



# 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 assist in building 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 or other emergency.

### Achievements

Since the project began, several hundred tanks have been constructed in six villages and training workshops have 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

Construction and maintenance workshops will continue to train and develop local leaders and community members, along with maintenance of already built water systems.

### 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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