

Savings and Skills for my Future

ZIM-SIM-SSF-P01



Harare, Zimbabwe



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget: \$41,200

Project Timeline



Year 1: \$20,600

JUL 24

JUN 26



POPULATION

15.5 million

POVERTY

38.3% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 59.3 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 8.7 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 191 nations Zimbabwe 146 (Aust 5)

*2021-22 Human Development Report



Overview

This project provides a great opportunity to assist vulnerable women-led families with vocational training. The first year will identify, train, encourage and empower 80 poor families in nutritional farming practices. Training will include practical demonstrations, hands-on experience, business and character training. Year 2 will progress to business plans for each family, support, mentoring and start-up loans (approx. \$200) to begin their own business based on the knowledge they have acquired. Families will be closely followed up and loans will be repaid for future families. Participants will provide 10% of the capital required to buy materials for the business to ensure commitment and buy-in. Year 1 budget: \$20,600.

Why support this:

This project doesn't just provide one-off training and then move on. The families are part of a program that spans two years where our partner walks them through the skills needed for income generation. Participants are carefully selected for suitability and commitment and are led through a well-managed, staged process that builds on learning from previous programs completed with Entrust. Community leaders will assist with identifying vulnerable, eligible families and will provide venues for meeting points and training workshops.

Objectives Include:



50% increase in family income through loan access



Expand and diversify income sources



Nutritional farming course for 80 women



6 month business training for 80 women

Expected Life Change

- Families can afford school fees and improve access to health through increased household income
- Improved nutrition and food security brings stability and resilience to families
- Economic empowerment for vulnerable women and their families provides hope, purpose and a sense of dignity