

A smiling woman wearing a wide-brimmed sun hat and a pink sleeveless top is holding a young tree sapling. She is in a nursery setting with many other saplings in the background. The image is bright and sunny, with shadows cast on her clothing and the ground.

**DAPP**  
ZIMBABWE

# Development Aid from People to People

Progress Report 2024

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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.**

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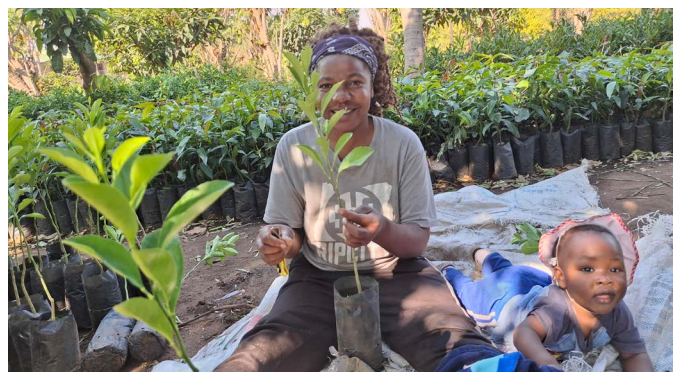
## About DAPP Zimbabwe

Development Aid from People to People in Zimbabwe (DAPP) is a Private Voluntary Organization registered in Zimbabwe in June 1980 under the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, with registration number PVO 22/80. As a member of the Humana People to People Federation, we are part of a global network of 29 organizations united by a shared mission; to improve lives for the people in challenging communities and regions.

Over the past 44 years, DAPP has complemented the government of Zimbabwe's efforts by implementing development projects in five thematic areas: Agriculture, Health, Education, Community Development and Emergencies. Our approach empowers individuals and communities to drive their own development, fostering inclusive participation.

We do not work in isolation but we adopt a collaborative approach, working closely with the public and private sectors, farmers, their families and relevant government ministries. By prioritizing inclusive participation and community input, we tailor our projects to address specific challenges and aspirations, ensuring contextually relevant and effective solutions.

In 2024, we successfully implemented 13 development projects across eight districts in three provinces: Mashonaland Central, Manicaland, and Masvingo. These projects, spanning Bindura, Chivi, Chimanimani, Guruve, Gutu, Makoni, Mutasa and Shamva districts, demonstrate the impact of our core values, objectives and mission. Our guiding principles are rooted in the long-term support of local and international partnerships, which have collectively driven positive change and meaningful progress in Zimbabwean communities.





