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1. INTRODUCTION

ABOUT ZCC

The Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) is a communion of Churches which confesses the triune God. Formed in 1964, the ZCC brings churches and Christian organizations together for joint action, witness, and coordination especially, to adopt a united and common response to societal challenges in Zimbabwe. The goal for the Council is that of being a platform for churches to effectively work together for internal strengthening of member churches so that they are equipped for relevant and effective ministry.

COUNCIL PROGRAMS

The Zimbabwe Council Programs (ZCC) consists of two (2) thematic pillars which are Humanitarian and Livelihoods Development, and Nation Building and Good Governance. The Council Programs strategic goals in these 2 thematic areas are:

- To foster sustainable development and resilience for vulnerable communities and member churches through implementation of emergency, recovery and development programs leveraging on member churches assets
- To spearhead inclusive and broad-based national dialogue towards lasting solutions to solve multi-faceted challenges in Zimbabwe

1. Humanitarian and Livelihoods Development

The Humanitarian and Livelihoods Development thematic pillar focuses more on:

- Emergency response
- Food and nutrition security
- Livelihoods
- Protection
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Education
- Health

2. Nation Building and Good Governance

The Nation Building and Good governance thematic pillar focuses on:

- National Dialogue

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- Economic Justice and Youth Empowerment.
- Active citizenship and Inclusion
- Social Cohesion.
- Women and Youth Empowerment

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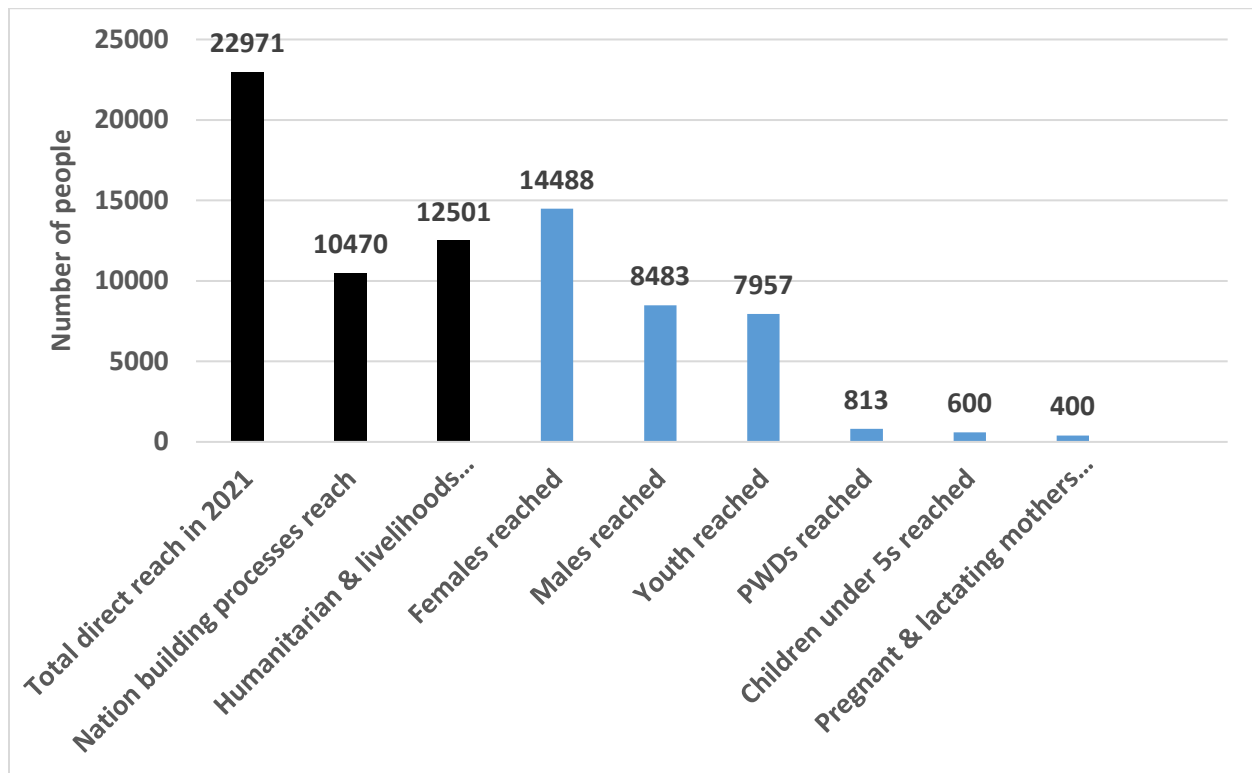
List of acronyms.

AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
AMI	Alternative Mining Indaba
CFTA	Continental Free Trade Agreement.
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
DAMI	District Alternative Mining Indaba
EJYE	Economic Justice and Youth Empowerment
GEWE	Gender Equality and Youth Empowerment
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information, Education and Communication.
LEA	Local Ecumenical Actors
LEF	Local Ecumenical Fellowship
LPC	Local Peace Committee.
NCP	National Convergency Platforms
ND	National Dialogue
NSA	Non-State Actors
PAMI	Provincial Alternative Mining Indaba
PSS-	Psychosocial Support
PWD	People with Disability
SADC	Southern Africa and Development Committee
SRH	Sexual Reproductive Health Rights
STB	Stop the Bleeding
TRC	Tongogara Refugee Camp.
WEF	Women Ecumenical Fellowship
ZAMI	Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba
ZCC	Zimbabwe Council of Churches.
ZHOCD	Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denomination

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2. OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Figure below shows the 2021 direct reach for the Council Programs unit.



About 46% were reached with Nation Building and Good Governance interventions while about 54% were reached with Humanitarian and Livelihood Development. About 63% are females while about 37% are males. 7,957 of the total are youths and 813 are people with disabilities. 600 and 400 children under the age of 5 years and pregnant and lactating mothers were reached with nutrition interventions *(See more detail on Annex 1: Progress on Achievement of Annual Plans)*

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3. HUMANITARIAN AND LIVELIHOODS DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT *(see Annex 1 for progress on achievement of Annual Plans)*

3.1 Food Assistance Program Masvingo & Midlands Provinces



The Zimbabwe Council of Churches has been implementing a food aid program in Gutu, Bikita and Chirumanzu from December 2020 March 2021. The program targeted 9,500 beneficiaries with a sex disaggregation of 4,885 females and 4,615 males. All

beneficiaries received monthly food rations of 10kg maize meal, 750 ml cooking oil and 2kg of beans per beneficiary for 4 months. Gender sensitivity and COVID-19 trainings were conducted as complementary activities for a cumulative of 210 people comprising of project committees, local leaders, and representatives from beneficiaries. The assistance has improved access to and consumption of nutritious food by food insecure women, men, boys and girls. Its ha also improved awareness on gender issues in food assistance program.



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3.2 Food For Assets Masvingo & Midlands Province

The Food for Assets (FFA) project intervention under the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development (HERD) program presented to the communities of Gutu, Bikita and Chirumhanzu districts has presented an opportunity for communities to work for themselves in contributing to their land rejuvenation and food security through rehabilitation of community dams, nutrition gardens, irrigation canals, diptanks, contours, silt traps and gullies. The

project has benefited 450 households in the three districts to work towards environmental conservation and community asset creation whilst they received monthly food ration of 50kg mealie meal, 4 litres cooking oil and 10kg beans for a period of three months from May to July 2021 as their entitlement for the work done. The FFA project intervention has so far improved access to functioning community and environmental assets for food production besides meeting household food requirements during the 3 months assistance period.

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3.3 Conservation farming and alternative livelihoods



The project intervention is part of the HERD program in Bikita, Gutu and Chirumanzu targeting 450 farmers in the 3 Districts. Activities commenced in July 2021 and so far farmers have been trained in conservation farming

principles, and Internal Savings and Landings (ISALs).

