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Foreword



To Our Partners & stakeholders.

This second picture bulletin of the **Chikato Orphans and Women's Economic and Social Safety Project** provides progress made to date through showing pictures as true sources of the current position and opportunities explored by the project beneficiaries. Special thanks goes to the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the continued support. Further appreciation goes to our stakeholders including the Social Services Department, Caritas Gweru, Tongogara Rural District Council, the District Administrator's office and AGRITEX for the support. On behalf of the project, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our horticultural market value chain players with special reference to Hanke Mission High School for assisting our smallholder women farmers with a sustainable market for their vegetables. We thank you!!

For any information pertaining this project bulleting and any other relevant information, kindly contact the undersigned project focal point person.

Yours Sincerely,

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Sustainable Water Resources

Domestic and Irrigation



For grassroots communities like Chikato, which is under the threat of climate change induced droughts, a sustainable water resource is the one that satisfy both domestic and vegetable irrigation requirements.

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Sustaining Garden Production



From the Seedbed



Addressing consistency in production and feed to the demands of horticultural markets

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Tomato Produce



Producing enough for the market and home consumption

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Smallholders preparing for market engagement



Leaf Vegetables



Rape produced by the project has provided both nutrition and income to the vulnerable households and the surrounding communities at large.

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Butternuts



*Grading, packaging and scaling for the “**market**” and something left for “**home consumption**”*

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Community strategy for feeding the local market: Some of the butternut in Ziyambe store

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Small livestock interventions

Improving economic and social safety nets



Small livestock forms the real empowerment for women, especially those who have no access and control over many households economic assets like cattle and agricultural machinery.

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Plant Protection



Employing Integrated Pest Management



With much considerations on the adverse health and environmental impacts of pesticides, the project has adopted the integrated pest management to achieve a win - win situation between agricultural productivity and ecological health.

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Conclusion

Seventh-day Adventist Church
HANKE ADVENTIST HIGH SCHOOL
PURCHASE VOUCHER

DATE 02-02-2012

Details Of Purchase 63 Bundles of Vegetables sold
and 3 pockets of Butternuts

Amount in Figures 80 USD

Amount In Words Eighty Dollars only

Seller's Signature M. Mabuto ID 66-012886 P 66

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The project has finally improved the community's water and sanitation needs through borehole water development for promoting community health and agro based livelihoods from smallholder irrigation. Building social safety strategies and household economy was realized through the provision of indigenous poultry and goats that can breed faster to cushion the PLWHA, women led and OVC households. With the current focus of commercialization of garden produce, the markets will form the incentives for high productivity.

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