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Thematic Areas

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Project Units



258,000

People Reached

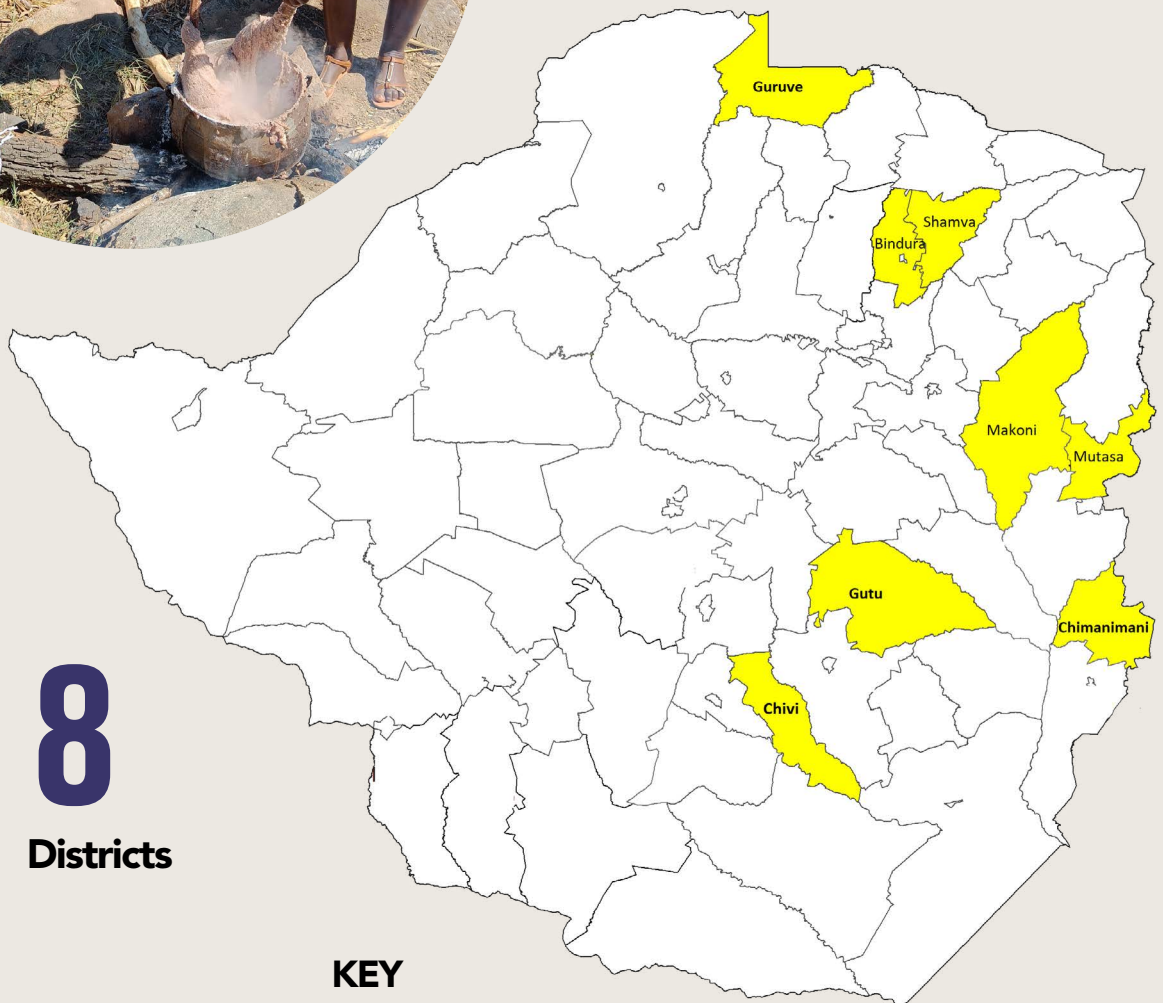


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Provinces

8

Districts



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DAPP ZIMBABWE  
OPERATIONAL AREA



## Chairman's Welcome

**Dear friends, partners, colleagues, and staff,**

**I am delighted to welcome you to our 2024 annual report, a testament to our collective efforts in driving positive change in Zimbabwe.** This year marks a significant milestone, as we celebrate 44 years of working together with the government and the people of Zimbabwe.

With our collective efforts we impacted 258,000 individuals through our five thematic areas of social development – (1) Health, (2) Agriculture, (3) Education, (4) Community Development, and (5) Emergencies. We have witnessed impactful, life changing development amongst, women, children, people with disabilities, youth, and men. Our vision remains clear: to see a loving, caring and responsible society where all people live a health and dignified life.

We remain committed to supporting the government's initiatives and policies in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. We stand steadfast to address the effects of global warming and climate change through innovative Farmers' Clubs and the Communal to Commercial Farmers models, boosting agricultural production, household incomes and food security.

Our people-to-people philosophy continues to guide us to put the people at the centre of their



life changing processes. We build on community participation and networks to overcome barriers in the communities where we work. Our Health, Community Development and Emergency response activities have demonstrated remarkable results reaching individuals with specific services.

As you read through this report, you will hear the people's voices, the people's life changing stories, the people celebrating their victories and how they have been part of the process in changing their own lives through the support from stakeholders, partners and indeed the committed DAPP Staff.

Enjoy your reading

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Mutizira".

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

# Zimbabwe's rural communities rely heavily on smallholder farmers, who face a number of challenges, including climate change, limited market access and resource scarcity.

Climate-related shocks, such as the 2023/24 El Niño-induced drought which affected Southern Africa, had devastating effects, causing widespread crop failure, water depletion and pasture degradation, as reported in the 2024 ZimLAC Rural Livelihoods Assessment Report and the Ministry of Lands' 2024 report.

**The drought left most smallholder farmers and their families food insecure.**

**DAPP Zimbabwe supports smallholder farmers and their families in building resilience against climate shocks, aligned with Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 1 and Sustainable Development Goals, including Zero Hunger by 2030.**

Commercial Farmer models, we work together with smallholder farmers and women. We believe that with adequate support, capacity building and access to appropriate technologies, rural communities can effectively manage the effects of adverse weather conditions.

Our flagship farmers programmes, Farmers' Clubs and From Communal to Commercial, complements the government's efforts to enhance household food, nutrition and income security through climate-resilient agriculture practices. By organizing smallholder farmers into groups, we equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge they require to enhance their livelihoods. This approach promotes youth and women's economic empowerment, contributes to food security and climate resilience aligning with Zimbabwe's Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy. In 2024, we made significant strides in improving the livelihoods of 4,622 smallholder farmers in seven districts: Chivi, Chimanimani, Gutu, Guruve, Makoni, Mutasa and Shamva.





# Farmers' Clubs Chivi

## **Farmers' Clubs Chivi worked with 1,500 smallholder farmers to promote resilience in agriculture and small livestock production.**

Partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture, the project empowered farmers to adopt climate-smart practices in the face of El Niño-induced drought. With AGRITEX, the project facilitated training on conservation farming, focusing on potholing, mulching and crop rotation.

Farmers benefited from 30 demonstration plots, which served as hands-on learning spaces. Twelve community gardens generated income for farmers, supplementing household needs. Women empowered themselves through garden farming, acquiring new skills that contributed to their household income and decision-making power.

Training in food processing and value addition enabled smallholder farmers to boost their household income and enhance the market

value of their produce. To tackle water shortages, Farmers' Clubs Chivi rehabilitated 19 boreholes, improving access to clean water for over 15,000 families.

During the planting season, smallholder farmers applied organic manure, promoting biodiversity, soil fertility and water retention. The project promoted economic empowerment among 420 smallholder farmers through Internal Savings and Lending groups, in partnership with the Ministry of Women Affairs.

