



ADRA Zimbabwe

Capacity Statement

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to bring about positive change. The ADRA network is made up of offices and programs in over 120 countries. ADRA's technical areas include Food Security, Health, Emergency Management, Economic Growth, and Education. ADRA Zimbabwe implements community development programs, particularly in the areas of food and nutrition security, education, maternal and newborn health, economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and emergency response and management.

A team of qualified and competent personnel that design, manage, and implement its programs staff ADRA Zimbabwe. They possess local, regional and international experience in management of huge and diverse government and network funding that is supported by administrative staff: the Country Director, Programs Director, Finance Director, monitoring and evaluation unit, communication unit.

Technical Expertise **Food and Nutrition**

ADRA Zimbabwe's food security strategy addresses both short and long-term food needs. For short-term responses, ADRA has been an implementing partner for World Food Organization, OCHA and FAO where it has implemented in food, input and voucher distribution. In 2013, ADRA assisted 27,812 direct beneficiaries (and almost 150,000 indirect beneficiaries) with an objective of improving their food security. Furthermore, ADRA has from 2013 started implementing livelihoods projects to beneficiaries assisted with food aid to support them beyond the assistance. In these projects, funded by ADRA network offices, beneficiaries that are discharged from food aid assistance (especially mothers with children under the age of 5) are supported with skills and start up capital to engage in livelihood activities. These activities include vegetable production, poultry production, mushroom production, detergent making, peanut butter production and other income generation activities. This program is being piloted in

and around Harare with a plan to extend to all areas of operations where ADRA is implementing food assistance programs.

Nutrition is a cross cutting issue in all ADRA projects. Two of the key areas where activities are concentrated are: nutrition education and behavior change communication; and Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM). ADRA Zimbabwe has learned that nutrition education is effective in reducing malnutrition in children, especially when combined with complementary interventions. To complement the more structured programs, ADRA Zimbabwe works with district nutritionists to plan and conduct food fairs and disseminate information to encourage the adoption of improved nutritional practices. ADRA Zimbabwe’s priorities in the Nutrition sector are to:

- ✓ Focus on women, children and adolescents;
- ✓ Be clinical and community driven
- ✓ Improve dietary intake through exclusive breastfeeding, optimal introduction of complementary feeding, and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF);
- ✓ Fortify with micronutrients through bio-fortification in plant breeding and distribution of enhanced seeds to farmers;
- ✓ Deliver micronutrient interventions through the promotion of vitamin-dense crops, such as vitamin A-rich sweet potatoes, and the use of herbs and spices, plants, and iodized salt, as well as through educating communities on nutritious consumption, and iron, zinc, and vitamin A supplementation;
- ✓ Support additional income generation through selling plants, herbs, and spices for increased resources to purchase food; and
- ✓ Provide training on improved food utilization.
- ✓ Provide nutrition training with HIV considerations.

Promoted Herbs, Spices, and Plants	
Garlic	Mint
Tansy	Cayenne
Fennel	Sesame
Basil	Dandelion
Thyme	Sage
Ginger	Thistle
Lemon Grass	Oregano
Chamomile	Chives
Feverfew	Bay leaves
Rosemary	Coriander
Lavender	Lemon Balm
Parsley	Aloe vera

Food Distributions:

To address the shortages that come about as a result of recurrent droughts, ADRA with WFP support has in the past two years implemented seasonal targeted food distributions. At the peak of the lean season in 2012/2013 period, ADRA assisted over 13,600 with food and cash for cereal that saw ADRA coordinating logistics and distribution of over US\$23,000/month. In 2013/14 lean season ADRA assisted 71,598 beneficiaries with cash to the value of \$858,792 and 2,964 MT of food.

Under long-term programs, ADRA works with organizations like United Nations FAO to provide smallholder farmers with input and train them in modern farming techniques to improve their production. ADRA is also implementing a peri-urban horticulture program with over 1,300 farmers who have access to use over 50 ha. ADRA is strengthening the capacity of the garden leadership who has formed a platform to address production and market issues with an aim of becoming active members of the horticulture value chain.

WASH

ADRA Zimbabwe has been delivering WASH programming for over 25 years, starting with the objective of improving access to safe water through infrastructure development. To compliment this, ADRA Zimbabwe uses interventions such as the Participatory Health and Hygiene Education (PHHE) and Promotion (PHHP) to raise hygiene awareness, improve hygiene practices, and provide health education. The PHHE curriculum also includes elements on nutrition, particularly for children, pregnant and lactating women, and people living with HIV/AIDS. These activities are complemented by capacity building efforts to ensure that local governments and service providers are able to effectively manage, operate, and regulate water and sanitation services. Gender is an important consideration for ADRA in its WASH programming due to the heavy burden on women and children with regards to water collection and household hygiene and sanitation. ADRA is proactively engaging men as decision-makers at the household level in WASH-related issues to encourage wider adoption of improved practices. ADRA Zimbabwe closely coordinates its WASH programs with the Government Environmental Health personnel, the council Environment committees, the WASH cluster, the Zimbabwe National Ground Water Standards working group, and the District Water and Sanitation Committee in Gokwe North.

