

Development Aid from People to People Zimbabwe

Annual Progress Report 2025



About Us

Development Aid from People to People Zimbabwe is a locally registered Private Voluntary Organization (PVO 22/80) that has been dedicated to social development in Zimbabwe since its registration in June 1980.

For over 45 years, DAPP's focus has been complementing the Zimbabwean Government's efforts through implementing short and long-term projects across the sectors of (1) Education, (2) Health, (3) Agriculture, (4) Community Development and (5) Emergencies.

Our programs are aligned with national strategies and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At the center of our approach is the philosophy that people come first. This philosophy leads us directly into the communities we serve, where we not only work but also live, allowing us to identify problems and collaboratively find solutions. We believe that only the people can liberate themselves with the help of locally available resources, indigenous knowledge and hardwork.

With a total of 167 staff members and 511 volunteers in 2025, we implemented 14 projects across 12 Districts across and five provinces.

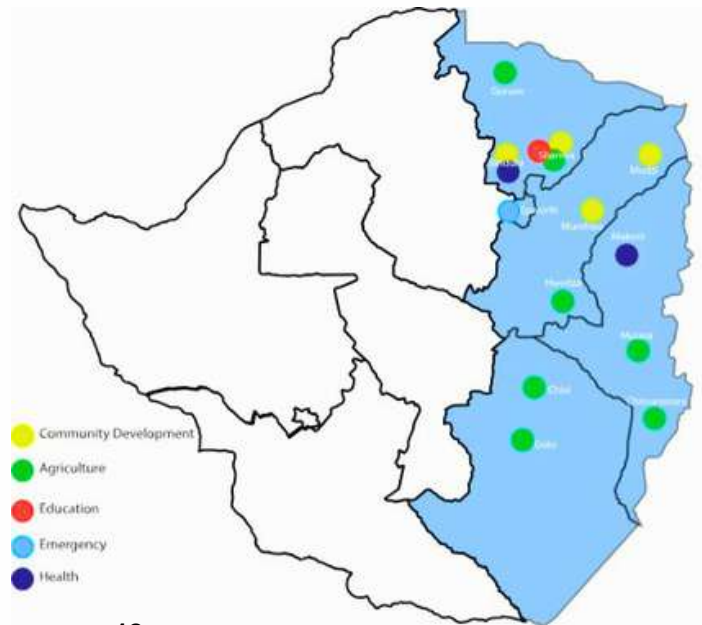
With all our projects, we reached a total of 789,549 people, of whom 470,781 were girls and women.

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.



555,548
people reached



14
Projects Units



12
Districts



5
Provinces



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

Our health philosophy is rooted in the belief that positive health outcomes begin with the people and how they live their lives. Through our Passion for People Movement, we empower individuals to take ownership of their health, driving progress towards SDG 3.3 end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030.

Our flagship initiatives, HOPE and the Total Control of Tuberculosis (TCTB), complements national efforts to decentralize health services and promote community ownership in disease prevention and management.

In 2025, we had two health project namely HOPE, located in Bindura District, Mashonaland Central and the Total Control of Tuberculosis project in Makoni District, Manicaland province which focused on promoting access to HIV, TB treatment care and support services.

We do not work in isolation but we work with professional health practitioners to deliver services directly to communities, reaching individuals in hard-to-reach areas.

Our services extends to TB screening, promotion of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision and condom distribution; all key interventions highlighted in Zimbabwe's national HIV and TB strategic frameworks.

We also supported with garden seed to establish backyard nutritional gardens for improved nutrition.



5,211
Farmers enrolled in the Farmers' Clubs



2,981
Households with food security



2,177
Farmers involved in Internal Savings and Lendings

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

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

Climate change is severely impacting agriculture in Zimbabwe with rising temperatures, prolonged dry spells and erratic rainfall increasingly threatening rain-fed production.

In response, we use the Farmers' Clubs Model which focuses on enhancing the resilience of smallholder farmers to adopt sustainable and climate-smart farming practices. Our work is aligned with Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 1 and United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

Our approach is simple, we collaborate with stakeholders in the agriculture sector to build the capacity and strengthen the skills of smallholder farmers for improved production.

Beyond farming techniques, we promote alternative livelihoods which include small livestock production, horticulture, Internal Savings and Lending, and value addition.

