



Zimbabwe

Water Harvesting

Location

Muzarabani, Zimbabwe

Partner Church

Methodist Church in Zimbabwe

The Situation

Muzarabani has a population of 111,000, most of whom are peasant farmers. The land is flat, isolated and has a very low rainfall. Underground water is contaminated by salination and is not suitable for human consumption.

The consumption of unsafe water in the community has caused many people to fall ill with water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. In addition to this women are forced to spend many hours a day fetching safe drinking water. This has resulted in insufficient food production as their time is occupied by water collection.

The Project

The project addresses the need for a safe and accessible water supply through the installation of water tanks. The local people, especially women, are trained in tank construction and build the tanks themselves. Brick making moulds enable each community to make their own bricks. The tanks are managed and maintained by each household, and training in water management is provided. There is also leadership training and training in disaster management for times of flood.

Achievements

Since the project began more than 600 tanks have been constructed, a training workshop has been held for local builders and community training in water management and water tank maintenance has been provided.

The project has also provided the community with equipment such as brick moulds, wheelbarrows and concrete to enable the construction of the water facilities.





The Future

The project has recently recommenced after political instability forced it to be suspended in 2008. In 2009, two workshops will be held to train local builders in tank construction and two water management workshops will also be held to educate the community.

Get Involved

We invite you to get involved with the project by supporting the work financially, praying for the success of the project and receiving regular updates.



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