



OBJECTIVE

The **general objective** is to reduce the risk and humanitarian impact of a forecasted cholera outbreak linked to flooding and water source contamination in Epworth, Harare.

The project purpose has three **specific objectives**:

1. To improve access to safe drinking water.
2. To promote improved health and hygiene practices.
3. To equip health facilities to prevent and contain cholera outbreaks.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Drill and solar-equip one new borehole
- Install online chlorinator on the borehole
- Establish and train 1 Water Point Management Committee for borehole operation and maintenance.
- Procure one mobile water quality testing machine and reagents for testing community and individual water sources.
- Conduct water quality testing for community boreholes and individual water sources across the two Wards.
- Identify water sources that have been contaminated based on test results, inform the community, and put signage indicating their unfitness for consumption to mitigate water borne diseases infections.
- Identify and train 40 Community Health Workers; 20 Community Health Champions; 400 Community Health Club members on Health and Hygiene and health promotion, and cholera early detection and referral.
- Conduct door-to-door hygiene promotion reaching at least 24,000 people e.g. proper household waste management practices.
- Use National FM radio to broadcast radio-based health and hygiene messages, reaching more than 200,000 people.
- Distribute 3000 bar soaps Non-Food Items to 2000 selected households
- Support Community Health Clubs with IEC materials obtained from Ministry of health for continuous engagement.
- Distribute Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) materials to two targeted clinics, one in each ward including chlorine, PPE and hygiene kits.
- Procure and install two tents for quarantine and cholera treatment and isolation at each of the 2 targeted clinics.
- Train 10 clinic staff, 5 from each of the 2 targeted clinics, on cholera IPC protocols and referral pathways.

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GRANT TYPE
EMERGENCY



TITLE OF THE ACTION

**Strengthening WASH
Systems and Cholera
Preparedness among
Flood-Affected
Households in Epworth**

COUNTRY
Zimbabwe

LEAD APPLICANT
**Danish Emergency Relief Fund
(DERF)**

CO-APPLICANT
DAPP Zimbabwe

GRANT AWARDED
USD 60.000

DURATION
**15 March
to
15 June 2026**

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY
UFF-Humana

RESULTS

- Drilled, equipped and solarised a 55-meter borehole at Jacha Community in Ward 5.
- Conducted 2 training of 7 Water Point Committee members to ensure sustainable maintenance with the support of Local board, MoHCC, ZRP, DSD and Ministry of Women affairs.
- Procured and installed an online water chlorinate at Jacha borehole.
- Distributed water testing reagents to Epworth Local Board.
- Distributed IPC and PPE to Epworth Poly Clinic.
- Facilitated the training of 492 Community Health Workers in health and hygiene messaging and community referral protocols by MoHCC and Epworth Local Board officers.
- Sourced and distributed 1,000 poster and pamphlets with proper hands washing messages and cholera preventing messages.
- Facilitated the training of Trained 20 Clinic Staff on IPC protocol by Ministry of Health and Child Care.
- Facilitated the door-to-door referral protocol and health & hygiene campaign by Community Health Workers which reached a total of 9200 households.
- Distributed green bar soaps to 3,887 households and 336 to Epworth Local Board for emergencies.
- Procured a water quality testing machine and handed it over Epworth Local Board.
- Procured 4 quarantine tents 5mx5m and handed it over Epworth Local Board.
- Conducted a multi stakeholder project evaluation at Epworth Local Board.
- Developed a jingle on health and hygiene and aired on National FM for 23 days.

OUTCOMES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- **Improved Access to Safe and Reliable Water.** Sustainable water infrastructure, combined with water quality monitoring and treatment, effectively reduces the risk of cholera and other waterborne diseases.
- **Strengthened Community Capacity for Sustainable Service Management.** Building community ownership and technical capacity strengthens sustainability, while collaboration with government departments and community structures enhances accountability and the long-term effectiveness of water and sanitation services.
- **Enhanced Community Awareness and Healthy Behavior Adoption.** Combining interpersonal communication, mass media and hygiene supplies effectively promotes behavior change and strengthens community resilience during public health emergencies.
- **Increased Preparedness and Capacity of Health Institutions.** Strengthening institutional preparedness through training, supplies and infrastructure improves the capacity of health facilities to prevent, detect and respond to disease outbreaks.
- **Strong Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration Improved Project Effectiveness.** Effective multi-sectoral coordination strengthened ownership, accountability and resource mobilisation, contributing to improved project outcomes and demonstrating the value of collaborative approaches in public health and WASH programming.

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