The project distributed 600 chickens to 30 Farmers' Clubs, enabling members to engage in poultry production and generate income. Collaborating with the Forestry Commission, farmers received training in afforestation, leading to the successful planting of 2,200 fruit trees and 110 grafted lemon and orange trees.





# Farmers' Clubs Chimanimani

**Climate change poses a significant threat to Chimanimani district in eastern Zimbabwe, where cyclone-induced flooding, droughts, and landslides have severely impacted smallholder farming and food availability, disproportionately affecting vulnerable residents.**

To address this challenge, DAPP launched the Farmers' Clubs Chimanimani project in July 2024, targeting 1,000 farmers in Wards 13 and 21. The project aims to enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers to climate shocks through improved agricultural activities, income generation, and livestock production.

In collaboration with the Ministry of

Agriculture, the project provides training in conservation agriculture and livestock management, emphasizing techniques such as potholing, mulching, and crop rotation. Additionally, the project promotes disaster preparedness, financial resilience, and environmentally friendly practices.

Through this initiative, all 1,000 farmers have successfully implemented conservation agriculture practices, and the project has established vetiver grass nurseries to combat soil erosion and maintained 280 fuel-efficient stoves, reducing deforestation.





# Farmers' Clubs Gutu

**Farmers' Clubs Gutu worked with 1,000 farmers from wards 8, 9 and 37 promoting conservation farming, income generation, small livestock production and climate resilience.**

Despite severe dry spells and droughts, farmers adopted innovative climate-smart techniques, such as potholing, mulching, intercropping and crop rotation, to enhance productivity and build resilience.

The project aligned with the Government of Zimbabwe's conservation farming initiative, Pfumvudza and conducted capacity-building workshops on climate change adaptation, Climate Smart Agriculture and agro-forestry. Farmers were encouraged to adopt diversified farming practices, maintaining at least six crops in their individual gardens, improving nutritional intake and increasing income.

In collaboration with AGRITEX, the project implemented comprehensive training sessions, equipping farmers with essential skills in conservation farming, pre- and post-harvest

management and integrated pest control. To enhance water security, the project empowered 840 farmers with water harvesting techniques and supported the planting of vertiver grass, reducing soil erosion and promoting sustainable land management.

Following training on financial literacy and market linkages, farmers expanded their market reach, gaining access to larger markets and fostering economic growth. Small livestock production initiatives enabled 907 farmers to diversify their livestock portfolios, enhancing income streams and promoting agricultural resilience. A total of 303 farmers participated in income-generating projects, enhancing food security and providing a stable source of income.

The project also organized community cleaning campaigns, maintained water points and planted 1,603 fruit trees, contributing to reforestation, biodiversity conservation, and eco-friendly agricultural practices.





# Farmers' Clubs Mutasa

**Farmers' Clubs Mutasa worked with 750 smallholder farmers from 20 organized clubs, focusing on climate-resilient agriculture, sustainable livelihoods and enhanced livestock productivity.** The project maintained a model centre at Kukwanisa Climate Centre, which served as a hub for training, demonstrations and knowledge-sharing.

Despite adverse weather conditions, farmers showcased resilience by adapting to the challenging climate and successfully planting field crops. In alignment with the Government's Pfumvudza initiative, 693 farmers underwent training in conservation farming, enhancing their skills and knowledge in sustainable agricultural practices. The farmers adopted conservation farming techniques, including intercropping, potholing and mulching, resulting in enhanced crop yields.

In collaboration with the Department of Livestock and Veterinary Services, the project promoted small livestock production, benefiting 750 farmers. This included 75 farmers who engaged in rabbit farming, 148 farmers who took up fish farming and 525 farmers who focused on indigenous chicken farming.

Through participation in Internal Savings and Lending initiatives, farmers were empowered to diversify their income streams, enhancing their financial resilience and stability. This led to improved livelihoods, increased economic opportunities and a reduced reliance on single income sources.





# From Communal to Commercial Farmer Siyalima (C To C)

**In Guruve District, Mashonaland Central Province, families face the harsh realities of climate change, resulting in widespread food and nutrition insecurity.** In response, the C to C Project was launched in January 2019 to empower 157 resettled communal farmers to shift from subsistence to semi-commercial farming practices, contributing to Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1) goals.

The project works closely with the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement to create a replicable model. Farmers are organized into groups, engaging in diversified agricultural and small livestock production activities. Each family has 5 hectares of land for commercial farming and 0.5 hectares for subsistence and family

consumption needs.

The project employs a transformative methodology, shifting farmers' mindsets from traditional communal practices to commercial farming approaches through comprehensive training programmes, on-farm demonstrations and strategic partnerships. Throughout the cropping season, the project provided critical support to farmers, including planting guidance, fertilizer application and crop management best practices ultimately improving their crop yields and overall well-being.

Seventy-eight farmers successfully harnessed digital technology, transitioning their social media accounts to business mode and increasing sales. The project also emphasized high-value

crops such as, sunflower, and soybeans, helping farmers manage risk in challenging climates..

