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Vision

To see a loving, caring and responsible society where all people live a healthy and dignified life.

Mission

To implement quality community-led projects in order to empower people with knowledge, skills and tools to improve their lives within five sectors: community development, agriculture, education, health and emergencies.

About DAPP Zimbabwe

Development Aid from People to People in Zimbabwe (DAPP) is a Private Voluntary Organisation registered in Zimbabwe in June 1980 as a Welfare organisation under the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. DAPP's registration number is PVO 22/80.

Through 43 years of work, DAPP in Zimbabwe has complemented government efforts through implementing short and long-term development project activities in education, farming, community development and health.

We build on the active participation of the people themselves, be it farmers and their families; health support groups and girls clubs; and teachers and students in schools. They are the reason why we

are there in the first place, and they are our strongest allies in fighting for a more just and equitable world.

Our work in communities is people centered with the people as the driving force in development. Our projects take their point of departure in addressing the most urgent needs and demands of vulnerable communities, be it in providing health education and action, working with families to become food secure or educating children and young people.

In 2023 we implemented 13 development projects in three provinces namely Mashonaland Central, Manicaland and Masvingo.

We are a member of the Humana People to People Federation, a global organisation of 29 members united by a single purpose: to improve life for people in some of the difficult regions of the world.

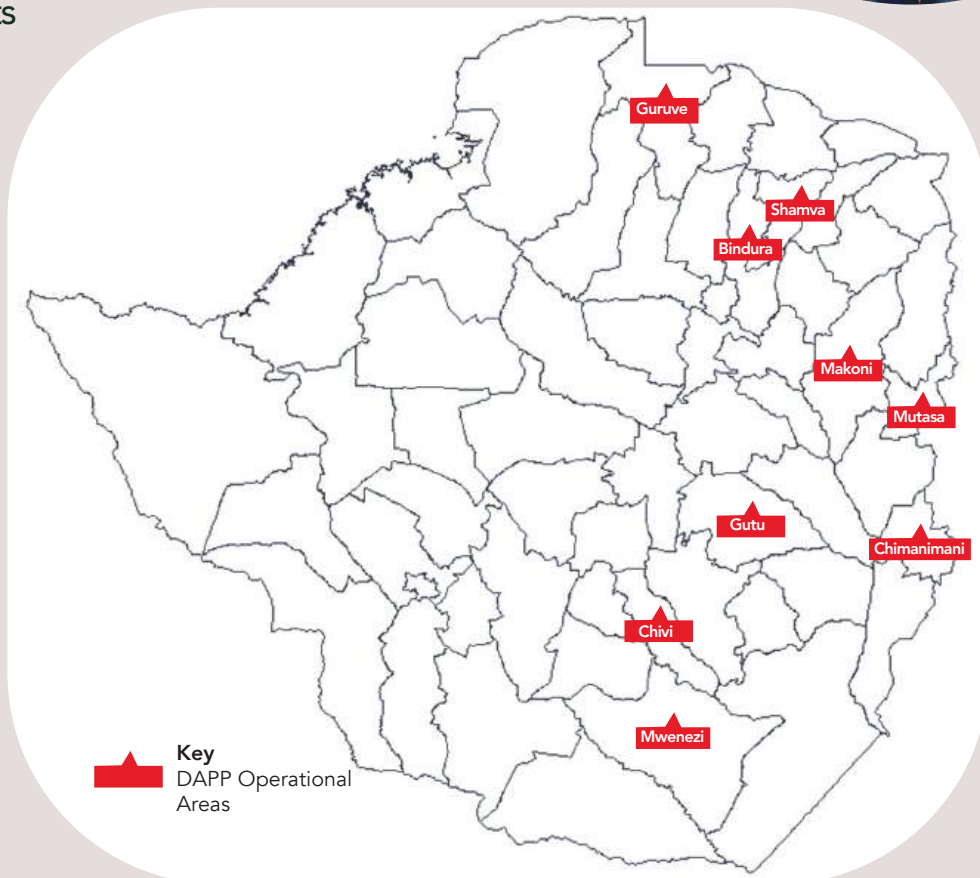


378,675

People Reached

13

Project Units



3

Provinces



Chairman's Welcome

Dear friends, partners, colleagues and staff

I am delighted and humbled to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have supported Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) in Zimbabwe. Your commitment to the well-being and empowerment of individuals and our communities has been the driving force behind our achievements.

In 2023, we impacted the lives of 378,675 individuals through targeted social development in Health, Agriculture, Education, Community Development, and Emergency thematic areas. This report reflects the collective efforts that have propelled us to have an impact on people's lives in Mashonaland Central, Manicaland, and Masvingo provinces. I would want to appreciate our staff, volunteers, the Government, stakeholders and our valuable partners who have continuously supported our community-led projects.

During 2023, we've made significant strides, especially in urgent issues like global warming and climate change, as well as the recent cholera outbreaks. Our people-centered approach has not only delivered positive outcomes but has also fostered long-lasting partnerships with local partners, government authorities, and other key stakeholders.

In agriculture, we supported smallholder farmers using innovative models like Farmers' Clubs and From Communal to Commercial Farmer, resulting in improved production, income, and food security. Despite the challenges of uneven weather patterns, our initiatives have strengthened farmers' resilience and incorporated emergency and health projects.

Our education sector has continued to impact the lives of the youth through life skills and vocational training that increased both employability and self-employment. Our schools have continued nesting and nurturing youths who are practical, open



minded and unlimited to conquer obstacles in life.

