



*Southern Alliance For
Indigenous Resources*



Newsletter

*Rural Communities with Resilient Livelihood In a
Sustainably Managed Natural Environment*

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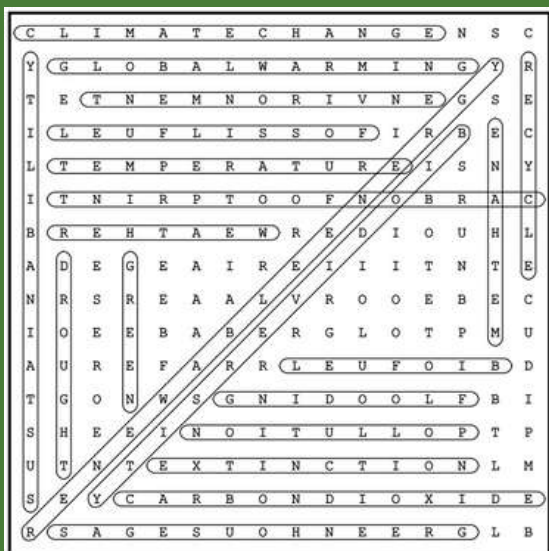
In this edition, we continue to showcase our dedication and efforts to enhance rural livelihoods and strengthen community resilience. We focus on our ongoing initiatives in climate adaptation, resilience building, and promoting self-reliance.

The SAFIRE team joins forces for a cleaner community

In July, our SAFIRE team participated in the monthly clean-up campaign organized by the Environmental Management Agency in Murambinda. We are proud to have contributed to a cleaner and greener community, demonstrating our commitment to environmental conservation and community service.



Unmasking the word search masterminds!



Were you one of the many who tackled our June word search? Did you find all the hidden words? Well, the wait is over! Here are the answers.

Let's see how many words you got right!

BRIC-Zim empowers farmers through stakeholder engagement



The Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities (BRIC-Zim) project recently convened a critical stakeholders' meeting in Murambinda. The gathering brought together smallholder farmers, agricultural experts, and policymakers to assess the progress of the 2023/24 farmer field school program.

A cornerstone of BRIC-Zim's work, farmer field schools are designed to empower farmers through hands-on learning and community-driven innovation.

By sharing best practices and addressing challenges, participants explored ways to enhance the program's impact. A highlight of the meeting was the discussion on the successful implementation of climate-resilient agricultural techniques, including the use of hydrogel. This innovative soil conditioner has shown remarkable results in improving water retention, nutrient uptake, and crop yields, ultimately contributing to increased agricultural productivity.

Through the BRIC-Zim project, supported by Irish Aid through Oxfam, smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth, are gaining the knowledge and tools needed to build resilience to climate change.

By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, the project is driving positive change in Zimbabwe's rural communities.



Improving soil health for increased yields at Manjinji irrigation scheme



We held a highly successful workshop on soil management plan development at the Manjinji Irrigation Scheme in Ward 15, Chiredzi South District, with strong participation from 49 farmers.

Our interactive workshop aimed to equip farmers with the essential knowledge and skills to develop effective soil management plans. We guided participants through the soil sampling process, showing them how to divide their fields into similar units, remove surface litter, and collect multiple soil samples. The farmers then combined, thoroughly mixed, and placed the samples in bags for further analysis.

By imparting these valuable skills, we empowered farmers to make informed decisions about soil management practices, ultimately enhancing their agricultural productivity and food security.

This initiative is part of the Resilient and Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement in and around Manjinji and Shashe Irrigation Schemes (RESLEMS) project, which SAFIRE is implementing with funding from LED Liechtenstein Development Service.

Soil conservation efforts in Buhera

The CARL project made significant progress in combating soil erosion and protecting water resources in Buhera District. Working with the Department of Mechanization, we successfully completed contour pegging and excavation across 253 hectares of land in Wards 15 and 24.

These efforts have already benefited 102 farmers, equipping them to better conserve soil and moisture. Because Buhera's loose, bare soils required urgent conservation measures, we acted quickly to prevent further degradation and protect Mutunha Dam from siltation.

This initiative supports the broader goals of the Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods project, which aims to promote sustainable agriculture, protect natural resources, and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.



Empowering farmers with solar drying technology



Through our Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods Project, we trained over 100 farmers from the Zivei and Mutunha community gardens in Ward 15 Chidziyamhango and Tafara Ward 28, Buhera District, to make solar driers and process vegetables using the blanching method.

Women played a key role in constructing the solar driers. By teaching these essential skills, we empowered farmers to create their own solar driers, enhancing the quality, hygiene, and market appeal of their produce. This new capability has significantly improved the nutritional value, safety, and shelf life of the farmers' harvests.

As a result, farmers now generate a consistent income, which strengthens their resilience to climate change and ensures household food and nutrition security.



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SAFIRE is a regional NGO whose focus is to improve rural livelihoods and resilience through sustainable utilization of their natural resources in Zimbabwe.

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