The scheme had a transformative impact on surrounding communities, generating employment opportunities and catalyzing a shift towards farming as a viable business venture. As a result, farmers have transitioned to commercial production, leading to increased economic stability and asset ownership, including vehicles, hammer mills and residential properties. Moreover, mixed farming has emerged as a cornerstone of local agricultural practice, integrating crop and livestock production with other entrepreneurial pursuits, fostering a culture of diversified and sustainable agriculture.





# Cook Stoves Project

**The Cook Stoves Project, launched in February 2022, aimed to promote sustainable cooking practices and reduce firewood consumption in rural Zimbabwe.** Initially, 2,000 cook stoves were established in Mutasa District, and following the pilot's success, the project expanded to 60,000 cook stoves across Mutasa, Makoni, and Chimanimani Districts by December 2022. An additional 30,000 cook stoves were constructed in Masvingo Province in March 2023.

In 2024, the project focused on maintaining and repairing existing cook stoves, engaging and training

community leaders and volunteers and promoting climate change mitigation. To achieve this, 210 local leaders were trained, who in turn mobilized 27,000 households to participate in the project, with 26,000 committing to continued use of the cook stoves.

To ensure sustainability, 28 Community Volunteers were trained in data collection, stove maintenance and repairs. With support from Field Officers, the volunteers surveyed 10,277 households, revealing that 60% of households had sustained use of the cook stoves for over 12 months, while 40% faced challenges. Households molded

250,000 bricks to repair and reconstruct damaged stoves, resulting in the rebuilding of 7,500 stoves and the repair of 16,000 stoves.

The project also registered 26,000 stoves, verifying continued use through household visits, questionnaires and QR code scans. Although activities ended in June 2024 due to funding constraints, the project made significant progress in community mobilization, training and stove maintenance, ultimately enhancing climate change mitigation capacities of rural communities.





## Key Results

# 3,800

Farmers applying  
conservation farming



# 4,662

Smallholder Farmers

# 5

Farmers'  
clubs



# 5

Districts



# 3,220

Farmers involved in small  
livestock production



# Impact Stories



**"As a 55-year-old subsistence farmer, I struggled to support my growing family amidst climate change and rising expenses. However, after receiving training in climate smart farming, entrepreneurship and small livestock production from DAPP Farmers' Clubs Chivi project, my life changed. With a capital of USD \$96, I started broiler production business in January 2024. Applying the skills I learned, I achieved a low mortality rate and successfully marketed my products. My first batch of 25 broilers generated a profit of USD \$72. Encouraged by this success, I expanded my business, increasing my batches to 50 broilers and exploring new marketing strategies. Today, my monthly income has increased by 400%, from \$30 to \$120, enabling me to support my family, invest in my children's education and grow my business. Broiler production has transformed my life and income, providing a sustainable and profitable livelihood.**

Mercury Moyo, (55) from Chivi District, Manicaland province



**"My name is Cephas Hamandishe and I am father of three school-going children from Hamandishe Village in Gutu district. I am a smallholder farmer. In 2017, I fell ill and was left financially drained. Providing for my family was a struggle. We often went hungry and my children were sent home from school due to unpaid fees. In 2022, I joined DAPP Farmers' Club Gutu and received training in climate-smart agriculture, Internal Savings and Lending, small livestock production and income-generating projects. With newfound hope, I rebuilt my garden and planted 1,000 covo and 400 tomato plants. With guidance from DAPP and Agritex officers, I achieved significant financial success. By October 2022, I had earned USD\$546 from covo sales and USD\$398 from tomato sales. Combining these earnings with \$230 from Internal Savings and Lending profits, in 2023, I drilled a USD\$1,000 solarized borehole with a 1,000-liter tank, securing a reliable source of water for my farming activities. To further diversify my income streams, in 2024 November, I built a 10x5 meter fish pond and filled it with 1,000 tilapia bream fish. From the fish farming, I hope to increase my income. For now I am happy that my family is food secure and I can send my children to school with all the required educational materials".**

Cephas Hamandishe, (44) from Hamandishe Village, Gutu district,





# Health

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



## Introduction

**Over the past two and half years, the colliding AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics along with economic and humanitarian crises have placed the global HIV response under increasing threat (UNAIDS Global AIDS Update 2022).**

This achievement underscores the country's commitment to combating the HIV epidemic and improving citizens' health and well-being.

**Our Passion for People Movement empowers individuals and communities to take ownership of their health, driving progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 (UNDP) end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030.**

Our flagship health programmes, HOPE Bindura and Total Control of TB (TC TB) Makoni, promote access to HIV and TB treatment, care and support services. Our community-based health projects collaborate with local

structures to promote access to treatment, encourage health-seeking behavior and community participation in raising awareness.

We establish support networks, such as Treatment Buddies System (TRIOS) to support people living with HIV and TB. In 2024, our health-focused projects reached 115,000 individuals in Bindura and Makoni districts, Zimbabwe, providing critical interventions and education on HIV, TB, sexual health, hygiene, and sanitation.