Our health projects embraced the person-centered care where individuals and communities were empowered to take an active role of their own health. By prioritizing awareness on HIV, TB, reproductive health, hygiene, and sanitation, our on-site and outreach efforts addressed the specific needs of each community, promoting equitable access to essential healthcare services.

Our dedication to supporting health-seeking behaviors, adherence to treatment, and fostering healthy lifestyles has made a lasting impact on the participants of our projects.

Our Community Development projects continued to promote children's rights through using the family-centered approach where families are organized in groups and use them to engage, discuss among themselves and find common sustainable solutions for their challenges.

May I invite you to read our 2023 Progress report that will provide more detailed insights into our activities during this reporting period.

'With concerted efforts from the people, we make a difference to better the lives of the people'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Charles Mutizira
DAPP in Zimbabwe
Chairman



Sustainable Agriculture And Environment

Supporting and empowering small-scale farmers is crucial for the overall well-being and resilience of rural communities.

Introduction

Sustainable Agriculture And Environment

DAPP Zimbabwe engages small-scale farmers and their families to build resilience against climate change and transform small-scale farming activities to increase productivity, food and nutrition security, reduce poverty and help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). DAPP believes that when farmers work the land to support their communities, they can turn the tide against climate shocks.

Small-holder farmers play a multifaceted and vital role in rural areas, contributing not only to local and regional economies but also to food and nutrition security, cultural heritage and environmental sustainability.

Supporting and empowering small-scale farmers is crucial for the overall well-being and resilience of rural communities. However, small-scale farmers face several challenges which are further exacerbated by climate change, population increase, water scarcity and soil degradation. are leading to food

insecurity (United Nations Global Perspective 2023).

Our farmers' clubs and from communal to commercial farmer concepts place farmers at the centre of farming activities. together the farmers participate in organized club life where they share experiences, Knowledge, and best farming practices.

Through regular meetings and hands-on training, farmers learn about modern and sustainable farming techniques, crop management, livestock rearing, and other relevant topics.



Farmers' Clubs Gutu

The project worked with 1,000 smallholder farmers in wards 8, 9 and 37 of Gutu to strengthen and improve farm productivity and livelihood activities through sustainable agriculture.

Across 20 Farmers' Clubs, small-holder farmers enhanced their skills through observation, learning, and replicating training on various aspects of agriculture, including water management, pest control, irrigation systems,

food processing, marketing and post-harvest practices.

Embracing the Government-led Pfumvudza program, farmers and their families adopted climate-smart agricultural techniques, including crop diversification, cultivation of drought-resistant crop varieties and the implementation of water-efficient irrigation methods. As a result, there was a notable increase in the production of various crop varieties. These

diversified farming practices not only ensured a stable and resilient food supply for households but also generated surplus produce for sale.

To promote environmental stewardship, small-scale farmers have established 14 tree nurseries on individual farms. This initiative has also become a source of additional income and nutrition at household level.



Farmers' Clubs Mutasa

Mutasa is one of the seven districts in Manicaland whose economy is agriculture-based. Many smallholder farmer families depend on rain-fed agriculture which makes them vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

In the year under review, 1,000 farmers from wards 11 and 19 were supported to establish and sustain 20 Farmers' Clubs. The clubs served as platforms for meetings, mutual learning, and collaborative problem-solving, leading to enhanced farm productivity and improved livelihoods through sustainable agricultural practices.

The farmers diversified their activities by incorporating small livestock production, particularly beekeeping, rabbit rearing, and poultry farming, thereby strengthening their overall production and resilience.

With the assistance of Agricultural Extension services, farmers embraced garden farming and horticulture to produce fresh and seasonal crops, thereby improving food and income security year-round. Additionally, they adopted value addition and agro-processing techniques, including the use of smart technologies like solar

dryers, to minimize post-harvest losses. By working together farmers strengthened their collective decision-making and market negotiations resulting in better market penetration and fair prices for their fresh produce.

In smaller groups, farmers formed Internal Savings and Lending Clubs (ISALs), enabling them to combine their savings and create a credit source for members. Utilizing these pooled finances, the farmers expanded their agricultural activities as well as venturing into income-generating projects to strengthen household income security.



Farmers' Clubs Chivi

Farmers' Clubs in Chivi is located in the arid Agro-ecological Natural Regions V and IV, characterized by droughts and below-average rainfall. Despite these challenges, DAPP Zimbabwe, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and AGRITEX officers, has dedicated efforts to enhance the productive capacity of smallholder farmers both collectively and individually. Farmers' Clubs Chivi collaborated

with 1,503 individuals, forming six Farmers' Clubs with 250 members each and 30 clubs with 50 members each.

The project focuses on empowering farmers to engage in resilience design demonstration plots, where they look and learn about best practices in conservation farming. This holistic approach enhanced the cultivation of field crops like

sorghum, rapoko, pearl millet, and various vegetables grown in community nutrition gardens.

Farmers made significant strides in improving livestock production, particularly poultry, by leveraging on the symbiotic relationships between animals and crops.



From Communal to Commercial Farmer Siyalima (C To C)

DAPP through the From Communal to Commercial Farmer project worked with 161 resettled farmers to shift their attitudes and mindsets from subsistence to semi-commercial farming as a means of tackling poverty, ensuring food and nutrition security, and protecting the environment.

Together, farmers in the projects learn new skills and new farming methods to increase their yield and protect their environment. Farmers put into

practice lessons learnt and maintained the centre pivot irrigation resulting in increased yields from a variety of crops including sunflower, groundnuts and maize crops among others system. Horticulture production provided income all year round.

