



OBJECTIVE

The **general objective** of this project is to mitigate the impacts of El Nino-induced drought in Epworth District of Zimbabwe by addressing food insecurity and WASH services

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

1. To improve access to WASH services to the affected households in Epworth District
2. To improve food security through multi-purpose cash transfer among the drought affected communities in wards 3, 6 and 7 of Epworth District

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Equip 6 boreholes in 7 wards of Epworth district: solarization for easier harnessing and continuous water supply
- Conduct water capacity testing
- Distribute 988 buckets with lids to for clean water storage to 317 households
- Establish/strengthen 6 water point committees for 8 boreholes
- Conduct 3 awareness campaigns on good hygiene practices
- Establish WASH and Food security baselines with a cap of 5 people per households
- Register 317 households for cash-transfers
- Provide multi-purpose cash transfers to 317 households (1585 people)
- Form/strengthen and train 20 ISAL groups in wards 3, 6 and 7 of Epworth
- Train 6 pump minders
- Conduct joint monitoring review with stakeholders at provincial level
- Conduct an official commissioning of the boreholes and handover to responsible authorities



**HUMANITARIAN
ACTION**



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GRANT TYPE
EMERGENCY



TITLE OF THE ACTION

Humanitarian Action to
mitigate the effects of El
Nino Induced drought
(HAMED)

COUNTRY
Zimbabwe

LEAD APPLICANT
FPP SPAIN

CO-APPLICANT
DAPP Zimbabwe

GRANT AWARDED
EURO 200,635.00

DURATION
1 March to
30 September 2025

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY



HUMANA
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo,
Spain

RESULTS

- Conducted water capacity testing for several borehole sites to determine sites for solarisation
- Upgraded 8 existing boreholes across 7 wards of Epworth by installing solar-powered water systems, each equipped with 2x5,000-litre water storage tanks and 4 community taps per borehole.
 - Locations:
 - Chihota (Ward 1)
 - Salvation Army/Roma (Ward 2)
 - Glenwood Booster (Ward 3)
 - Durawall Open Space (Ward 4)
 - Chizungu Ground (Ward 5)
 - Booster/Hospital Site (Ward 6)
 - Z-Area (Ward 7)
 - Sunrise (Ward 3)
 - *Note: The boreholes were pre-existing bush pumps selected in consultation with the Epworth Local Board. DAPP did not drill new boreholes.*
- Distributed 988 buckets with lids to 494 households surrounding the 8 solarised boreholes to promote safe and clean water storage practices.
- Established and trained 8 water point committees on borehole management, security, and maintenance, strengthening community ownership and ensuring the sustainability of water infrastructure.
- Trained 13 pump minders in the operation and maintenance of solarised borehole systems, as well as water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) management at each site.
- Improved water quality and reliability across all 8 borehole sites, reducing contamination risks and enhancing community health outcomes.
- Increased access to clean and safe water for over 10,000 people across 7 wards of Epworth.
- Conducted 2 health and hygiene campaigns
- Provided multi-purpose cash transfers of USD 13 per person (capped at 5 people per household) to 340 vulnerable households (1586 people), for 4 months supporting essential needs and household resilience. A total of US\$83,000.00 was disbursed
- Trained 18 Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL) group committees to strengthen their capacity for effective operation and financial management, using a cost-sharing approach aligned with standards set by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprise Development.

OUTCOMES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- **Community participation ensures sustainability:** Involving the Epworth Local Board and community members in selecting boreholes and managing water points strengthened local ownership and accountability, ensuring continued functionality and security of the solarized borehole water systems.
- **Capacity building is key to long-term impact:** Training water point committees and pump minders improved local technical capacity and confidence in maintaining the solarised boreholes, reducing dependency on external support.
- **ISAL training, and cash transfers** supported both immediate needs and long-term community resilience.
- **Use of existing infrastructure is cost-effective and efficient:** Upgrading existing boreholes instead of drilling new ones allowed for faster implementation and greater resource efficiency while expanding access to cleaner safe water.
- **Continuous monitoring improves system reliability:** Regular follow-up and monitoring visits were essential for early identification of technical issues, ensuring timely repairs and sustained water supply.
- **Community education improves hygiene practices:** providing buckets with lids and hygiene messaging encouraged proper water handling and storage, leading to improved household health outcomes.
- **Effective partnerships strengthen project delivery:** Strong collaboration Government line ministries and Epworth Local Board, was instrumental to the project's success. These partnerships enhanced coordination, reduced duplication of efforts, underperformance, and fostered trust among stakeholders, leading to more effective and sustainable outcomes.
- **Multi-purpose cash transfers are more effective in addressing people's needs:** there are no generic challenges in the community. Cash transfers received were used as per family need with some covering arrears in school fees and house rates while others strengthened income generation activities (broiler production, bicycle repairs and carpentry) and savings through ISALS.

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