## HOPE Bindura

HIV and AIDS continue to pose significant public health challenges worldwide, with 38 million people living with HIV globally (WHO 2022). In Zimbabwe, approximately 1.3 million individuals are living with HIV (UNAIDS), with over 10% of those infected under the age of 19 (UNICEF 2022). Vulnerable populations such as adolescent girls, young women, sex workers and truck drivers face high risks of HIV transmission due to socio-economic and behavioral factors.

Since 1998, the HOPE Bindura project has addressed health-related challenges posed by HIV/AIDS and TB in Bindura urban and rural District, Mashonaland Central Province. Through a people-centred approach, the project empowers individuals to take charge of their health, make informed choices and foster resilience and dignity.

In 2024, the project disseminated HIV-related information to 32, 000 individuals, prompting 808 to undergo HIV testing. The project also traced and tested 23 contact partners, linking 16 to preventive service and established 282 Tripartite Buddy Systems to enhance adherence and nutrition support. To promote safer sexual practices, 17,000 condoms were distributed.

The project conducted awareness campaigns addressing Gender-Based Violence and substance abuse, promoting healthy behavioral change, particularly among vulnerable populations. Outreach efforts mobilized 42 boys for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision, while skills-building initiatives empowered 207 adolescent girls and young women with training in basic sewing skills and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education.





## TOTAL CONTROL OF TB (TC TB MAKONI)

**Globally, Tuberculosis (TB) remains a pressing health concern, ranking as the ninth leading cause of death worldwide, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).**

Despite Zimbabwe's progress in combating TB and achieving the 95-95-95 UNAIDS target, TB continues to pose a substantial threat to public health, necessitating sustained efforts to eradicate it., the disease continues to pose a substantial threat to public health, necessitating sustained efforts to eradicate it.

The TC TB Makoni project, places people at the centre of their own health and empowering individuals in the fight against TB and HIV. This approach aligns with the National TB Strategic Plan (2021-2025), which focuses on TB reduction ultimately contributing to the global goal of ending TB by 2030.

By prioritizing community-led interventions, the project reached 82,000 individuals with TB/HIV knowledge, leading to 78,000 people undergoing TB screenings and identifying 42 TB cases, including 25 co-infections with HIV. The project provided comprehensive support to co-infected individuals, encompassing antiretroviral therapy and TB treatment.

Through a collaborative approach, the project harnessed the collective efforts of local leaders, community volunteers, and extension officers to fight TB and HIV. By providing widespread access to information, screening, and treatment, the project helped reduce stigma and discrimination against those affected. TC TB believes that yes! We can end TB by 2030.





## Key Results

# 113,970

people reached

# 70,000

people screened  
for TB



# 341

Trios Formed

# 35

HIV positive patients  
initiated on treatment

# 39,000

condoms distributed

# 44

TB patients initiated on  
treatment

# 1,381

people tested for HIV





# Impact Stories



**"I am a 49-year-old woman from Makoni district. In 2024 March, I started experiencing chest pains, prolonged cough and loss of appetite, which left me weak and struggling to perform my daily tasks. One day DAPP, Field Officer visited my homestead and took time to educate me about TB, screening and addressing my initial hesitation to provide a sputum sample. The Field Officer's counseling and explanations helped me understand the importance of TB testing and my sputum was collected for testing. After receiving a TB-positive diagnosis, I initiated treatment in June 2024. The Field Officer also helped me to form a support system, known as a TRIO, with two people of my choice to ensure I adhered to my medication regimen. Additionally, the Field Officer helped me establish a backyard nutrition garden to support my nutrition intake. Today, I have fully recovered and I have regained my strength and am now able to work on my field providing for my family. I am grateful for DAPP's guidance and assistance throughout my recovery journey."**

Defini Roberty (49) from Makoni District



**"My name is Jackson Sibanda, and I'm 30 years old from Trojan area in Bindura. After graduating with a diploma in Commercial Designing, I struggled to find employment and turned to illegal gold mining. The harsh conditions led me to substance abuse, starting with marijuana and alcohol, and escalating to other drugs like broncyllyn and crystal meth. This habit affected my mental capacity, causing violent behavior and loss of self-respect. Fortunately, in January 2024, I met a HOPE Bindura Volunteer who introduced me to the HOPE Youth Communication Centre. The center provided counseling, rehabilitation and education on the dangers of drug abuse. Inspired, I began visiting the center daily, pursuing my passions for art and design. I became a volunteer/peer educator in March 2024, sharing my story and advocating for a drug-free community. With HOPE's support, I overcame my addiction by May 2024. Today, I'm proud to be drug-free and earning a living through my art and barbing skills".**

Jackson Sibanda (30) from Trojan area in Bindura



# Education



Promoting education as a human right.



## Introduction

# Education is the cornerstone of development and the foundation for a brighter future, especially for young people.

However, access to education remains a significant challenge, with poverty and disability being major barriers.

**At DAPP, we believe that education has the transformative power to break cycles of poverty, illiteracy, disease, climate shocks and inequality.**

Through our three educational institutions, we empower over 1,000 students with skills required for survival, from Early Childhood Development to tertiary level. Our education programmes align with the Government of Zimbabwe Education Model 5.0, which emphasizes education, skills development,

entrepreneurship and innovation for national development and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Furthermore, our vocational skills training programmes provides opportunities for young people, including adolescent girls, young women and persons living with disabilities, to access education and create a livelihood for themselves and their families.