With training in financial literacy, value chains and digital marketing, the farmers connected to more profitable markets that earned them better profits. The farmers reinvested their profits into

the farm. They purchased solar pumps, processing machines, oil pressers, hammer mills and peanut butter processors for value addition.

Women in the project embraced leadership opportunities leading to more inclusive decision-making processes for the benefit of all. The women also diversified family income sources through income-generating activities like fish farming, honey and bakery productions among others.



Key figures

3,414

Farmers in the Projects

3,127

Farmers Engaged in
Value Addition



50,430

Trees Planted

2,518

Crop
Diversification

30,754

Cook stoves constructed



2,137

farmers involved in Small Livestock
Production

3,398

Farmers practising conservation
farming



Cook Stoves Project

Initiated in Manicaland in 2022, the cook-stove project successfully expanded to Gutu, Chivi, and Mwenezi districts in Masvingo province, with the aim to combat deforestation and address the impacts of global warming and climate change. The collaboration with government line ministries, the Forestry Commission, the Environmental Management Agency, and AGRITEX facilitated the seamless implementation of the project in both provinces.

By 2023, the project had reached 40,000 households, disseminating information about fuel-efficient cookstoves and the construction of 30,754 stoves.

This initiative aimed to reduce the inadvertent inhalation of carbon by individuals, particularly benefiting women and children who often face health risks while cooking on open fires. The adoption of the cookstoves contributed to better indoor air quality by reducing smoke and harmful emissions. Women saw a significant reduction in time spent gathering firewood in the bush, decreasing their vulnerability to animal attacks and gender-based violence.

To ensure sustainability beyond project completion, 497 community volunteers, known as stove champions, were trained at village level to

monitor and maintain the stoves in their respective communities. The volunteers continue to play a crucial role in driving the adoption of cookstoves to mitigate environmental and health challenges associated with traditional cooking practices.

The project also promoted bamboo planting, resulting in the cultivation of 700 bamboos in wards 15 and 16 of Makoni district in Manicaland. Ongoing efforts are being made to guarantee the proper management and growth of these bamboo plants in collaboration with relevant stakeholders for sustained benefits.





Key figures

30,754

Stoves

497

Bamboos planted



497

Community volunteers



Agriculture Impact Stories



"As a widowed mother of daughters, the burden of managing the family's needs from a small piece of land was challenging. The lack of inputs and limited rains negatively affected my harvest each year. However, a ray of hope emerged when we received training and support in improved farming techniques from DAPP. Armed with newfound knowledge, I practiced climate-friendly techniques like mulching, organic fertilization and planting drought resistant crops. Overtime I have witnessed increased agricultural production. With determination and the support of DAPP, I not only managed to meet our family's needs but also contributed to the local community by supplying surplus produce. The Grain Marketing Board recognized our efforts, and today, I am proud to be a reliable maize supplier.

Vivian Zemura (60) widowed from Siyalima Farm in Guruve District



"In rural areas, the primary source of cooking energy is firewood, because of its affordability, accessibility, and convenience. Women and girls shoulder the responsibility of gathering firewood from forests, enduring long distances while carrying heavy loads. This limits their availability for other productive activities. In response to these challenges, DAPP Zimbabwe introduced a dual Firewood Saving stove, replacing the traditional open fire for everyday cooking. These stoves have enhanced time management and kitchen hygiene by reducing smoke and ash emissions compared to open fire cooking methods. A total of ---cook stoves have been installed in districts within Manicaland Province, specifically Mutasa, Chimanmani, and Makoni."

Tatenda Muzanenhemo (33) CookStove Field Officer



"For several years, my primary source of income was crop production on my small plots of land. Wanting to increase my earnings but lacking knowledge about alternative businesses, I visited the DAPP Farmer's Clubs project at Kukwanisa Centre to explore various income-generating opportunities. During my visit, I became inspired by fish farming and decided to embark on this venture. With assistance from DAPP and my capital, I established my first fish pond in 2023, measuring 10x5m and stocked with 700 fishlings for breeding and selling. Given the high demand for fish in my community, I am eager to start sales and generate additional income. My aspiration is to set up a second fish pond in 2024 to further augment my earnings."

Memory Muponda from Nyamukonora village in Mutasa District



Education Sector

Promoting education as a human right

Introduction

We equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future.



Education is a transformative force that has far-reaching impacts on individuals, communities, and societies. However, obstacles like socio-economic inequalities and exclusion continue to hinder access to quality education for all. Youth from low-income households, youth with disabilities and girls remain in learning poverty.

DAPP Zimbabwe through vocational skills training actions is giving many young people,

including adolescent girls and young women, opportunities to access education to create a livelihood for themselves and their families and become competitive in the job market.

We equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future. Through Public-Private Partnerships, we are making advances in Technical Vocation Education and Training accessible training to all.



Ponesai Vanhu Technical College

Youth in marginalized communities and disadvantaged backgrounds face several challenges which include low completion of higher education resulting in limited skills and high unemployment.

Ponesai Vanhu Technical College (PVTC) equips youth with the right set of vocational skills and entrepreneurial spirit so that they can find decent jobs or create their

own enterprises. Our approach engages students to address real-life issues together, with interactive methods of study, on-the-job training, group work and practical activities. The short- and long-term courses are tailored to align with industry needs.

