

## Giving Kids a Clean Start

ZIM-SIZ-KCS-P01



Bulawayo area, Zimbabwe



Water



Tax deductible

### Total Budget



\$32,000

### Project Timeline



1 YEAR



### POPULATION

14.9 million

### POVERTY

70% of the population below poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 61.5 years

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 8.5 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations Zimbabwe 150 (Aust 8)

*\*2020 Human Development Report*



### Overview

This project will address the risk of poor sanitation and water-borne diseases through the construction of 10 (of 30) child-friendly pit latrines in 5 rural primary schools in the Bulawayo region. A full week's program of Participatory Health and Hygiene Education (PHHE) will be held in each school and will include training in soap-making using low-cost materials. The programs involve a hands-on, participatory style of teaching through drama, song and dance. School health clubs, comprising students and supervising teachers, will also be formed to keep up active interest and participation in healthy sanitation habits for the longterm.

### Why support this:

Our partner has a strong track record and takes a multifaceted approach to health and hygiene. It focusses on young people and teachers within schools, with the expectation that positive effects will filter out to the wider community. A great strength of our partner is their emphasis on instilling a sense of ownership, partnership and empowerment through community engagement with the planning and implementation process. The community is also required to provide building materials including bricks and sand. This all ensures the long-term maintenance of infrastructure. The project employs locals trained in brick-laying and building, helping to support the local economies.

### Objectives Include:



**10 latrines built in 5 rural schools**



**PHHE training in 15 schools for 5,230 students**



**Formation of 15 School Health Clubs**



**Training in soap-making**

### Expected life Change

- Health and hygiene education will reduce illness and increase school attendance and capacity to learn
- Age-appropriate and safe sanitation facilities for younger children will enable them to put into practice their knowledge for better health outcomes
- Families will benefit as knowledge is transferred from school to the home and broader community