Our three schools enrolled 692 students in various intakes throughout 2024. Student's participated in academic, social and development activities according to their age ad enrollment purpose and were in line with the purpose of each institution.

The schools successfully sustained income-generating projects in poultry and gardening, while the climate adaptation centres at Frontline Institute and Ponesai Vanhu Technical College provided surrounding communities with training on low-cost technologies, enhancing their ability to produce and have access food.





## Frontline Institute

The world faces numerous global challenges, including climate change, extreme poverty, diseases, and food insecurity, which threaten human dignity and well-being. Humana People to People acknowledges the transformative power of empowering individuals to drive community-driven development and sustainable progress. Established in 1993, Frontline Institute in Shamva district, Mashonaland Central, serves as a global training hub, delivering innovative programmes to Humana People to People staff worldwide.

Through hands-on training, participants gain a deep understanding of community dynamics, learning to identify challenges and design effective solutions. Ultimately, students emerge as catalysts for change, equipped to drive sustainable development and restore human dignity.

In 2024, Frontline Institute conducted a graduation ceremony for 207 change makers from the Humana People to People World programme, Open Future Together and Humana People to People Leadership Course. Practical training in sustainable farming, water harvesting and organic food production enabled the school to achieve 90% food self-sufficiency.

Community-led initiatives resulted in the planting of 10,000 trees, construction of sanitation facilities and implementation of health and climate awareness campaigns, benefiting 15,000 families. The Long Distance Trick Cycling training programme provided students with a transformative experience in less privileged communities across Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, and Mozambique, broadening their understanding of local challenges and opportunities.





## Ponesai Vanhu Technical College

**Zimbabwe's youth face numerous challenges, including unemployment, inaccessible education, and child marriages, which threaten their future prospects.** The mismatch between academic training and industry expectations exacerbates the issue, leading to problems like drug abuse, violence and crime. With 61% of its citizens under 25, Zimbabwe's young population is particularly vulnerable.

Established in 1981, Ponesai Vanhu Technical College (PVTC) provides self-reliance courses to individuals who do not meet university or polytechnic admission requirements. The college's programmes align with Zimbabwe's Education 5.0 framework, prioritizing innovation, industrialization and entrepreneurship. PVTC offers long courses in specialized fields like Motor Mechanics and Hotel and Catering, as well as short courses in areas like Building and Computer Operations.

In 2024, PVTC enrolled 258 students, with 115 successfully completing their training programmes. The college introduced Outreach Training, a community-based skills development programme, and partnered with Bindura University to offer accredited agri-entrepreneurship courses. This initiative enrolled 120 youth, equipping them with practical skills and entrepreneurship education. Notably, 18 female participants launched successful mushroom production initiatives.





## Ponesai Vanhu Children's Home

Zimbabwe's children face numerous pressing challenges, including child abuse, exploitation and labor, as well as inadequate access to basic necessities like food, healthcare, shelter and education. The HIV and AIDS pandemic, economic instability and recurrent natural disasters have exacerbated children's vulnerability, disproportionately affecting their well-being and future prospects.

Ponesai Vanhu Children's Home provides a safe haven for 60 orphaned and vulnerable children aged 3-18. The project empowers these children with vital life skills through a holistic approach, combining education, vocational skills training, outreach, boarding and reintegration. Comprehensive healthcare services, including medical care, counseling and regular health check-ups, prioritize the children's physical and emotional well-being.

In 2024, the project delivered comprehensive care and support to 51 enrolled children, with 47 successfully enrolled in educational programmes spanning from Early Childhood Development to tertiary education. Four children completed their vocational skills training at Ponesai Vanhu Technical College and two children were reunited with their biological families.





## Key Results

# 692

students enrolled



# 51

51 enrolled children  
at Ponesai Vanhu  
Children's Home

# 207

Frontline Institute  
graduates



# 88

Ponesai Vanhu  
Technical College  
graduate



# Impact Stories



**"My name is Dawn Mafaro and I am a 19-year-old lady from Bindura district. I live with my parents and due to financial constraints, had to drop out of high school. To support myself, I took on odd jobs while pursuing my passion for a career in tourism. However, I lacked the necessary tertiary-level qualifications. Determined to achieve my goals, I enrolled in a two-year Hotel and Catering course at Ponesai Vanhu Technical College in 2024. The program provided hands-on vocational skills experience and services, as well as opportunities to develop essential social skills and appreciate diverse norms and values. Through participating in the college's income-generating projects like fish farming, beekeeping and poultry production, I broadened my knowledge, honed my leadership skills and improved my self-esteem. I am currently seeking an industrial attachment in Bindura. My experience at Ponesai Vanhu Technical College has been transformative. I have evolved into a confident and skilled individual, eager to apply my knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.**

Dawn Mafaro (19) from Bindura district.