In 2023, PVTC continued to foster public-private partnerships, connecting the needs of enterprises with those of

students. Students undertaking short courses were offered on-the-job training enhancing their practical experience in real work environments, while enterprises benefit from having access to a pool of skilled and trained individuals. This collaboration helped bridge the gap between academic education and industry requirements, contributing to more skilled and workforce-ready graduates.



Ponesai Vanhu Children's Home

Ponesai Vanhu Children Home (PVCH) thrives to assist orphans and vulnerable children so that they access education, food, health services, birth registration and be protected from abuse and exploitation. The home has a capacity of 60 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years who are referred by the Department of Social Services and the Zimbabwe Republic Police. The project is aligned with the Government's National Development Strategy 1 (2021-2025) which is committed to improving the care and protection of vulnerable groups

including children.

At the home, all the children participate in various social, sporting and entertainment activities to keep fit and entertained. In 2023, the project provided 51 children (27 boys and 26 girls) with social psycho-social support, shelter, food, and education. Out of the 51 children, 15 children are in Early Childhood Development up to Grade 2, 16 are in Grade 3 up to 7, 9 children are in from 1 to 6, Tertiary level has 3 students and 8 are not in school.

The home prepares the children for the outside world

through teaching them life skills and vocational skills training, such as livestock production and gardening. Working closely with the Department of Child Welfare, the project ensures that each child receives support to re-establish family relationships for reintegration. With the presence of solar-powered drip irrigation, the project embraces self-sufficiency and sustainable living. Collaborating closely with the Department of Child Welfare, the project ensures each child receives support for re-establishing family connections and eventual reintegration.



Frontline Institute

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Frontline Institute uses broad, inclusive and innovative ways of training key staff of Humana People to People to be at the Frontline of development. The participants who come from Humana People to People projects around the world are trained to understand communities, situations, challenges, and opportunities to work together as a global family to achieve common goals.

In 2023, Frontline Institute offered three courses, Our Humana People to People World, Our Open Future Together, and Humana People to People Leadership short courses. The 187 students from 11 different countries gained hands-on training in project management from planning, organizing, leading, decision-making, motivation and controlling.

The project management course also enabled the students to learn how to generate income through actively running the Income Generating Activities in the school. They learnt about entrepreneurship thus learning important skills they would use in their respective communities in particular community development. A total of 16 students graduated from the "English for Beginners" short course with students being able to read, write and communicate in English.

The Long-distance trick cycling served as a crucial training method, drawing participants nearer to the urgent challenges facing humanity. The students and teachers travelled in an organised manner for a period of 2 months, using investigative pedagogy as the main method of learning. Students adapted and address real life issues through action research, group work, practical activities and opinion sharing together with the communities in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, Zambia, and Mozambique



Key Figures

584

Total Students Enrolled



496

Graduates

56

Children at the home

Education Impact Stories



"Mashonaland central is rich in gold, therefore, there are more illegal gold panners who use the money to lure young girls for sexual intercourse resulting in a high number of early child marriages and teenage pregnancies. To avoid these social ills, I enrolled at Ponesai Vanhu Technical College in January 2023 and I challenged myself to do a course which will push my growth and I settled for Motor Mechanics course. At first, it was demotivating as the only lady in a male-dominated course. However, the whole of 2023, saw me learning how best to disassemble and assemble a gearbox, run a garage, repair cars and creation of strong clientele base. With time other students started respecting me for my choice and colleagues in the motor mechanic course started including me in their group discussion and brainstorming sessions. My hope after graduating is to get employed at a well establish garage in Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe.