This is complemented by hygiene and sanitation behavior change activities to reduce the incidence of water-sanitation related illnesses. In the last five years, ADRA has implemented nearly \$3 million in WASH programs for over 150,000 beneficiaries in communities and schools.

ADRA Zimbabwe's priorities and approaches for WASH are to:

- ✓ Improve access to safe water in rural and urban areas through borehole drilling, rehabilitating and protecting open wells, installing tanks, and conducting water quality testing;
- ✓ Improve access to sanitation and hygiene in rural and urban areas by constructing latrines and hand washing facilities in schools and public facilities, participatory community-wide hygiene promotion through Community Health Clubs and School Health Clubs, as well as social marketing strategies; and
- ✓ Respond to WASH emergencies in both urban and rural areas in accordance with the WASH Cluster strategy and ADRA's National Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan and by developing and implementing disaster risk reduction.

ADRA Zimbabwe's WASH activities contribute towards disease prevention and the overall health of beneficiary communities. ADRA links its WASH activities closely with the food security and nutrition programs due to the proven correlation between hygiene and sanitation and disease and malnutrition.

Education:

ADRA Zimbabwe's work projects in the education sector include both hardware (construction of school blocks) and software (provision of text books, and other educational materials). The key goal for ADRA's education programme is to increase access to education among children focusing mainly on interventions that reduce distances that children have to walk to access education. ADRA also promotes girl child education and works with communities to raise awareness about the benefits of educating girls. In this sector ADRA works closely with the rural district councils and in the past three years ADRA has implemented projects to the value of USD 2 million. The key donor in this sector has been the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan.

Maternal and Newborn health

In its maternal health projects, ADRA Zimbabwe seeks to contribute to improving maternal health. Interventions are aimed at mitigating factors that contribute to first, second and third delays in getting effective care for pregnant women.

Delays in decision to seek care include all factors leading to failure by those afflicted and affected by illness to recognize signs of danger, the need to seek care and early complications of the incident illness. These include religious or cultural beliefs, low status of women as a socio-cultural barrier to seeking care, socio-economic and political insecurity of women may experience, lack of opportunities and abilities to make decisions about health and beliefs and practices that are harmful to good maternal health.

Delays in reaching care are often due to long distances to health facilities, poor or lack of infrastructure to move from home to health facilities, natural physical barriers to accessing health care and poor organization of health services.

Delays in receiving effective health care are include inadequate facilities, supplies and/or personnel at existing facilities (often due to lack of resources to fund health services), poorly-trained and/or demotivated personnel and poor referral mechanisms.

Interventions have included construction of waiting mother shelters, provision of transportation to village health workers or other care givers to raise awareness among communities on maternal health and nutrition issues, provision of transportation to minimize delays in getting to the clinic by women and provision of WASH infrastructure to ensure hygiene.

Infrastructure project Management:

ADRA Zimbabwe under this sector includes management of infrastructure construction such as schools, maternal waiting shelters, canals, and sanitation facilities. ADRA Zimbabwe has a team of project managers with expertise in this sector.

Support Services:

Monitoring and evaluation unit

ADRA Zimbabwe's monitoring and evaluation unit supports ADRA Zimbabwe programs focusing on performance against goals, learning from experience and adjusting to new conditions, reporting outcomes and achieving objectives. To complement this is an establishment of knowledge management system.

ADRA will mainstream disaster risk management and climate change.

Donors, Partners, and Past Performance

U.S. Agency for International Development /OFDA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan)
W. K. Kellogg Foundation	European Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid
UN Food and Agriculture Organization	DANIDA
UN World Food programme	ADRA network partners
U.K. Department for International Development	OCHA
International Organization for Migration	
Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, EMA	

