



The Grassroots Development Diary - Volume 4

Stories of Change

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Resounding stories community garden projects - "Promoting rural women Innovations for agro-income & socio-economic strengthening" or "The Pro-Women Income Project" is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN) and implemented by Shurugwi Partners - a community based organization operating in Shurugwi under Tongogara Rural District Council (TRDC). We extend our appreciation for the support to our funding partner (EKN) and AGRITEX, Tongogara RDC, Department of Social Services and the District Administrator's Office for the unwavering support and coordination in the implementation of this programme. Special acknowledgement goes to the fresh produce market value chain players including Servcor Catering, individual traders and local transporters for forging both formal and non formal agreements with local smallholder farmers. Your collective efforts in this programme is valuable.

~ Pascal Manyakaidze, Programme Manager ~



Mrs Cecilia Chemhere - Taona aged 42 years is the head of a household of 7 individuals in Taona village of Chikato ward 7. She gave her comments about the benefits she is deriving from the project.

"My household was facing food insecurity challenge before the start of this project. Vegetables from our garden provides us with both food and income. On daily basis, I earn about US\$6 from vegetable sales. I use this money to buy sugar, soap and paying for grinding maize meal. Now i want to start a poultry project using the money from vegetable sales"

Her son Brandon (14 years old) indicated that he is now better than other children since her mother buy him special clothes and it motivates him to assist her in the garden.



Mrs Lydia Chiveka - Mupfeka

A 68 years old grandmother alsoo benefited from the Batanai garden project in Zananda village. As a chairperson of the garden project, she holds a challenging leadership post. Her views about the project are as follows:

"We have been growing vegetables for our own food in the past. The garden was very small without proper fencing. I thank the Netherlands embassy and Shurugwi Partners for considering our request. Now we are able to grow vegetables for market. I work very hard as the group leader and my sales are about US\$20 per week, which i never earned before the project"

"The leadership post that i hold taught me many things including working hard to realise success"

Timothy Chikwata (61 years old)



"The garden is helping me to look after my 6 grand children. We started the project to produce enough food for our families. Crop raiding by livestock was our greatest challenge since our garden was not properly fenced. After receiving fencing, the garden production levels increased significantly. Thanks to Shurugwi Partners and Agritex for introducing a strong vegetable marketing component. New crop varieties like butternuts are very nutritious and my grand children like them"

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Market Linkages Component of the Programme

The Pro-Women Income Project

Vegetable Production and Marketing Compendium: Batanai Garden

This template is only used to capture marketable volumes of vegetables produced by the communities we are assisting

Date	Harvests (KG)	Market Information (Rape)			Received By	Position	Weekly Total	
		Buyer	Volume sold (KG)	Sales (US\$)			Prod (KG)	Sales (\$)
8/12/2012	634	Chachacha market	42	21.00	Nyenyanya	C. Member	634	317.00
		Servcor Catering-Unki	200	100.00	Nyenyanya	C. Member		
		Kombayi Gweru	392	196.00	Nyenyanya	C. Member		
16/12/2012	498	Individuals	14	7.00	Mukonto	C. Member	498	249.00
		Chachacha market	284	142.00	Mukonto	C. Member		
		Servcor Catering-Unki	200	100.00	Mukonto	C. Member		
23/12/2012	460	Spar Gweru	100	50.00	Mukonto	C. Member	460	230.00
		Chachacha market	360	180.00	Mr. Nyenyanya	C. Member		
30/12/2012	588	Local sales	120	60.00	Garden Comm	Garden Comm	588	294.00
		Chivi District- Mufiri	204	102.00	Mr. Nyenyanya	C. Member		
		Chachacha market	264	132.00	Mr. Nyenyanya	C. Member		
TOTALS	2,180		2,180.00	1,090.00			2,180.00	1,090.00



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