Janet Kudzai Mutikani (20) from Bindura District



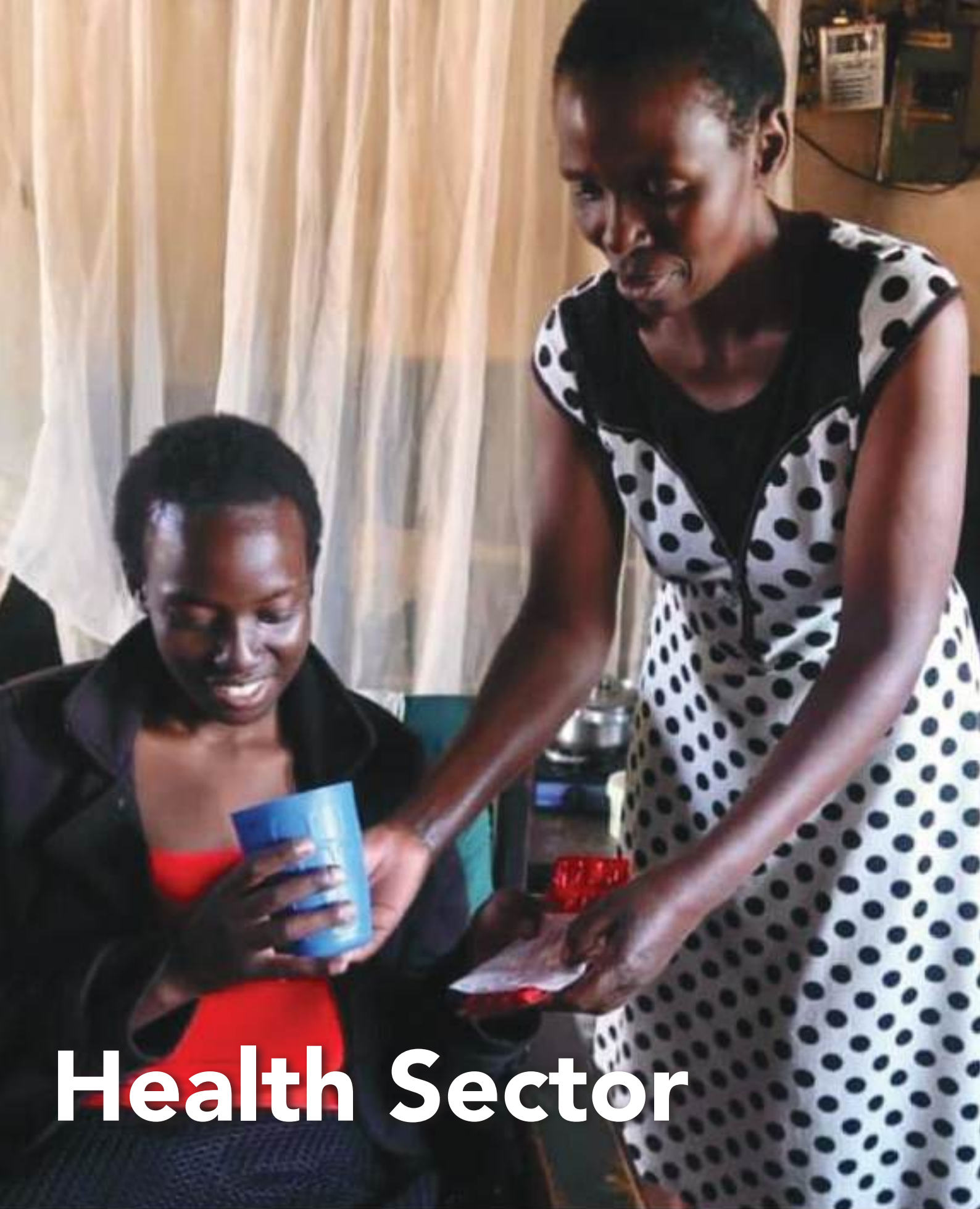
"I decided to join Ponesai Vanhu Technical college (PVTC) in 2023 January as a way to run away from peer pressure since most of the youths I knew were into drug and substance abuse. I enrolled for Motor Vehicle Maintenance a short course lasting 8 months which comprises of four months theory followed by four months of industrial attachment. The institution equipped me with skills on repairing and maintaining vehicles. I further engaged in other activities which prepared me for the working community. PVTC opened me to new opportunities such as becoming computer literate, honouring responsibilities and better communication and socializing skills. During my industrial attachment at a local garage, I gained valuable hands-on experience, leading to my graduation from the program. Looking ahead, I aim going to apply my knowledge and skills on my family's farm, with the ultimate goal of establishing my own small garage within the next five years."

Malvin Nyanga (22) from Shamva District



"I lost both my parents when I was just 10 years old. Since then, I've been living with my elderly grandmother, who faced economic challenges in taking care of us. In 2021, facing the possibility of dropping out of school due to financial struggles, I was enrolled in the Adolescent Girls and Young Women program under HOPE Bindura which paid my fees until I completed my Ordinary level studies in 2022. The AGYW program further assisted me to enrol for Hotel and Catering course at Ponesai Vanhu Technical College. This decision was influenced by what I learned during the program's career day. My dream now is to work in a hotel in the capital city, not just for personal success but also to support my siblings and grandparents. It's a challenging journey, but with the skills and confidence I gained from the program, I believe my life will be better and those around me".

Janet Kudzai Mutikani (20) from Bindura District



Health Sector

Empowering communities to be active participants in their own health care.

Introduction

Only the people can liberate themselves from the epidemic

We know what works. We know how to do it. By building on our current achievements, adapting approaches to a rapidly changing landscape and working together, we can end these diseases as public health threats by 2030.

The Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030 is bold, ambitious and achievable. According to the UNAIDS Global Report 2023, the numbers of new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths have continued to decrease globally. In Zimbabwe, significant progress has been made with the country reaching the UNAIDS's 95-95-95 targets in 2022.

Despite these positive outcomes, more still needs to be done to address inequities that reduce the spread of the new HIV infections and AIDS related deaths among women, young people and key populations in Zimbabwe.

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on our current achievements, adapting approaches to a rapidly changing landscape and working together, we can end these diseases as public health threats by 2030.

DAPP Zimbabwe through its HOPE Bindura and Total Control of Tuberculosis engages the people at individual and communal levels to join in the Passion for People Movement for improved health outcomes. Our teams of community-based project staff and volunteers reach key at-risk populations in hard-to-reach areas with HIV, AIDS and TB services and community-based support groups. For over 20 years, we have been guided by the mantra

“Only the people can liberate themselves from the epidemic”. This mantra is still relevant today

HOPE Bindura

HIV remains a longstanding health threat in the country, with HIV and TB co-infection rates standing at approximately 50%, as reported by the Ministry of Health and Child Care. Among women aged 15-49 years in Africa, HIV-related illnesses continue to be the leading cause of death. Factors such as gender inequalities, unequal power dynamics, and harmful societal norms contribute to the heightened vulnerability of women and girls to HIV infections.

Our HOPE Bindura project in Mashonaland Central province

places people at the centre of the HIV response with the aim of empowering communities to protect themselves. Together, people take collective action to get tested for HIV, seek sexual reproductive health, address Gender Based Violence and Early Child Marriages.

HOPE Activists actively reach out to areas where people face a higher risk of HIV infection, including informal settlements, mapped hotspots, and farms. The project facilitates the connection of individuals to health services for HIV counselling and testing, as well as offering treatment

support services. The project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care, and other stakeholders, intensified Index Partner Testing and this identified missing HIV-positive cases.

