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Abbreviations

NEW	Nutrition Enterprise Wellness
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
ZRBF	Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund
AGRITEX	Agricultural Technical and Extension Services
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCA	DanChurchAid
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Office
WFP	World Food Program
FFA	Food For Assets
COVID 19	Corona Virus Disease 2019
USAID	United State Agency for International Development
WWF	World Wide Fund
IGA	Income Generation Activity
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
CHC	Community Health Club

Who We Are

ORAP is a registered local NGO in Zimbabwe with registration number is W.O. 26/81. The objective of the organisation are to promote rural development based on rural associations through which rural people can cooperatively realize their aspirations for self-improvement and self-reliance and to provide such associations with financial, informational and technical support.

ORAP Vision: ORAP envisions empowered grassroots communities of disadvantaged men, women and youth free of hunger and poverty.

ORAP Mission Statement: ORAP exists to fight all forms of poverty among the rural and urban grassroots communities of disadvantaged women, men and youth through the empowerment of people by facilitating their development in their diverse cultural contexts.

ORAP Strategic Objectives

1. To see communities where ORAP works free from hunger and poverty.
2. To empower ORAP members and communities to attain financial security.
3. To build within the ORAP system and in the communities where ORAP operates, the capacity to deal with external shocks and stresses that negatively affect people's abilities to have sustainable livelihoods.
4. To further develop and strengthen the physical, emotional and mental well-being of people in the communities where ORAP works.
5. To see self-reliant, community-led Rural Associations of ORAP members at all levels.

ORAP Guiding Principles: The ORAP development philosophy is derived from values and principles rooted in the culture of the Ndebele people who occupy most of the areas where ORAP works. These values have been articulated in the Ndebele language and can be captured as "7 Zs and a Q":

Zihluze	examine yourself
Ziqoqe	organise yourself
Zimisele	commit yourself
Ziqhatshe	employ yourself
Zenzele	do it for yourself
Zimele	be self-reliant
Ziqhenye achievements	be proud of yourself and celebrate your achievements
Qogelega	save, invest, collaborate

Zenzele is thus a development process of self-discovery and self-mobilization administered by the self - not solely for the benefit of self but also for the development of others. This concept guides and threads through all that ORAP does and is evident everywhere that ORAP operates.

WHAT WE DO

This being the 4th year of implementing the 'NEW' (Nutrition, Enterprise, Wellness) Strategic Plan, the organization once again scored high in the various aspects of the blue print yielding positive results. The Covid 19 pandemic continued to present a variety of challenges and lessons which required flexibility and adapting our approaches in order to continue serving our communities.

Nutrition

- In 2021 ORAP continued to empower communities with improved practices and technologies aimed at ensuring food and nutrition security.
- Supplementary feeding for Pregnant and Lactating Women and children under the age of 2 years.
- Lean Season Assistance to avert food shortages in affected communities

Enterprise

- Contract farming
- Social enterprises (Threshers and Hammer mills)
- Crops and Livestock value addition (Processing centres/Abattoirs)

Wellness

- Community Visioning Process
- Care groups and Community Health Club models
- 40th anniversary celebrations

WHERE WE WORK

ORAP works mostly in four (4) Provinces of Zimbabwe, namely Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, Midlands and Bulawayo. ORAP implements various donor-funded projects in the various districts, and mobilizes members to form development associations through its structures of family units, groups, umbrellas and associations.

Matabeleland North Province: Nkayi, Bubi, Lupane, Hwange, Umguza, Tsholotsho, Binga Districts

Matabeleland South: Umzingwane, Insiza, Matobo, Bulilima, Mangwe, Gwanda Districts

Midlands: Gweru, Kwekwe Districts

Bulawayo: Central, Khami, Imbizo, Reigate, Mzilikazi Districts

OUR 2021 SPECIAL FEATURE

ORAP 40TH Anniversary Celebrations

This year saw the organization celebrating its 40 years existence and spearheading community development. The 40th Anniversary Celebrations are a community and resource mobilization tool. The celebrations were delayed and scaled down by the covid 19 lockdown restrictions and regulations. However, ORAP managed to hold a big celebration event at Bulawayo this year. The event attracted participants from the donor world, partner organizations, traditional leadership, ORAP members, private sector companies, government departments, the founder's council, former employees and many other stakeholders. The Resident Minister for Bulawayo Metropolitan province Cde Judith Ncube was the guest of owner in the event.