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The trainings have increased knowledge and skills for farmers to adopt conservation farming principles. So far they managed to use the skills in preparation of planting stations for the 2021/22 agriculture season.

3.4 Food Aid Program in Midlands Province, Mberengwa



A once off food aid program was implemented in Mberengwa District ward 31 with the aim to alleviate food insecurity challenges for households with malnourished children under 5 years, underweight pregnant and lactating

women and chronically ill adults. 405 beneficiaries were reached in July 2021 and they received food

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hampers consisting of 10kg mealie-meal, 2L cooking oil, 500g beans, 50g matemba and 500g salt.



The assistance has gone a long way in alleviating food shortages during the assistance period.

3.5 Livelihoods capacity Building in Mashonaland East Province, Seke and Goromonzi districts



Livelihoods capacity building trainings were conducted in Goromonzi and Seke district focusing on bee-keeping, sugar beans production, post-harvest handling and market linkages in March 2021. The aim of the intervention was to improve livelihood skills for peri-urban farmers. A total of 682 farmers were reached comprising of 413 females and 269 males. Trained farmers have so far managed to adopt diversified livelihood options.

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3.6 Cyclone Charlene Response

A program in response to Cyclone Charlene was implemented in Chipinge District. 56 households (27 female and 26 males) were provided with garden inputs (seeds and fertilizers) and non-food items (2 buckets and 3 bars of soap per household). The households were further capacitated on vegetable production.



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The intervention has improved access to basic hygiene facilities as well as assisting households to restore their livelihoods.

3.7 Covid-19 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Preparedness and response program

ZCC has been implementing a WASH project in Mashonaland East, Mashonaland Central, Matabeleland South, Manicaland, Masvingo and Midlands provinces. A total of 55 health facilities were reached with Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) materials, repair of WASH facilities and hygiene promotion awareness campaigns. A total of 115 boreholes were rehabilitated and 3 small water pipe systems were installed. The project impacted positively by improving access to IPC materials, water and sanitation facilities and behavior change messages to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 and other infectious diseases for over 41,080 people within the catchment area of the 10 health care facilities.



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3.8 Health and Hygiene Support for Women and Girls in Chipinge



In March 2021, the ZCC supported 154 women and girls with basic hygiene kits in Tongogara Refugee Camp and Chipangayi in Chipinge. The distribution of hygiene kits was part of the efforts to increase young women and girls' access to basic amenities for a dignified life.

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4.0 NATION BUILDING AND GOOD GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS *(see Annex: Progress on achievements of annual plans)*

4.1 Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE).

The Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) implemented a Gender Equality and Women Economic Empowerment to address protection risks through National Dialogue (ND) and advocacy. The program was implemented in all the ten provinces. The main objective of the program is to create a safe, equitable and gender-sensitive environment in ZCC programs and by the end of the project a total of 270 people were reached with a sex disaggregation of 150 females and 120 males.

Below is the link for sermon by a male church leader on GBV.

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4.2 Economic Justice and Youth Empowerment (EJYE).



The ZCC has been implemented EJYE activities to engage young people in entrepreneurship and policy advocacy. 1,430 beneficiaries were reached with a disaggregation of 425 females, 425 males, 530 youths and 50 PWDs. District Alternative Mining Indaba (DAMI), Provincial Alternative Mining Indaba (PAMI) were conducted together with a campaign entitled, *“Stop the Bleeding (STB)”*

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Campaign¹.. ZCC also led the SADC Non-State Actor (NSA) Engagement in the Continental Free Trade Area Processes.