To address inequalities our program took a gender-transformative approach where adolescent girls and young were enrolled in the program and received health education, comprehensive sexuality education, and economic empowerment as a part of HIV prevention strategy.



TC TB Makoni

Zimbabwe has made progress in reducing the TB burden in the country, as the country no longer ranks among the 30 high TB burden nations in the world. (Global Tuberculosis Report 2021). While remarkable gains are recorded, over 14,000 missed cases are recorded annually with a heavy burden of TB/HIV and drug-resistant TB. (WHO 2023). Additionally, stigma and discrimination, and high costs incurred by TB patients as they seek services remain a challenge.

DAPP's Total Control of Tuberculosis project in Makoni reaches the people with innovative people-centered TB and HIV-integrated actions to promote demand, utilization, and effective coverage of HIV and TB services. Through a network of community-based project staff, trained volunteers and local leaders, DAPP targets key populations in hot spots from through door-to-door TB screening, sputum collection, referral to health facilities, TB treatment management support for those infected and affected by TB and HIV.

The project works closely with 59 health facilities in the district to complement and support the Zimbabwe National Health Development Strategy. The project combined tuberculosis (TB) intervention with nutritional support to enhance the effectiveness of treatment and promote overall health outcomes. Patients with TB and their families received seeds to create backyard nutrition gardens, leading to improved nutrition for patients. Additionally, this initiative served as a therapeutic and empowering activity, contributing to the well-being of individuals undergoing TB treatment.

Project volunteers worked closely with TB patients to establish family or friend led support groups known as TRIOs. These groups played a vital role in offering emotional support, education, and motivation to individuals undergoing treatment for tuberculosis, helping them stay on track.



Key Figures

97,614

people reached with TB and HIV
information

1,232

people tested for HIV



68

People tested HIV
positive and initiated
on treatment

408

TRIOs formed

70

TB patients identified and
initiated on treatment

59,154

People screened for TB



Health Impact Stories



I am an empowered 19-year-old residing in Madzvanya village. "I run a small business of selling reusable sanitary wear. My journey began in adversity where I faced difficulties accessing sanitary wear due to financial constraints. The cost of disposable pads, at one dollar per packet, was beyond the means of my family. In an effort to manage, I resorted to using worn-out clothes, socks, and even newspapers that was uncomfortable and a health risk. During my monthly cycle I would miss a lot of school because I feared staining my clothes. My life took a positive turn when I was enrolled into the Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) program at Waerera Secondary School in 2021. The program brought a wave of change, including action-packed skills training, notably basic sewing training aimed at addressing period poverty. Alongside 24 other girls in the AGYW group, I learned how to make reusable sanitary wear for personal use. As time went on, I expanded my efforts by making more reusable sanitary pads, to sell to fellow girls at my school and within the local communities. The AGYW program has truly been a catalyst for change in my life, and I am excited about the opportunities it has opened up for my future".

Chelsea Nyakudya (19) from Waerera, in Bindura district.



"In October 2022, life took an unexpected turn when I started experiencing symptoms of TB. At first, I didn't think much of it, but as the symptoms worsened, I began to wonder. When DAPP Field Officers conducted door-to-door screenings a month later I willingly participated and my sputum sample tested negative, bringing a sense of relief. However, the symptoms persisted, and that's when I decided to confide in a DAPP Field Officer. Recognizing the need for further investigation, Freedom referred me to Rusape General Hospital for X-ray tests, and to my surprise, DAPP covered all the associated costs. On December 29, 2022, the results confirmed TB, marking the beginning of my journey to recovery. With unwavering support, Freedom helped me form a treatment adherence support group, which included two family members. My family members were also tested and they were negative for TB. They were educated on how to manage my condition while maintaining their negative status. DAPP also provided vegetable seeds to my family and we established a backyard garden to improved health through nutritious vegetables. Fast forward to July 2023, and I'm proud to announce the completion of my TB treatment. My perseverance paid off, and I regained full fitness for household duties. I can't express enough gratitude to DAPP TC TB for guiding me through this challenging journey".

Luckmore Musa (42) from Headlands, in Makoni district.



Community Development Sector

Building capacity of families and communities to create a conducive environment for the children.

Introduction

DAPP's community development efforts strengthen the capacities of families and communities to take common actions to better the lives of children.

Our Child Aid initiatives champion children's rights and advocate for their access to necessities in a secure environment, fostering an environment where children can realize their full potential.

Zimbabwe continues to face various socio-economic challenges which are affecting the children especially those in marginalized communities. Serious public health threats facing adolescents today are drug and substance abuse and early teenage pregnancies (UNICEF 2022).

To tackle the difficulties encountered by children in our society, DAPP collaborates closely with the Government and other civil organizations to enhance social safety nets and household food security for children by implementing community development programs. Our Child Aid initiatives champion children's rights and advocate for their

access to necessities in a secure environment, fostering an environment where children can realize their full potential.

Our primary objective is to impart knowledge and establish sustainable community programs aimed at alleviating poverty, reducing teenage pregnancies, curbing drug and substance abuse, and preventing school dropouts in communities. Through our outreach programs, Village Action Groups, Youth programs, awareness campaigns, and internal lending and savings clubs, we aid vulnerable communities to increase their income and address prevalent social issues.



Child Aid Bindura/Shamva

The project worked with 2,000 families and 45 Youth with Disability organized in 80 Village Action Groups (VAGs).