Above: Delegates at the anniversary celebrations

The event was mainstreamed and the link shared for a wide coverage. The speeches made during this event described ORAP's work with communities and its members since its inception in 1980. The impact that the organization has made was highlighted through solidarity messages that were shared by various partners, service providers, the private sector companies, the government departments as well the traditional leaders. Plans are in place to hold district based 40th Anniversary celebrations where possible. The celebrations are aimed at reaching out particularly to the youth who are an important target population for ORAP membership. Some

entrepreneurship groups supported by ORAP through various projects and initiatives took the chance to exhibit their products.

As a build up to the big celebration, videos and short stories on the 40th anniversary celebrations were posted on various social media platforms and website. These include short stories from the organisation’s former visionaries running under the theme ‘On the shoulders of a giant’. This was

meant to celebrate the immense contributions made by some of our former members, employees and board members and share stories of success.

40TH Anniversary congratulatory videos were

recorded from members of the Founders Council, the Governing Board, and the CEO and these were posted on the organisation’s youtube channels. Capturing of the ORAP story for the past 40 years is still on going with the various visionaries for the organisations as well as partners and stakeholders being engaged.



2021 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Our 2021 Drought Response

In efforts to avert the effects of food shortages during the lean season, ORAP continued its partnership with the World Food Program to support drought affected people in Insiza district by implementing the Lean Season Assistance project. The intervention saw in kind distributions of cereals, pulses (beans) and vegetable oil to 39949 people for four months (January to April) although this was a continuation from the previous year.

The partnership between ORAP and DCA under WFP funded Bulawayo Urban Social Assistance project in Mzilikazi district saw 31069 at risk people being supported with cash transfers at \$12 usd/person. 26069 people got their assistance through the voucher system while 5000 through cash-based transfers.

ORAP also worked with partners under the USAID funded Amalima Loko



program to provide supplementary feeding for pregnant and lactating women and children below the age of 2 years in Nkayi, Binga, Tsholotsho, Lupane and Hwange districts reaching over 15000 people. The intervention is aimed at fighting the high level of stunting in the targeted districts. The same program managed to support 152 households with Cash for Assets in Lupane District. The household participated in the successful piloting of sand dam construction and were paid USD20 each for the 10 days worked. Three sand dams were constructed during this pilot phase.

Productive Asset Creation and Rehabilitation

Boreholes - The rehabilitation of the 64 boreholes under the UNDP funded Sizimele project this year in Matobo, Insiza and Lupane districts has greatly improved access to portable water for both domestic and livestock production purposes.

Water Kiosks - Under the Echo funded project implemented in partnership with DanChurchAid, ORAP facilitated the drilling and solarization of four boreholes and developed them into water kiosks in Bulawayo's Mzilikazi district (Magwegwe, Pumula, Emganwini and Nketa 9). This helped ease the perennial water challenges affecting the city and contributed



to improvement in hygiene in the height of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Mushroom hubs- Two mushroom hubs were initiated in ward 9 and ward 14 of Lupane district to improve nutrition and income generation capacity of the benefiting communities under the UNDP funded Sizimele project. Farmers have started to harvest the crop and are selling to the local community at USD \$2 for a 200g pack. In a bid to link farmers with market, mushroom

samples have been taken to Lupane centre and some supermarkets who have shown interests. Farmers are currently working on proper packaging, weighing and branding of their produce.



Above: Lupane ward 9 farmers showing off their mushroom harvest

Livestock Breed Improvement initiative bears fruits

As part of building community resilience in Insiza, Matobo, and Lupane, ORAP and partners implementing the UNDP funded Sizimele project distributed 14 improved bulls and 43 improved bucks to farmers for breed improvement purposes last year. A total of 216 calves have been sired by these bulls during the recent breeding season across the districts this year. These are expected to

enhance drought resistance and also improve market value of cattle in the livestock producing region.