Donor Award Amount Duration	Project Title	Targeted Areas Beneficiary No.	Project Interventions
Kellogg Foundation \$512,775 2005-2008	Plumtree HIV/AIDS Household Nutrition Garden	Matebeleland South; Buliluma, Bmagwe 400	Crop production; production, processing, marketing of herbs; nutrition gardens.
DG ECHO €1,052,859 Feb – Dec 2010	Promoting Sustainable Food Production in Epworth and Kuwadzana	Harare Metropolitan Province; Epworth, Kuwadzana 2,128	Market gardening; indigenous poultry production; mushroom production; training.
DFID \$176,000 2008-2011	PRP II – Nutrition Behavior Change	Manicaland; Mberengwa, Mwenezi Zaka 11,997	Training in nutrition, food preparation, and meal balancing; behavior change; cropping, garden planning; cooking clubs at schools and in communities.
WFP \$97,998 (excluding food value)	Nutrition and Livelihoods Support for Malnourished Patients on ART and TB Treatment, Pregnant and Lactating Mothers, and Children in Harare Province: Food by Prescription	Harare Metropolitan Province; Harare 78,000	Nutrition support to those on ART, TB treatment, pregnant and lactating mothers, and children under the age of 5; use of corn-soy blend.

WFP \$323,856 (excluding food value)	Nutrition Support	Harare Metropolitan Province; Harare 4,750	Nutrition support to those on ART, TB treatment, pregnant and lactating mothers, and children under the age of 5.
IOM \$249,182 Dec – May 2012	Nutrition Garden	Harare Metropolitan Province; Harare 5,706	Market Oriented Vegetable Production
USAID/OFDA \$623,500 May 2011 – Jan 2012	ADRA Water the Hygiene Promotion Program	Midlands Province; Gokwe North, Gweru Urban. 39,906	Establishment and training in PHHE of Community and School Health Clubs; facilitation of Community and School Health Campaigns; construction of ferrocement tanks; installation of rainwater harvesting systems.
Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs \$395,515 Nov 2010 – Dec 2011	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project for Prevention Against Cholera	Midlands Province, Gokwe North 28,000	Drilling boreholes at schools; construction of hand washing facilities and toilets in schools; training in PHHE; rehabilitation and protection of wells.
UN OCHA Emergency Relief Fund \$225,000 July 2010 – Feb 2011	Emergency Water and Sanitation Project in Gweru Urban	Midlands Province; Gweru Urban 9,157	Drilling and rehabilitating boreholes; construction of ablution facilities
USAID/OFDA \$884,581 May 2010 – Mar 2011	ADRA Water and Hygiene Promotion Program	Midlands Province; Gokwe North, Gweru Urban 32,480	Establishment and training in PHHE of Community and School Health Clubs; facilitation of Community and School Health Campaigns; installation of rainwater harvesting corrugated iron tanks
Japan Platform \$168,395 Apr – Aug 2009	Initial Humanitarian Response for the Cholera Outbreak in Zimbabwe	Manicaland Province; Makoni 15,150	Drilling boreholes; constructing hand washing facilities at schools; training in PHHE; provision of non-food items
Action Aid International \$173,400 March 2007 – 2011	Chiendambuya Development Initiative	Chiendambuya, Makoni North 8,000	Income-generating projects (gardening, small livestock) for persons living with HIV/AIDS; capacity building of community-based organizations; health promotion; PHHE training; water point rehabilitation
ADRA Australia 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 \$500,000	Market driven vegetable production	200 households in Ruwa	Provision of training and inputs for high value vegetable production, installation of irrigation system, Provision of small farming equipment and tools, Training farmers in nutrition
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization \$ 925,000 (inputs and operational costs)	Extension support and Input distribution	5000 – Binga and Bulilima districts	Distribution of farm inputs through voucher system, Provision of improved livestock breeds, Provision of sustainable farming techniques to farmers in

1 October 2012 (10 months)			partnership with AGRITEX
Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan (1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015) \$ 1.7 million	Construction of Schools and provision of water in Gokwe North	Gokwe North	Construction of 6 schools, Drilling of boreholes at the schools, Health and Education training
World Food Programme 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014 \$940,321 Monthly beneficiaries: 7227	Nutrition Support	Harare, Chitungwiza and Gweru	Nutrition support to those on ART, TB treatment, pregnant and lactating mothers, and children under the age of 5
ADRA Network - \$115,000	Economic development	Harare	Livelihoods beyond food aid
DFID, ADRA-UK \$1.5 million Beneficiaries: 7500	Maternal and child health	Gokwe North	Maternal and health education to pregnant mothers, construction of waiting mother shelters, provision of ambulances to 4 clinics. Health and nutrition education
DANIDA - \$1.3 Million	Institutional Strengthening	Harare	Capacity building of community based farmer organization.
ADRA Network response to Tokwe Mukorsi Disaster - \$40,855.00	Emergency response	Mwenezi	Relief – provision of Jerry cans, sanitary pads and soap
OCHA - \$216,482	Emergency response	Mwenezi	Nutrition support