The people in the project participated in various income-generating activities such as poultry rearing, fish farming, beekeeping, gardening to improve the economy of families. Families established 25 internal savings and lending (ISAL) clubs where they borrowed from the common fund to meet their financial needs, such as starting or expanding a small business, paying for education, or covering healthcare expenses.

The 45 Youth with Disability in the project were educated and empowered with skills to become advocates for inclusivity, equality, and respect for the rights of people with disabilities.

Moreover, the project with support from the Ministry of Health and Agritex facilitated eight cooking demonstrations to promote a 4-star diet, value addition and other nutritious traditional foods through the use of locally produced food. Households are encouraged to practice better hygiene and sanitation resulting in the construction of 66 sets of 3-tier

refuse pits in four wards.

As a way to deliver messages surrounding reproductive health, drug abuse and early child marriages, the project together with the Ministry of Youth organised sports and health social events where youth and children participated in and received lessons. Utilising the existing community structures and the involvement of other stakeholders has created a conducive environment where the children's rights are observed by the community including disability rights.



Community Development Impact Stories



"I am a breadwinner and a guardian to a one and half year-old child named Emmanuel whose mother died when he was just 2 weeks old and I also have four biological school going children. After taking the parental role of caring and providing for Emmanuel, I faced so many challenges since Emmanuel was always sick from malnutrition and he was underweighting because i had no money to buy supplementary milk for him. My life took a turn after joining DAPP Child Aid programme which firstly helped me with supplementary milk and porridge for the Emmanuel. DAPP further equipped me with skills on how best to provide and take care of all the children. I started unseasonal gardening for income and practising conservation farming for improved food and nutrition security. To date, Emmanuel is healthy and his weight has normalised. I am also now able to provide basic need to my children and they are all going to school. I would like to thank DAPP Child Aid for helping during my time of need.

Fadzai Gunyere and I stay in Jaji village Bindura south District.

Key Figures

2,023

families in the program

25

Savings and
Lendings
Clubs

80

Active Village Action
Groups

45

Youth with disabilities



821

children in
Preschools

483

active people in
the youth clubs



Humanitarian Action

Introduction

The people of Zimbabwe continue to face humanitarian challenges climate-induced shocks including floods and drought worsened by El Nino, economic instability, and disease outbreaks including typhoid, cholera and malaria. This has resulted in reduced crop harvests, access to clean and safe water, food insecurity and loss of livelihoods, (Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment Committee – ZimVac 2022). DAPP's approach – is to assist people uses the existing structures and sticking together to get back on their feet after a disaster.

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Cholera Response Program In Chimanimani District

Cholera continues to threaten public health, with the most vulnerable people at greater risk. Zimbabwe has been battling a cholera outbreak since 12 February 2023 with 15,571 cumulative cholera cases, 67 confirmed deaths and 280 suspected deaths have been reported from 57 out of 63 districts across the 10 provinces. (Unicef 2024).

In response to the escalating crisis, DAPP Zimbabwe complemented the Government's efforts by reaching 4,185 vulnerable households - approximately 20,925 in wards 2, 3 and 4 of Chimanimani district

with targeted Cholera response actions including cholera awareness, water and sanitation infrastructure rehabilitation, improving access to clean water and community strengthening.

The people including persons with disabilities of different age groups were supported to access clean water for domestic use through the provision of boreholes for clean water and essential supplies for cholera prevention (water purification tablets, field water quality monitoring kits, medical supplies).

Advocacy and a triggering exercise were carried out in

Mhandarume Ward 2 and Chakohwa Ward 3 has seen a growing interest in safer health practices. Local builders and Environmental Health Technicians supervised the construction of 2 demonstration uBVIPs latrines resulting in 15 latrines being replicated at household level.

Local health cadres, village action committees and community members took ownership of their own health through participating in training in health and hygiene practices, early detection and referral protocols of cases to fight Cholera at local level.



Humanitarian Impact Stories



"In Mhandarume Ward 2 and Chakohwa in 3, we faced major health risks due to the lack of proper sanitation facilities and widespread open defecation practices. Seeing our families constantly falling ill, we decided to take matters into our own hands and fight the spread of diseases. With support from DAPP, we participated in awareness raising campaigns about the hazards of open defecation and we worked together to construct and improve household latrines. Additionally, we installed tippy-taps outside the latrines to facilitate and promote regular handwashing, contributing to better hygiene practices. Our community underwent a positive transformation as a result of the advocacy and triggering exercises. With increased awareness of the dangers associated with open defecation, there was a growing interest and commitment among us to adopt safer health practices".

Serina Ndaramo (54) from Guhune in ward 4, Chimanimani District



"As an Environmental Health Technician (EHT) employed in Chimanimani district, I encountered a significant challenge in improving hygiene and sanitation practices within our local community. In response, DAPP initiated focused training programs involving 130 local leaders as part of their Cholera Response initiative. Equipped with new knowledge, these leaders effectively disseminated hygiene and sanitation messages within their communities. Taking a hands-on approach, they oversaw the construction of two uVIPs latrines, serving as models for replication in other households. Witnessing this move and benefits of such a structure, community members joined forces, pooling resources to build 15 latrines and renovated at the household level. This reflects a noteworthy change in community attitudes toward hygiene and sanitation, signaling the start of a healthier and more sanitary living environment".