The bucks also distributed have done a tremendous job in improving the breed in the benefiting and adjacent wards and the 820 off springs are of superior traits as evidenced by their fast growth rates, good fleshing and good adaptability as revealed by the beneficiaries.

To also support livestock production, fodder farmers were trained in processing and storage of fodder. The trainings covered maturity indices of different fodder species, harvesting, baling, silage making and storage to avoid nutrient losses. Sizimele project distributed fodder seed meant to assist farmers to build up stover supplement which would be used to feed animals during the drier months of the year. This initiative will reduce expenses that farmers incur in purchasing commercial feed which is beyond the reach of the majority. With the good rains experienced the crop performed well and is at maturity.



2021 FOCUS ON ENTERPRISE

The Jotsholo Abattoir, A success story

The abattoir in Lupane district which was supported under the Sizimele project is now functional and caters for cattle and small livestock. Slaughter is done twice a week with farmers receiving cash in hard currency which is an advantage and reduces cost to Bulawayo. A total of 3125 cattle and 390 shoats

have been slaughtered at the Jotsholo Abattoir this year alone. The processing unit is changing lives. During the month of December 2021, the abattoir which is under Private Public Partnership slaughtered 295 cattle with



approximately \$125 000-00USD plus ploughed into local economy as cash thereby improving cash circulation. Some of the farmers use the cash to restock and increase their herd and part of it for paying their children's school fees.

Sizimele Contract Farming set to reward farmers

A total of 8 irrigation schemes have been contracted to grow 46.8ha of NUA 45 sugar beans under Sizimele project facilitation as a way of promoting high value crops. Due to optimum conditions the germination has been good estimated to be approximately 95%. The project availed 4680kgs of Sugar bean seed under market-based initiative in order to scale up the production of the sugar bean crop. The crop was loaned out to 8 Irrigation schemes across the districts on a revolving fund basis. AGRIBANK has availed a loan facility for farmers that need financial assistance towards purchase of pesticides and fungicides and those willing to take up the offer can do so. The crop is now at vegetative & early flowering stage depending on date of planting. The pay

back plan is that for every 10kg of seed planted by the farmer, he or she pays back USD\$48-00 or sugar beans equivalent, the buying price for the crop after harvesting is pegged at USD\$0,96 per kg.

Livestock feed production as a business

Farmer groups that received hammer mills for bushmeal production under Sizimele have started realising benefits from the assets. Kusile group in Insiza generated R15350 from selling processed livestock feed. Mbembeswane Feedlot group in Matobo generated a total of R1740 from 34 bags of livestock feed processed from their machine. In Lupane three groups (Zinaphi, Zamalokhu and Silimalula groups) recorded a combined profit of over USD\$2500 in a single quarter.

Groups Thrive Through Detergents Making

A total of 803 participants in Bulawayo's Mzilikazi district were trained in detergents making across the 3 domains of Old Magwegwe, Mpopoma/Matshobana and Cowdry park under the ECHO funded urban project. The participants were sensitized on chemicals used in detergent

making and their handling. During the practical lesson participants prepared bleach, mosquito repellent, hand sanitizer, Dish and hand washing liquid, floor polish, foam



bath, car shampoo and hair shampoo. The groups are selling their products within their neighborhoods. They have been advised to expand their market base as well as approach schools and advertise their products, especially hand sanitizers, pine gel and hand washing liquid. Groups who have embraced the activity continue to actively produce the various detergents.