**"I come from a semi-desert area in Botswana, where poor soils and prolonged dry seasons make farming challenging. Our food often comes from greenhouses and supermarkets, rather than local farms. With limited knowledge of garden farming, I felt a sense of urgency to learn and make a difference. In October 2023, I joined the Frontline Institute, where I took on the role of garden leader for a core group of 10 members. Although it was an overwhelming task at first, I persevered and learned valuable skills in vegetable farming and conservation farming practices. Through hands-on experience and guidance from instructors, I gained a deeper understanding of the importance of farming for food security. My time at the Frontline Institute has been transformative. I have developed a passion for farming and a newfound confidence in my abilities. I am proud to say that upon returning to Botswana, I will not only resume my role at Humana People to People but also embark on a new journey as an entrepreneur and farmer. I am grateful for the support and guidance I received from the teachers, council and fellow students at DAPP Frontline Institute".**

Kabelo Calvin Magwaza and I am a 32-year-old from Gaborone, Botswana





# Community Development

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



## Introduction

# Zimbabwe's children face numerous challenges, including poverty, limited social safety nets and poor access to health, education, nutrition, clean water and sanitation.

The prevalence of child marriages is a particular concern, with one in three women in Zimbabwe married before 18, and 5% of girls forced into marriage before 15 (UNICEF 2022)

**DAPP Zimbabwe's Child Aid programme addresses these challenges through a holistic approach, focusing on household, community and district-level development.**

By empowering families and communities to work together, we promote children's rights and ensure access to basic needs, creating a supportive environment for children to thrive. Ultimately, our goal is to guarantee that every family

has access to fundamental necessities like food, economic security, sanitation facilities and water.

In Child Aid we tackle cross-cutting issues like climate change, Gender-Based Violence and Alcohol Drug substance abuse working together with other key players including government line ministries. In 2024, we implemented two Child Aid projects in Shamva, Bindura and Chimanimani Districts reaching 1,831 families.





## Child Aid Bindura Shamva

The rural populations of Bindura and Shamva Districts face numerous challenges, including climate change, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and poverty, which exacerbate the vulnerabilities of children. In 2024, the Child Aid Bindura/Shamva project worked with 1,000 families and 40 Village Action Groups (VAGs), supporting them in building resilience against social and economic challenges ultimately contributing to community development.

The project promoted early childhood education, tackled alcohol drug and substance abuse, child marriages and encouraged sustainable conservation farming practices. The emphasis on conservation farming and climate-smart practices led to the planting of 3,000 trees and the construction of 20 energy-efficient stoves.

Child Aid Bindura/Shamva, in collaboration with Village Action Groups and School Development Committees, maintained 12 playgrounds at schools.

The project partnered government ministries, local authorities and key stakeholders in its quest to transform the lives of families. As a result, families enhanced their livelihoods through sustainable income-generation activities and children enjoyed improved access to quality education and healthcare services.





## Child Aid Chimanimani

In response to Cyclone Idai's devastating impact in March 2019, Child Aid Chimanimani was launched to provide critical support to affected communities in Wards 13 and 21 of Chimanimani District. The project aimed to foster long-term recovery, rebuilding and livelihood restoration, aligning with Zimbabwe's national health priorities to address pressing needs in hygiene, child protection and food security.

To foster environmental sustainability, the project launched a large-scale tree-planting programme in collaboration with line government

ministries, resulting in the planting of 3,300 fruit trees. Focusing on economic growth, the project implemented small livestock initiatives, including poultry and rabbit production, as well as income-generating activities such as chilli production and nutrition gardens, ultimately enhancing families' food security and sustainable livelihoods.

Child Protection Committees were strengthened in the 2 wards to safeguard the well-being and safety of vulnerable children, further contributing to a healthier and more protective community environment.





Key Results

1.831

families

20,000

trees planted



73

Village Action  
Groups

360

youths in the  
programs



52

Internal Savings  
and lendings



# Impact Stories



**My name is Mirriam Magaya, and I am a 58-year-old resident of Sikero Ward 16 in Bindura. I live with my husband, two school-going children and one grandchild. I am the Chairperson of the Tamuka Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL) group under DAPP Child Aid Bindura/Shamva project. Our 18 member group was established in January 2022 with the goal of pooling our resources and saving collectively. We established a guiding constitution, selected a committee, through member voting and I became the chairperson. Initially, we contributed USD\$5 monthly, but in 2024, we increased our contributions to \$10 monthly. We also strengthen the lending system, where members can borrow money at a 20% interest rate, repayable within an agreed timeframe. By the end of the year, our combined savings and accrued interest totaled USD\$4,320. We used these funds to purchase agricultural inputs, food items and educational materials, which we shared equally. Due to our ISAL group, my children and grandchild are now attending school without financial burdens. The agricultural inputs also helped me during the 2024/25 cropping season and I am anticipating a bumper harvest in 2025. I would like to express my gratitude to DAPP for guiding our ISAL group and for supporting women like me in our community”.**

Mirriam Magaya, and I am 58 years old. I live in Sikero ward 16 Bindura



**“As a 26-year-old youth farmer from Derera Village in Chimanimani district, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of climate-related disasters. Cyclone Idai ravaged our community in 2019, leaving lasting scars. Moreover, the escalating threat of climate change continues to jeopardize our livelihoods, posing a constant challenge to our resilience. In 2024, I joined DAPP Child Aid Chimanimani to enhance my agricultural knowledge. Through FC Chimanimani and Agritex, I gained insights into climate-smart agriculture and small livestock production. DAPP provided our 10-member group with a starter kit of rabbits, which I successfully raised to six grown rabbits. I am now confident in expanding my rabbitry to 50 rabbits by 2025. During the 2024/25 cropping season, I applied climate-smart farming techniques to my crop production, planting small grains like millet and using the Pfumvudza concept for maize production. I’m excited about the prospects of a brighter future for myself and my family”.**

Malcolm Crispin Mavengano 26-year-old youth living in Derera Village, Chimanimani.