Talkmore Mukundi an Environmental Health Technician



"As someone with a disability, the makeshift toilet arrangement at my home posed significant challenges for me. Previously, I resorted to relieving myself in the bush, unaware of the health risks it posed to myself and those around me. However, through education on improved health practices, I came to understand the dangers of spreading cholera in my community. With the support of DAPP and fellow community members, I now have a functional toilet. My neighbors helped me gather the necessary materials like bricks, pit sand, river sand, quarry stones, and enlisted a builder to construct the toilet. It's my earnest desire to see everyone in my village equipped with proper sanitation facilities, ensuring our collective safety from cholera," .

Stephen Diya from Muchakagara B, Village Ward 4

Advocacy

DAPP participated in the ICASA – International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa in Harare where we showcased and shared our tried and tested people-centred and community driven health programmes, which equip people with essential capacities to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS including TB in most affected communities.

Below are some of the feedback from the conference:

“The TCE people-centred approach is a trailblazer in HIV and TB response. The model is simple and we have seen it work in Makoni District. We recognize the power of grassroots communities to lead the fight to end AIDS & TB. Let us continue to work together to see better health outcomes for our people

– Director of AIDS & TB Programme in the Ministry of Health and Child Care Dr Owen Mugurungi



“The vital contribution of community-based organizations in the fight against HIV/AIDS is undeniable. HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE stands out in its transformative door-to-door initiatives that are delivering HIV services to underserved populations across Africa. These efforts not only provide access to much-needed healthcare but also empower communities and foster social change, making a significant impact in the on-going battle against the AIDS epidemic.”

– Former Minister of Health of Botswana Joy Phumaphi



“It is through enabling communities like those I met today that we will end HIV transmission and end AIDS as a public health threat. You light the way,”

-Winnie Byanyima UNAIDS Executive Director.



“Our work addresses the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution. We work with rural communities in the relentless grip of climate change to adapt and build resilience for the future”

- DAPP Zimbabwe Programs Director Ruth Makumbe



The Federation

We are DAPP Zimbabwe
We are members of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.

Our common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The Federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Together with the people in the communities and our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.

Good Governance

DAPP Zimbabwe is governed by an Executive Committee, which is elected by an Annual General meeting.

The Executive Committee is comprised of five Executive Committee members who have the responsibility to guide DAPP through its vision, organisational strategy, annual budgets, audited statements, policies and major programme interventions.

DAPP has had an average annual turnover of US\$2,500,000 over the past eight years and we have capacity to handle more than US\$5,000,000 based on our good finance track record and sound policies. We carry out annual independent audits in line with internationally accepted

accounting principles and internal guidelines.

DAPP is open to input from external assessors who conduct external evaluations for our various projects at various levels of implementation. In 2021, we had two external evaluations for two projects in the emergency and education sectors.

DAPP believes in synergies, to complement its implementation in various thematic areas and has signed memoranda of understanding with Bindura University of Science Education and Ministry of Health and Child Care for the Education and Health sectors respectively. Similarly, it ensured legal existence in all

districts where it works through signed agreements with local governments.

DAPP Zimbabwe is certified by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) NGO Benchmarking, a voluntary system measuring accountability to stakeholders and compliance with best practices, with an ongoing commitment to adhere to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and good governance.



Partnership in Development

DAPP Zimbabwe works with a diverse range of partners with whom we share the same social and human development objectives.

Partnerships are mutual: a partner may provide the funding needed for a project, while DAPP Zimbabwe provides solutions, because it is rooted in a given community, has tried and trusted project concepts ready, and

possesses the needed capacity. Partners include international, national and local governments, foundations, the private sector, multilateral agencies and international organisations.

Partnerships are key to our ability to create and maintain meaningful social and human development projects.

DAPP Zimbabwe maintains active collaboration with its

partners, through on-time delivery of both programmatic and financial reporting, through field visits or ongoing communication to exchange emerging challenges and lessons learned. We also offer good exposure to our partners through our website, social media and publications.

Sources of Funding

76% Humana People to People Partners

14% C-Quest Capital

2% For Women Foundation

5% GAIA USA

3% DERF/CISU

Total 100%

Expenditure of Funding

22% Health

54% Education

15% Community Development

9% Agriculture and Food Security

Total 100%

Agriculture	
U-landshjælpfra Folk til Folk, Norge Miljö- ochBistandsföreningen Humana Sverige Ulandshjælpfra Folk til Folk -Humana People to People, Denmark Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania UFF Finland Humana Second Hand Fundraising Projects, Lithuania HUMANA d.o.o. Slovenia DAPP UK	
External Partners	
Sign of Hope, Germany Canada Funds for Local Initiatives Faellseje	
Others	
Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry Government of Zimbabwe Command Agriculture	
Health	
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External Partners	
US Embassy	
Others	
Ministry of Health and Child Care Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare National AIDS Council	
Education	
Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania UFF Finland HUMANA d.o.o. Slovenia Miljö- ochBistandsföreningen Humana Sverige U-landshjælpfra Folk til Folk, Norge Planet Aid, Inc. USA Humana People to People Deutschland Humana Second Hand Fundraising Projects	
External Partners	
VET ToolBox- Co-funded by the European Union and the German Cooperation Higher Life Foundation National Foods Bakers Inn National Tested seeds Moonlight Funeral group	
Others	
Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Development Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation Ministry of Home Affairs and Culture Ministry of Local Government Public Works and National Housing	
Community Development	
Humana Second Hand Fundraising Projects, Lithuani	
External Partners	
Fælleseje Leonard Cheshire Disability Zimbabwe Angel of Hope Foundation Grain of Peace	
Others	
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