



DISTRICTS OF BINGA, GWANDA,  
AND MWENZEZI  
ZIMBABWE

## Indigenous women lead the way to climate adaptation and resilience

Brethren in Christ Compassionate Development Services (BIC-CDS), Kulimambobumi Training Centre (KMTC) and Score Against Poverty (SAP)



Thanks to her new fuel efficient stove, Ntombizodwa Mapfacha has more time to generate income through activities like grinding ground nuts into nut butter to sell. With your generous support, even more women will be empowered through Score's Women's Climate Change Network. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)

### THE CHALLENGE

Zimbabwe is one of the countries most affected by climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa. Severe droughts, unpredictable weather patterns and an uptick in the occurrence of disasters like cyclones, are causing significant biodiversity and ecosystem losses. Watersheds are in danger. Crops are failing. El Niño is making weather patterns unpredictable and extreme. Without agriculture revenue or sustenance, people are turning to ecologically harmful income-generating activities like deforestation or sand mining that threaten long-term food security.

### OUR SOLUTION

Over the next two and a half years, MCC is scaling up proven, impactful climate-adaptation work that is already being implemented by three experienced local partners in Zimbabwe. Their approach leverages the wisdom, experience and knowledge of surrounding communities. With the support of the Canadian government and donors like you, the project will implement climate-resilient solutions that improve agricultural practices for 45,000 people living in rural Zimbabwe. This will help people grow more food to eat and to sell, thus reducing poverty. The project will also empower women to find innovative solutions to complex problems and help all people be better stewards of creation.

## WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO

Your generous support will provide Zimbabwean farmers and communities with the skills and knowledge they need to adapt to climate change. For the 45,000 direct beneficiaries of this project, training will cover nature-based solutions in water conservation, reforestation, soil erosion control, drought-tolerant crops and more. Given that the challenges of climate change disproportionately affect women and girls in this region, this project has an emphasis on bringing local women into positions of influence.

## TIMELINE

Between now and March 2026, MCC partners will support people across three of the largest Indigenous groups in Zimbabwe. They will work together to combine their traditional knowledge and build climate resilient solutions to empower their communities and boldly face an uncertain future.

**THE OVERALL PROJECT GOAL IS \$15.4 MILLION. GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA IS LEADING THE WAY WITH AN INVESTMENT OF \$14.7 MILLION, MEANING WE REQUIRE \$730,000 FROM GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU TO MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE.**

**Your gift today will provide people across Zimbabwe with the climate-resilient practices that will help them face an uncertain future.**



Elita Moyo is a part of her community's Women's Climate Change Network. With your generous support, this network will expand, making more safe spaces for women to learn about climate change and take action in mitigating its impact. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)

## HOW YOU'LL KNOW IT'S WORKING

Your gift will rapidly expand solutions that have proven successful in communities to adapt to climate change by promoting sustainable agricultural techniques and alternative livelihoods such as beekeeping and harvesting of forest products. Biodiversity of crops and other plant species, such as native trees, will be promoted and land will be rehabilitated to prevent soil degradation and erosion. We'll know that this larger project is working as people — particularly women — develop sustainable livelihoods that reduce poverty while protecting local ecosystems.