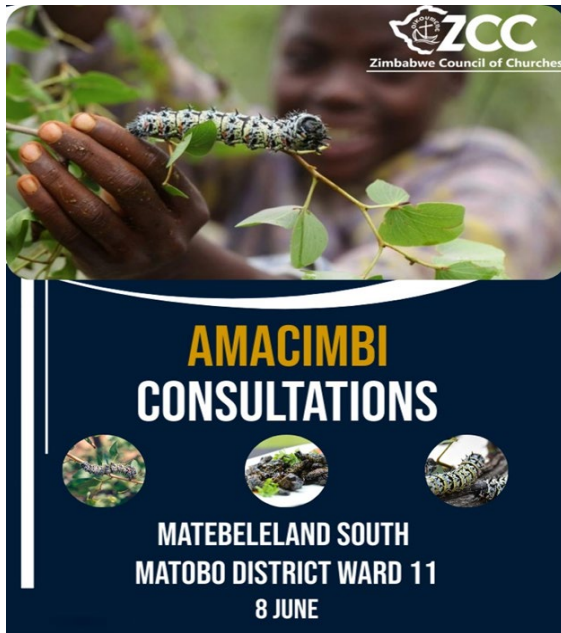


Above: Faith leaders and ZCC staff after a DAMI in Goromonzi-Acturus Area.

4.3 National Dialogue (ND) Preparatory Phase.

¹ The STB campaign seeks to drive students, churches, faith-based organizations, and other grass roots social movement to have the power to urge decision makers to stop the bleeding of African resources through illicit financial flows.

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In the National Dialogue preparatory phase, ZCC seek to build a consensus-based framework towards a transformative national dialogue process in Zimbabwe with targeted beneficiaries of 1350 (425 females, 425 males, 400 youths and 100 PWD). Dialogue processes conducted so far have facilitated topical issues affecting communities such as displacements, economic injustice issues, gender issues, youth needs, legal and constitutional developments for example Chilonga dialogue raised concern for a lot of Civil Society

Amacimbi dialogue in Mat South



Above: ZCC Ecumenical Youth Arts Festival at Kentucky Hotel in Harare.

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4.4 The Nexus Dialogue Project.



The project was implemented in Chipinge (Tongogara Refugee Camp-TRC) with the aim to ensure that Tongogara-based refugees and the host community of Chipinge experience a peaceful and fulfilling lifestyle. This was facilitated by joint awareness sessions on access to justice, health, livelihoods and education and the training of 20 peer educators. The distribution of IEC

Materials, the provision of hygiene kits to 300 young women and girls. The installation of a solar powered system has provided safe water to more than 14000 people in the TRC. Five Sports for Peace tournaments were conducted to create a peaceful environment in TRC.



Above: sports for peace-volleyball tournament in TRC

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Sports for peace-Netball tournament in TRC.

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4.5 Consultation Meetings and Trainings on National Dialogue.

The ZCC has been key in addressing the levels of citizen awareness on devolution and decentralization processes, barriers to participation and access to information and to address gaps in Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD) members program and financial management capacities. These objectives were characterized by community engagement meetings, youth dialogues, women dialogues, citizen duty bearer engagement meeting and provincial leader's forum that the ZCC undertook



ZCC is continuously expanding national dialogue preparatory efforts through engagement of stakeholders and promotion of local and provincial level dialogues in two provinces in Zimbabwe (Masvingo and Manicaland). Engagements were done through LPC Capacity Assessment meetings, chiefs bilateral engagement meetings and Church Chief Summits.

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Chiefs-Church engagement with Chief Makumbe-Buhera.

4.6 Ecumenical Psychosocial Support (PSS).

Zimbabwe Council of Churches has an ongoing national psycho-social support initiative to respond to emerging issues. The PSS team managed to handle 339 cases as at August 31, 2021 part of the case management process. 339 cases were disaggregated as 226 women, 78 children and 35 are men and among the listed statistics ZCC supported 160 people with disabilities through the provision of sanitary ware. ZCC managed collaborate with other agencies as part of the referral system. Conducted internal and external trainings as part of the drive to cover the knowledge gap. PSS was also extended to the staff (Staff Wellness Program) both on regional and national level.

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Figure 1 ZCC staff in action during the staff wellness Program in Harare.

5. CONCLUSION

The work of the ZCC Council Programs is current relevant to solve multi-faceted challenges in a holistic manner. So far, the ZCC has realized remarkable progress towards the 2021 Annual Plan targets.