## The Federation



**We are DAPP Zimbabwe; we are a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. The Federation 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 programmes

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.**

**DAPP has had an average annual turnover of US\$2,584,170.00 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 2024, we had one external evaluations for one 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 has been 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. The standard was developed by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) to provide non-governmental organizations with a management tool dedicated to highlight their key strengths and weaknesses in their functioning. It targets three key objectives: 1) show evidences of accountability, 2) strengthen trust with respect to their donors, and 3) highlight areas of improvement to foster operational efficiency. Our organization had its first certification in 2021 by SGS.



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## 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 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 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.

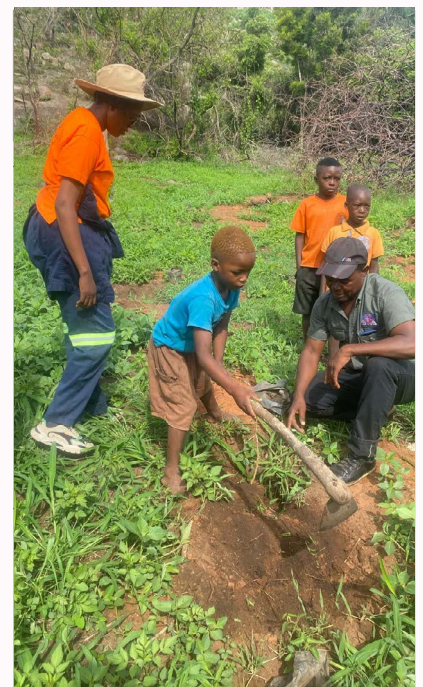
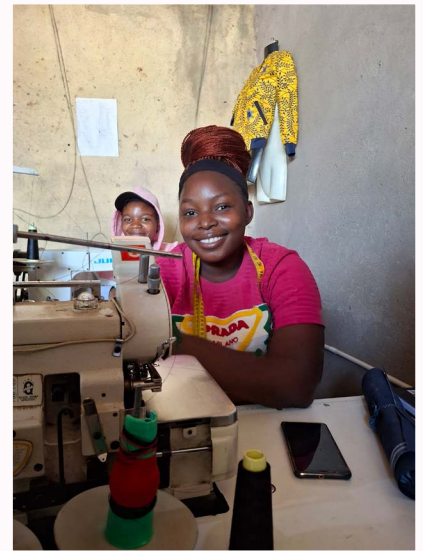




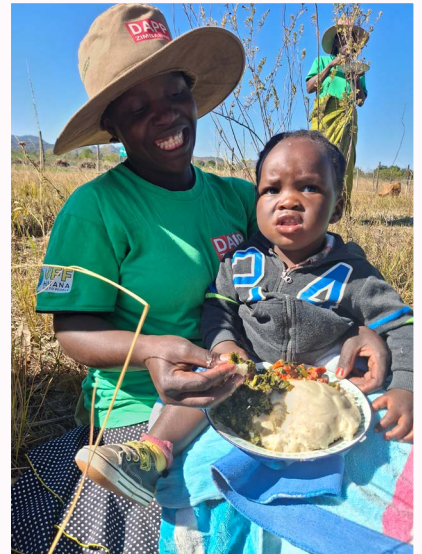
# DAPP Partners

AGRICULTURE	INTERNAL
	U-landshjælpfra Folk til Folk, Norge Miljö- ochBistandsföreningen Humana Sverige Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania UFF Finland Humana Second Hand Fundraising Projects, Lithuania HUMANA d.o.o. Slovenia Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo-Spain Humana People to People Deutschland
	EXTERNAL
	Civil Society in Development GAIA USA
	OTHERS
	Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water And Rural Development
HEALTH	INTERNAL
	Ulandshjælpfra Folk til Folk- Humana, Denmark Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania Miljö- ochBistandsföreningen Humana Sverige U-landshjælpfra Folk til Folk, Norge
	EXTERNAL
	Civil Society in Development
	OTHERS
	Ministry of Health and Child Care Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education National AIDS Council
EDUCATION	INTERNAL
	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 Ulandshjælpfra Folk til Folk- Humana, Denmark
	EXTERNAL PARTNERS
	Higher Life Foundation National Foods Bakers Inn Volvo Foundation Faelseje Swiss Academy For Development
	OTHERS
	Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	INTERNAL
	U-landshjælpfra Folk til Folk, Norge UFF Finland Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo-Spain Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania
	OTHERS
	Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Ministry of Health and Child Care Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation Ministry of Local Government Public Works and National Housing













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