also been able to coordinate meetings with in country Caritas member organisations (Cafod, Trocaire, CRS, Cordaid) Four meetings were held where Caritas in country representatives/ directors and program staff came together to discuss issues in a coordinated manner. This has seen a coordinated approach in responding to disasters and an improvement in the operations of Caritas programs and projects.



Diocesan Coordination Meetings

Four Meetings were held with the Diocesan coordinators.

Country working group /cluster working groups/ collaboration with government

Caritas Zimbabwe across all the dioceses has been working with the District Drought Relief Committee (DDRC) on Food Security issues affecting the communities. Other clusters include the Rural District Development Committee (RDDC) and the District Food and Nutrition Committees in all their areas of operation. Caritas also attended full council meetings where they operated. Diocesan coordinators resident in all districts of operations provided reports to the

district authorities on all activities and programs running in their respective districts.

Caritas has also been attending cluster meetings at National, diocesan and District level. The most common were Shelter cluster, Education cluster and WASH cluster. Caritas attended all WFP coordinated Cooperating Partner (C P) meetings in all dioceses where Lean season Assistance (LSA) programs were implemented.

8. Capacity strengthening

PEOPLE PROJECT: Three staff members held exposure visits under the peer-to-peer exchange visits in other Caritas organisations in Nigeria and Sierra Leone under the objective of strengthening institutional capacity in responding to emergency. Caritas also hosted six people (3 from Nigeria, 2 Liberia and 1 Sierra Leone) who visited Zimbabwe to learn about Coordination in responding to emergencies (learning from the Cyclone Idai experience).



Visitors pause for a photo with Caritas Zimbabwe staff. (seated from left is Oge Cafod Nigeria HCSO setting next to Secretary General Fr. Chiomba with National Coordinator Mr. Zibgwi sitting on the right side).

CI emergency tool kit: training saw at least two people from each of the dioceses receiving training in the CI toolkit.

Report writing: There was training of district coordinators and projects focal people for all the eight dioceses in report writing.

In Matobo district, three (3) female farmers attended the Good Food and Seed Festival in Harare. Farmers from Matobo managed to exhibit with other Lead farmers from different regions of Zimbabwe. The platform enabled farmers in the district to exchange seed and ideas on traditional seeds.

9. Sustainable Natural Resource Management

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Other activities included Agro forestry, training of farmer groups in Soil fertility management, small livestock management, Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), Conservation agriculture and Grey Water cycle. Communities were also trained on Watershed Management and use of A-frames to peg dead level contours that can retain water for crop production in the drought prone districts of Matabeleland South Province.



Farmers in Matobo have traditional means of seed production, preservation skills and knowledge. Some farmers managed to retain small grain seed through simple methods of preservation. The introduction of community seed banks in the current program shall however build on the already existing practices that have been there for many years.

Food Security Rapid Assessment October –November 2019

The table below shows the coverage of food security assessment and tools used in the various dioceses. The assessment led to the launch of drought response appeal

SCOPE

DIOCESE	PROVINCE	DISTRICT	WARDS	SAMPLE SIZE		
				FGD	KII	HH
1. Hwange	Matabeleland North	Hwange	Ward 3 Kachechete & Ward 4 Nemanga	5	10	50
2. Bulawayo	Matabeleland South	Umzingwane, Mangwe & Matobo	Wards not stated	7	25	150
3. Masvingo	Masvingo	Chivi Zaka Bikita Gutu	Ward 7, Ward 2, 20 & 23 Ward 12 & 22 Wards 11, 19 & 35	7	15	205
4. Gweru	Midlands	Gweru	Wards 2 & 3	5	14	47
5. Gokwe	Midlands	Gokwe	Wards 3,5,14,13,15,16,20,2 1,23,24	5	10	50
6. Mutare	Manicaland	Chimanmani, Chipinge, Buhera	13,19,33	6	7	90
7. Chinhoyi	Mashonaland Central	Mt. Darwin	Ward 4	5	10	50
8. Harare	Mashonaland East	Chikomba	wards 17,21 & 25	5	10	50
TOTAL				40	60	700

District Food insecurity Priority Ranking

DIOCESE	Priority Ranking				
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5
1. Hwange	Hwange 58%	Binga 53%	Lupane	Not stated	Not stated
2. Bulawayo	Matobo	Ishoroshu 57%	Bulilima	Not stated	Not stated
3. Masvingo	Chivi 50%	Zaka	Gutu	Bikita	Mwenezi
4. Gweru	Gweru	Zvishavane	Mberengwa	Kwekwe	Chirumanzu
5. Gokwe	Gokwe South	Gokwe North	Siakobvu	Not stated	Not stated
6. Mutare	Chipinge 66%	Mutasa	Nyanga	Makoni	Not stated
7. Chinhoyi	Rushinga	Hurungwe	Mbire	Mt Darwin	Not stated
8. Harare	Mudzi 66%	Mutoko	Hwedza	Chikomba	Not stated

Diocesan Priority Intervention Ranking

DIOCESE	Strategic Interventions rating 1-4 (1 Greatest need , 4 being the lowest)			
	Food Assistance	Portable water supply	Livestock support	Agric. Input support
1. Hwange	1	3	2	4
2. Bulawayo	1	3	2	4
3. Masvingo	1	2	3	3
4. Gweru	1	2	4	3
5. Gokwe	1	2	4	3
6. Mutare	1	4	3	2
7. Chinhoyi	1	2	3	4
8. Harare	1	3	4	2

10. Summary of Financial Report.

Dioceses	Incomes		Expenditures		Donors
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Gokwe	577441	304522.3	16069.47	285522.3	CA, CAFOD, Local church
Hwange	348426.06	301291.69	350742.23	284383.1	CA, CAFOD,
Bulawayo	578656.14	305938.12	572048.58	314180.1	Trocaire, CRS, Misereor, WFP
Harare	582781.7	63886.00	558865.88	63886	CAFOD, Ukaid
Gweru	224135.96	121126.5	216438.48	160112.32	CA, Misereor, UNDP, Bethlehem Mission Society
Mutare	2092203.4	0	890099.26	0	CRS, Misereor, CAFOD, CI, Missio,
Chinhoyi	241468	111484.52	158472.69	111484.52	Jesuit Mission Australia
Masvingo	802530.39	430213.04	540793.76	250010.09	CI, Misereor, Trocaire, CRS, Vatican city
National Office	1790476.1				CI, CA, CAFOD, WFP, CRS, Trocaire,
TOTALS	7238118.75	1638462.00	32303530.35	1469578.43	

11. Monitoring & Evaluation

The National Office carried out M&E to all WFP funded programs (LSA & FFA), People project, as well as EA appeal project in the all the implementing Dioceses in the country. Periodic reports including Sitreps were developed shared and filed. (Monthly, quarterly, interim and

annual) as per the agreements of the program. Time was taken to support and capacity building for the staff implementing the projects.

Review meetings were held with people sharing and learning from each other.

12. Challenges and Lessons Learnt

- Prevalence of emergencies against resource base.