Marketing Opportunities for the Youth through ORAP stand at the ZITF

As part of the organisation's youth mobilization strategies, ORAP gave an opportunity to youths for them to exhibit their enterprises in this year's Zimbabwe International Trade Fair Exhibitions. Two youths' entrepreneurial groups one from Lupane and another from Tsholotsho exhibited in the ORAP stand at the 2021 ZITF. Youths from Lupane use their artistic skills to make hand bags, ear rings and sandals. The unique skills displayed by the youth attracted buyers at the show grounds. The exposure of the youth to the large market and the sales made, helped to motivate

them to continue to exploring new markets. The buyers shared with the youth a lot of ideas on how they can grow their business as well as entrepreneurial skills.

The youth from Tsholotsho



exhibited their traditional mud clay pots (*udiwo lwebumba*). The young girls were assisted to develop the skills through the eco-stove making and promotion by ORAP and partners during the USAID funded Amalima project of 2013-2020. The youth were encouraged to learn from the elderly to encourage intergenerational skills transfer. The chance to exhibit motivated the young girls to further develop and improve the skills to include a lot more products that the potential buyers suggested for them. The youth were grateful to ORAP and have indicated plans to be more creative and venture into other products that will make their business more attractive.

2021 FOCUS ON WELLNESS

The Covid Experience

ORAP and partners under the different projects worked hard this year to complement government efforts in sensitizing communities on Covid-19. Communities were encouraged to adhere to Covid 19 preventative measures across all areas of operation as guided by the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC). Communities were also advised to maintain hygiene standards through the promotion of Tippy taps at homes and outdoor gatherings, use of face masks as well maintaining physical distances to prevent the spread of the virus. The Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) rolled out the vaccination program initially focusing on front line workers and later opening it up to members of the public. The organization complemented the ministry in campaigning and sensitizing communities to embrace the vaccination program and try to quell the mixed feeling from the population.

People were not permitted to attend trainings, food distributions and other gatherings or interactions without face masks while sanitization and temperature checks were conducted in all permitted gatherings. Surges in infections during the course of the year and the subsequent renewal of restrictions prohibiting gatherings negatively affected the implementation of programs and community mobilisation activities. To mitigate this setback, the organisation adopted online mobilization strategies using social media platforms for communication and sharing of lessons as well as surveys on members. Through these online platforms a total of 275 producer groups have been formed and registered into ORAP database.

Community Mobilisation

Field days as community mobilization Strategy

As the lockdown regulations and restrictions got relaxed in March allowing a minimum of 50 people indoors and 100 outdoors, Field days were used by ORAP to further its community mobilization drive reaching out to many people.

Members were encouraged to utilise the ORAP community development centres as platforms for community development and fundraising activities as well as youth empowerment and mobilisation projects. During these field days, emphasis was made on the understanding of ORAP's goals, vision and philosophy as well as the importance of having vibrant structures at grassroots level. The platform gave farmers and other members of the community an opportunity to understand the process of becoming a member following the ORAP producer group model.

ORAP held these field days strategically to help the organization reposition itself in its original and rightful place as a grassroots organization. The field days became a vehicle through which

ORAP met with communities to revive its membership structures, reconnect community development activities with the development centres and garner for participation in the 40th Anniversary celebration by the communities.

DISASTER RESPONSE

Cyclone Chalene Response

Heavy persistent rains led to houses collapsing in Matobo district. Our rapid assessment established that a total of 47 homesteads experienced various degrees of damage with structures like houses and toilets destroyed resulting in significant losses. ORAP and partners under Sizimele program assisted 20 families with non-food items which consisted of 20l water buckets, green bars, dignity kits, blankets, mosquito nets and tents reaching out to 106 people. The households were assisted through construction of 2 roomed houses plus a latrine each, these structures are now complete.



Above: Families affected by Cyclone Chalene receiving non-food items under Sizimele program in Matobo district

Review of Environmental By-laws

Through funding from WWF, dialogues on environmental bylaws were conducted in Tsholotsho, covering 24 stakeholders, 63 members of a Community Based Organisation and 6 Chiefs. Draft bylaws were presented and stakeholders debated and fine-tuned them as a way of amplifying their usefulness discussed. Stakeholder were keen to be a part of the journey towards the development of the Environmental Bylaws as the process was participatory. These are expected to enhance the sustainable utilization of natural resources in the district.

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