In 2025, we worked with 5,211 smallholder farmers across five districts; Chivi, Chimanimani, Gutu, Hwedza and Mutasa in Mashonaland Central, Manicaland and Masvingo provinces alongside the Communal to Commercial project in Guruve District.



102,566
People reached with HIV/TB information



166
TRIO Groups supported



2,636
Active youths and children in the programs

EDUCATION

Promoting education as a human right.

Education remain central to Zimbabwe's national development agenda and to achieving an upper-middle-income economy by 2030. In line with the Zimbabwe's NDS1, which identifies human capital development as a driver of inclusive economic transformation, we strengthen technical and vocational skills that support industrialization, employment creation and productivity.

Our vocational skills training college follows the principles of Zimbabwe's Education 5.0, designed to shift higher education from theoretical learning to practical, problem-solving and outcome-focused education.

We support marginalized youth and those in challenging circumstances, while empowering girls, women and persons with disabilities through vocational training, including both formal education and short skills development courses.

Through the Humana People to People pedagogy integrated with Zimbabwe's curriculum, learners actively participate in school management and community initiatives, building leadership, problem-solving and green skills.

In 2025, the two schools, Ponesai Vanhu Technical College and Frontline Institute enrolled a total of 811 students in various intakes in 2025.



811
total students
enrolled



239
graduates from
Frontline Institute



324
graduates from Ponesai
Vanhu Technical College

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

Our approach to community development is grounded in the belief that real and lasting change occurs when people work together, using their local knowledge, resources and skills to improve their lives.

Through our community development projects known as Child Aid, we bring people together to solve challenges and create solutions that work for them. Communities also build social safety nets to support vulnerable children.

We work closely with local leaders and residents to form Village Action Groups, Youth and Sports Clubs. Where structures exist, we strengthen the already existing structures and in this way, we create sustainable structures, enable safe spaces for dialogue, shared learning and joint decision-making.

Our project works with families to strengthen their food security and household incomes through a range of livelihood activities.

In 2025, we implemented three Child Aid projects namely; Child Aid Bindura Shamva, Ponesai Vanhu Children's Home and the Child Aid Disability Project.



1,340
Families enrolled
in the projects



76
Village Action
Groups



42
Children enrolled at
the Children's Home

EMERGENCIES

Zimbabwe continues to face severe humanitarian challenges driven by climate-induced shocks, Cyclone-linked extremes and El-Nino-exacerbated droughts causing cascading impacts on food systems, water resources and livelihoods. In 2025, the prolonged El-Nino drought ravaged much of the country's rain-fed agriculture reducing crop harvests and contributing to widespread hunger and food insecurity.

It is from this background that DAPP Zimbabwe initiated the Humanitarian Action to Mitigate the Effects of El Niño Induced Drought (HAMED) project in Epworth District, prioritizing food security and climate-resilient WASH services.

Running from March to September 2025, the project supported 1,586 people with multi-purpose mobile cash transfers of USD \$13.00 per person, with a maximum of five people per household eligible each month for four months.

At the same time, the project equipped and solarised eight boreholes across seven wards, improving reliable access to clean water for more than 12,000 people. The upgraded water-points were officially commissioned by the Minister of State for Harare Metropolitan Provincial Affairs and Devolution Honourable Senator Charles Tawengwa.





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 Partnership in Development possesses the needed capacity.

Partners include international, national and local governments, foundations, the private sector, multilateral agencies and international organizations. 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 programme and financial reports, 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.

THE FEDERATION (HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE)

We are a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It comprises 30 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.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

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- 79% Humana People to People Partners
- 7% GAIA Movement USA
- 3% Leonard Cheshire Disability Zimbabwe
- 10% Civil Society in Development and DERF
- 1% OAK Foundation

Total 100%

GOOD GOVERNANCE

DAPP Zimbabwe is governed by an Executive Committee, elected through an Annual General meeting. The Executive Committee is comprised of five Executive Committee members who have the responsibility to guide DAPP through its vision, organizational strategy, annual budgets, audited statements, policies and major programme interventions.

We are certified through an external audit by ACPO SA of Switzerland, for governance policies and procedures and the implementation thereof, using the NGO Governance Benchmark by NGO Governance Standards SA of Geneva, Switzerland.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING

- 11% Health
- 47% Education
- 4% Community Development
- 31% Agriculture
- 7% Emergency

Total 100%



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