

## **Africa AHEAD Area Development Program (ADP) Concept Note**

### **Background:**

Africa AHEAD, a registered PVO was founded in 1994 and has worked predominantly in water, sanitation and hygiene programs in Zimbabwe. When funding is available Africa AHEAD handholds communities graduating from Community Health Clubs (CHC) into Food Agriculture and Nutrition (FAN) clubs where the communities are supported in adopting the FAO approved Healthy Harvest approach to nutrition and agriculture. These interventions build community resilience and solidarity to threats like climate change, food insecurity and public health disease outbreaks.

Africa AHEAD-Zimbabwe, the pioneers of the CHC approach, has over the years trained over 30 NGOs and government stakeholders on the approach in Zimbabwe and the approach has since been adopted by the government of Zimbabwe and enshrined into the National Hygiene Strategy and the National Water Policy.

### **Program Strategy**

Africa AHEAD has recently been able to secure a plot in ward 7 of Makoni District where we are already setting up our rural resource centre. Work has already started in setting up demonstration units for horticulture, small livestock growing and a skills training centre for the surrounding communities. The AHEAD Resource Centre (ARC) is work in progress with the vision to grow the ARC in the mould of a technology incubator hub that will demonstrate the community development enabling technologies, models and demonstrations. The ARC will become the centre of the area development program (ADP) by enabling 'best practice' to be scaled up and outwards in a ripple effect until a much larger area is covered. At the moment the ADP will encompass wards 5, 6 and 7 where Africa AHEAD has been running WASH and Nutrition projects for the past 3 years and, as such, has a very strong working relationship with Local Authorities. The communities settled around the proposed ARC site have very limited access to water, much of it unsafe and of little quantity. Africa AHEAD proposed to establish a small piped water scheme that will be run by Africa AHEAD and a water system user committee made up of the water system users.

**Goal:** Climate Resilient communities in 3 wards of Makoni District

### **Objectives**

- i. To empower women into community participation and leadership roles;
- ii. To promote self-supply development initiatives within the communities;
- iii. To improve community development coordination within the communities;
- iv. To demonstrate Best Practice for national uptake.

### **Proposed Activities**

#### **Improved Community Based management of Water Supply Resources (US\$ 37,000.00)**

The program seeks to install a piped water scheme (PWS) for the benefit of the existing communities located around the ARC. These include 280 households, two pre-schools and two community schools as well as a business and shopping centre. A PWS management committee will be set up to manage the water scheme with the primary objective of ensuring ready access to safe

drinking water throughout the year. Community Based Facilitators (CBFs) will be trained to support, supervise and monitor the WASH activities. An area umbrella committee will be put in place to coordinate the water supply activities and linking it up to district level. The intervention will bring together the expertise resident in Environmental Health Technicians and the District Development Fund (DDF) who are the custodians of public health and waster services respectively. The intention here is to augment the new PWS and ensure productive use of water that is affordable and sustainable throughout the year.

## Outcomes

1. Reduced drudgery in water collection and household chores freeing women and girl's time to engage in more productive activities
2. Improved access to and use of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene
3. Increased human / social capital
4. Increased confidence in participation and leadership by women
5. Improved community development coordination at all local levels
6. Demonstration of proof of concept in community development model

## Impact

Proof of Concept to enable national adoption of a more holistic and sustainable approach to rural development through improved water supply systems.

## Budget

	Activity	Duration	Quantity	Cost
1	Procurement, drilling and equipping one borehole	2 week	1	USD 5,500
2	Solarisation of the borehole	2 weeks	1	USD 4,500
3	Storage tanks installation	2 weeks	4	USD 4,000
4	Reticulation/networking	3 months	1	USD 8,000
5	Transport and travel logistics			USD 4,000
6	Training of Water Point User Committee and dedicated operators	2 weeks	2	USD 1,000
7	Human resources	6 months	2	USD 6,000
8	Overheads and sundries	-	1	USD 1,000
9	Documentation- Baseline data collection on chcahead website, survey for the Water supply, women participation and food security sectors (income generation and nutrition). Social mapping of project beneficiaries, photo gallery before and after installation. KII, FGDs and POs. Profile a control site	1 week	1	USD 3,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>USD 37,000</b>

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