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# Monthly Newsletter



## A Monthly Update



SAFIRE team kick-started the year with a review and planning meeting. The three day workshop was aimed at reflecting on program achievements for the previous year and making future plans to ensure effective and efficient implementation of programs.



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest project activities, events and more. Keep Reading!





## CLIMATE ADAPTATION FOR RURAL LIVELIHOODS (CARL) PROJECT

### FARMER MANAGED NATURAL REGENERATION

#### Christine's Story



Christine Mudzingwa, a farmer from ward 30 in Buhera District who specialises in improved small livestock production, climate smart agriculture and farmer managed natural regeneration (FMNR).

FMNR is a woodland management practice that enable communities to restore their forests through the systematic pruning and management of remnant vegetation. There are more than 80 trees at her compound and 15 more in her orchard.

CARL project has managed to enhance and scale up food-climate-natural resources-biodiversity nexus adaptation measures that contribute to resilient food security, gender justice and environmentally sustainable rural livelihoods in Buhera.

Christine's household has benefited from these nexus adaptation measures. The household is not only doing FMNR, but they have also improved their goat breeds and are practicing climate smart agriculture. Resultantly, this has increased their household income.

**"THESE TREES PROTECT US BY ACTING AS WIND BREAKS. WHEN OTHER HOUSES WERE TAKEN DOWN BY STRONG WINDS MY COMPOUND REMAINED UNHARMED"**

## CARL 2 Donor Visit

This month representatives from the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and Oxfam in Zimbabwe conducted a Technical Support Visit (TSV) to the SIDA funded CARL 2 project being implemented in Buhera



During the visit, farmers showcased climate smart agricultural techniques they are implementing, diversified income generating activities, and biodiversity conservation initiatives. Delegates also got to appreciate the various climate adaptation initiatives that farmers are undertaking to adapt and build resilience amidst climate change.



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## BUILDING RESILIENT INCLUSIVE & ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES IN ZIMBABWE (BRIC-ZIM)

### Farmer Field Schools Become A helping hand to smallholder farmers- Letwin's Story

58-year-old Letwin Viriri from Buhera ward 17 had lost all hope in terms of providing food for her family. Buhera is a dry low-lying area with low rainfall and exhausted infertile sandy soils contributing to poor harvests and food shortages.

Irish Civil Society Program in collaboration with Agricultural Advisory and Rural Development Services (ARDAS) have established four farmer field schools aimed at equipping smallholder farmers with knowledge and skills in

crop production and livestock management. Currently, they are doing experiments on moisture conservation techniques using hydrogel, live mulching, basins and certified seed varieties. The schools are promoting adoption of climate smart agricultural practices and technologies.

Despite the current dry spell in the region, their group is expecting a bumper harvest of not just maize corn but also groundnuts, sorghum and millet.

“Right now our field is ever-green. Although the rains have not yet come, I am happy to tell you that we are still going to have a big harvest. I no longer have to worry about food scarcity in my family. This has truly empowered me as I now have the means to provide for my family,”

# RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT IN AND AROUND MANJINJI AND SHASHE IRRIGATION SCHEMES (RESLEMS)

The RESLEMS project this month hosted SAFIRE staff members for a learning visit. SAFIRE team travelled to Shashi Irrigation Scheme in Beitbridge

With funding from LED Liechtenstein Development Service, SAFIRE is implementing the RESLEMS project in Manjinji Chiredzi and Shashe Beitbridge.

There are 187 farmers in Shashe and 87 farmers in Manjinji irrigation Schemes where SASIRE in collaboration with ARDAS are doing precision farming to enhance productivity in these low lying areas.



Funding from LED has equipped Shashe irrigation scheme with a 10 horsepower solar water pump. This has increased the scheme's water availability.

## Prevention and reduction of gender-based rights violations, teenage pregnancies and early marriages of adolescents and young people and Zimbabwe project,



Meet 18-year-old Roy Chikotsiro from Bindura. Through the Prevention and reduction of gender-based rights violations, teenage pregnancies and early marriages of adolescents and young people in Zimbabwe project, he was able to strengthen his resilience and become economically empowered.

With funding from Terre des hommes Germany (TDH). Roy is a member of an agro-processing centre in ward 15 where he was taught income generating skills of operating an industrial peanut butter machine and a corn popping machine.

“I am proud to say that I am now a better person to the society who will never violate someone’s rights by participating in either GBV or early marriage.”

The project which is being implemented by SAFIRE together with ROOTS aims at empowering the youth with social and economic skills so that they are able to challenge harmful social and cultural norms as well as live in communities with reduced teenage pregnancies, child marriages and instances of gender-based violence



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