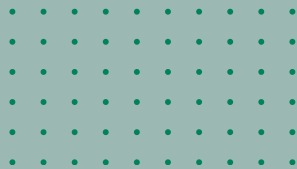


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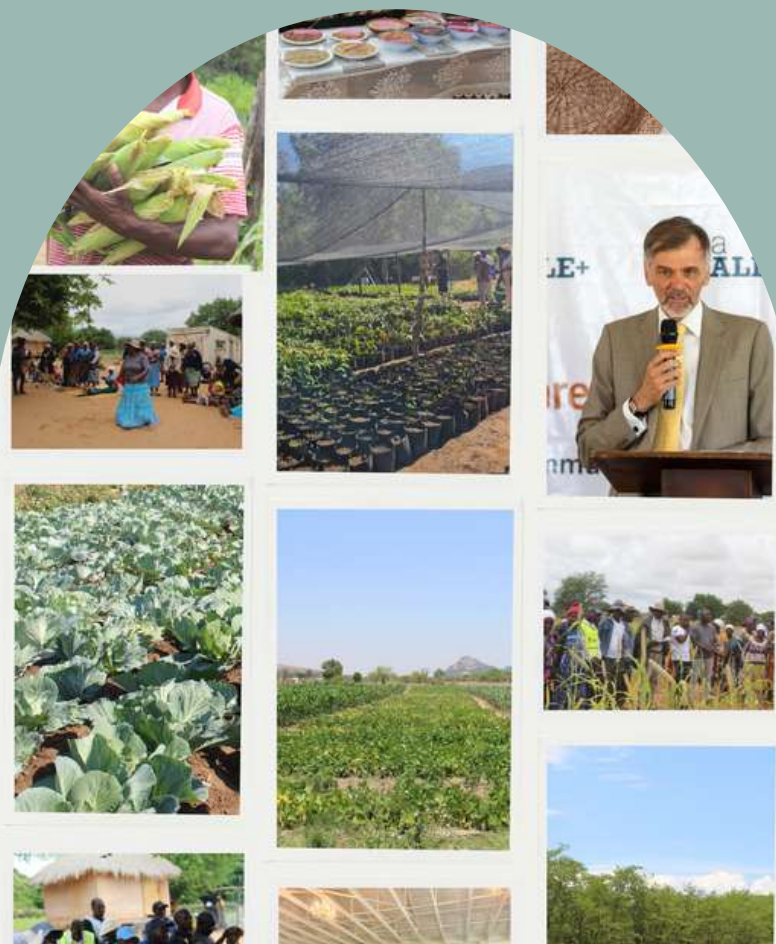


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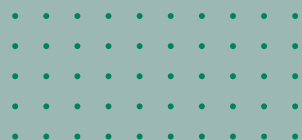


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WANT TIMELY RAIN? PLANT MORE TREES



Did you know that planting trees can lead to an increase in rainfall. SAFIRE is one of 30 Africa's top tree-growing organizations in the TerraFund for Afri100 from the World Resource Institute, One Tree Planted, and Realize Impact. To date, more than 200,000 trees have been planted in Mutasa District. The objectives of the AFR100 project include improving

household incomes from restoration and sustainable forest management practices and strengthening the capacity of community institutions in the effective implementation of Natural Resource Management policies and by law. AFR100 is a pan-African, country-led effort to bring 100 million hectares of land across Africa into restoration by 2030. So far, 34 countries have joined the AFR100 movement



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A FARMER FIELD FANFARE

It was pomp and fanfare in Bangure Ward 19 Buhera district as farmers won farming inputs and livestock during the Farmer Field Day celebrations. SAFIRE with funding from OXFAM and SIDA through the Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods (CARL Phase 2) project, conducted a farmer field day in Buhera, Ward 19 Bangure yesterday. The objective of this event was for stakeholders and community members to learn from one of the Farmer Field Schools. The visit saw participants learning more about smart agricultural practices, and understanding the nexus adaptation measures which link natural resources, biodiversity, food security, gender justice, and environmentally sustainable rural livelihoods. Participants also observed results on the ongoing experiments on improving soil fertility through the utilisation of vermi-composts and fertilisers and soil moisture conservation technologies such as the use of hydrogel and basins. The CARL Phase 2 project is currently being implemented by SAFIRE in Buhera district.



SAFIRE WELCOMES A NEW BABY



SAFIRE is excited to be part of implementing partners in the new Scaling up Community Action for Livelihoods and Ecosystems in Southern Africa and Beyond (CBA-SCALE Southern Africa+). The new project which was launched on the 29th of February 2024 in Harare realises that to support groups most impacted by climate change, community-based adaptation provides livelihood opportunities for communities suffering from climatic shocks

The CBA-SCALE Southern Africa+ project is a critical endeavor in the mitigation of climate change in Southern Africa. By focusing on community-based adaptation strategies, the project aims to enhance the region's resilience to environmental challenges. The project is set to make a substantial impact, benefiting 18,800 individuals directly and nearly 190,000 indirectly.

The funding partners of this new project are the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and development together with International Climate Initiative (IKI). The project will be implemented by a number of partners, namely: Government of Zimbabwe, Care Zimbabwe, International Institute for Sustainable Development, SAFIRE, IUCN Zimbabwe, Cesvi and ICRISAT

Distinguished dignitaries graced the project launch. Among them were the Zimbabwe Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and rural development, Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife, Ambassador of Germany to Zimbabwe, and the Head of Division – European and International Adaptation to Climate Change in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection for the Germany Government.

Improved farming enhances livelihoods

Eneresi Zvoushe is a plotholder farmer at Manjinji Irrigation Scheme in Chiredzi. She is one of the 87 farmers at Manjinji Irrigation Scheme where SAFIRE in collaboration with Agriculture Advisory and Rural Development Services (AARDAS) are promoting precision farming to enhance productivity.

Through precision farming, Eneresi has adopted the use of hybrid seeds which mature early and are drought-tolerant and disease-resistant like Fabiola cabbage seeds. This has improved her yield and her income.

Precision agriculture (PA) is a farming management concept based on observing, measuring and responding to inter- and intra-field variability in crops.

With funding from LED Liechtenstein Development Service, SAFIRE is implementing the Resilient and Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement in and around Manjinji and Shashe Irrigation Schemes (RESLEMS) project in Manjinji Chiredzi and Shashe Beitbridge



Canaan Garden Improving Nutrition and Livelihoods



Community nutrition gardens being implemented by SAFIRE with support from Oxfam in Zimbabwe and Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) continue to sustain lives and ensure that people access food daily. One such is the Canaan Community Garden in Gunura Ward 30 in Buhera which serves 35 households. Gunura is located in one of the arid provinces in the country which falls under natural region five. Natural Region Five experiences low and erratic rainfall, facing threats of drought year after year. With funding from Oxfam and SIDA, SAFIRE installed a solar powered borehole water system in the garden to ensure water availability. Through the collaborative efforts by SAFIRE and the Zimbabwean government, the community gardens established are improving the nutrition of these households. Families have been able to combat malnutrition by cultivating diverse crops like beans, green mealies, butternuts and vegetables.



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