

Zambia and Zimbabwe

ABOUT THE CRISIS

A prolonged drought in Zimbabwe and the southern part of Zambia, crop failure, the aftermath of cyclone Idai and macro-economic challenges, led to acute food insecurity at the start of 2020. Heavy rainfall in Zambia led to floods which destroyed livelihoods, contaminated fresh drinking water supply, and increased the risk of waterborne diseases. In March, the situation exacerbated as COVID-19 started to affect these countries and the relief situation. Lockdown measures caused a further drop in the incomes of vulnerable households.

FACTS & FIGURES

Country

Zambia (Southern province) and Zimbabwe (Mashona Land East, Midlands, Matabele Land North & South)

Organizations

Cordaid (lead), Care, ICCO Cooperation, Oxfam Novib, Plan, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, World Vision

Sectors

Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Food Security and Livelihoods

Nutrition



DRA budget

€ 4.5 million

Duration

5 March to 30 November 2020

Number of people supported:

211.000 by the end of the response (62% in Zimbabwe and 38% in Zambia, 53% women, 61% <18 yrs)

THE ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE JOINT RESPONSE (ZZJR)

The ZZJR quickly responded to the most urgent needs, notwithstanding operational challenges due to COVID-19. The Joint Response focuses on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Food Security and Livelihoods, Nutrition, and Covid-19 prevention.

- **44.600 people** receive livelihood support training, e.g. in climate-smart agriculture and livestock management, as well as seeds, organic fertilizers and other inputs.
- **9800 people** have new household latrines and public toilets.
- **83.550 people**, including 51.500 schoolchildren, receive food assistance.
- **Over 70.000 people** have sufficient safe water for domestic use thanks to newly constructed or rehabilitated water points, some of them with solar power systems.
- **800 <5 children** are treated for severe or moderate acute malnutrition; 6000 pregnant and lactating women and children are screened for malnutrition.
- **130.000 people** receive COVID-19 related assistance, including the construction of handwashing stations, distribution of hygiene kits, training of village health workers and provision of PPE materials, mass media awareness campaigns, and psychosocial support.

“The water source didn’t function and the dam was drying due to heat and poor rainfall. ZZJR supported 200 villagers and 500 cattle, by rehabilitating our water point. Now, it also assists us in watering our nutritional community garden, which is one of our primary sources of food.”

**OSTHUIZEN
CHIRUMBWANA (42),
SECRETARY OF KOTIVA
VILLAGE COMMITTEE,
MATABELELAND NORTH,
ZIMBABWE**



“Sometimes I crossed the border fence with Botswana in search for water, around midday when villagers had left for the fields. There was also the risk of being raped in the bushes, being beaten or arrested. Since our borehole was rehabilitated, I can now access water close by. The risks of being caught are behind us.”

NGWENYA, MOTHER OF 6 AND FOSTER PARENT OF 3 OTHER CHILDREN; VILLAGER OF BAMBADZI, A REMOTE ZIMBABWEAN VILLAGE BORDERING BOTSWANA



“The program taught us that with hygiene you can protect yourself from COVID-19 and other diseases. After door-to-door campaigns, with training on the importance of handwashing in the fight against coronavirus, almost every household in the district now has tip taps at their home entrances.”

PERFECT SIBANDA, YOUTH SECRETARY OF MBINDA VILLAGE, MATABELELAND SOUTH, ZIMBABWE

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ABOUT THE DUTCH RELIEF ALLIANCE

The Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) is a coalition of 15 Dutch aid organisations in partnership with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The structure of the DRA enables participating NGOs to respond to major international crises in a timely and effective manner.

The DRA members are CARE Nederland; Cordaid; Dorcas; ICCO Cooperation; Oxfam Novib; Plan International Nederland; Help a Child; Save the Children; SOS Kinderdorpen; Stichting Vluchteling; Tearfund NL; Terre des Hommes; War Child; World Vision; and ZOA. The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs partners with the DRA by funding Joint Responses.

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