



Zimbabwe

Community Livelihood and HIV/AIDS

Location

Gutsa-Warambwa, Zimbabwe

Partner Church

The Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA) of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe

The Situation

Gutsa-Warambwa lies in the Mashonaland Central Province of Zimbabwe. It is a hot and arid area in the country's north. This area is particularly underdeveloped, having experienced the country's economic depression and political instability as well as HIV/AIDS and cholera epidemics.

Estimates from the United Nations indicate that Zimbabwe has the one of the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence in the world, at 15.3 per cent of the population (approximately 1.3 million people), the majority of whom are women.

Maternal health is poor within the Gutsa-Warambwa village area, and there are approximately 350 orphans and 45 vulnerable families, most headed by females. Women are generally disadvantaged, and often are unable

to access education and health care services.

The Project

UnitingWorld is working in partnership with the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and their development arm, the Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA) to address the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and teach vocational skills that can be used to generate a source of income. This income can be used to access health care, education and other vital services.

The Community Livelihood initiative involves providing the initial funding, essential materials and skills training for income generating projects. These include carpentry workshops, sewing, bee-keeping and piggery. These projects will provide a source of stable income and employment opportunities for the present and future generations in Warambwa and surrounding villages.

School fees, uniforms and stationary supplies will be provided for orphaned children, allowing them to stay in their communities and attend school, which will enhance future employment prospects.

The community awareness component of this project aims to increase awareness of the effects of HIV/AIDS,





children's rights to safety and education, and the importance of environmental sustainability.

Achievements

In the first several months of the project the sewing and carpentry groups made a profit and were able to pay the school fees of five orphans.

The piggery project saw the birth of two litters of piglets, which will be fattened and sold for a profit. The bee keeping group has constructed hives and is in discussion with a local hospital about supplying them with honey in the future.

The Future

This project will continue to support community led livelihood initiatives supporting orphans at the village level. People will be financially empowered through laying the foundations of and providing training for income generating livelihood projects.

As this project continues to expand, household income levels will increase while morbidity, children dropping out of school, gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS rates decrease in the Gutsa-ambwa village area.

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.

Contact UnitingWorld

Address: PO Box A2266
Sydney South
NSW 1235

Phone: +61 2 8267 4267

Web: www.unitingworld.org.au

Email: info@unitingworld.org.au



Yes, I'd like to help support the **Community Livelihood and HIV/AIDS project in Gutsa-Warambwa, Zimbabwe.**

I would like to make a one off gift of:

\$40 \$80 \$200 \$500 Other \$ _____

Donor ID (if existing) _____

Mr / Ms / Mrs / Miss / Dr / Rev (Please circle)

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Daytime Telephone () _____

Email _____

Should the funds raised exceed the amount required to meet the needs of the Zimbabwe Community Livelihood and HIV/AIDS project, UnitingWorld will use the excess funds to support similar projects.

Payment Details

Please find enclosed my cheque made payable to UnitingWorld
OR Please debit my MasterCard Visa

Card Number

Expiry date (MM/YY) / Total Amount \$ _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Please send me information about leaving a Bequest to UnitingWorld

Gifts of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

UnitingWorld does not sell, exchange or otherwise distribute any type of donor information for solicitation or marketing purposes.

To donate complete this form and return by mail, call us on 1800 998 122, or visit www.unitingworld.org.au

