

**PROJECT:**

Sustainable lifestyles among rural families in **Zimbabwe**: Small-scale conservation farming to change lifestyles in Africa and beyond

**Implementing entity:**

Development Aid from People to People Zimbabwe (DAPP)

**Project partners:**

Department of Agricultural Technical Extension Services (AGRITEX); Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Youth and Economic Development, Rural District Councils and the Rural District Development Committee Commission

**Amount:**

Budgeted: USD200,000
Spent: USD200,000



Duration: 24.01.2017 - 31.12.2018

**Project objective:**

The project's goal was to provide local farmers with the knowledge and skills to support themselves and their communities. This has been achieved through promoting and replicating sustainable farming, adaptation and mitigation practices to climate change, and living for 2,000 farmers in rural Gutu (Masvingo Province) and Mutasa (Manicaland Province) districts of Zimbabwe by 2018.

Project status: Completed

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As a result of the project, 2000 farmers were organized in 40 clubs of 50 farmers each.

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6 model fields and 6 model gardens in both districts were established

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2000 farmers were trained in climate smart production, economic empowerment, healthy harvesting, value addition and marketing skills

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More than 95% of the farmers adopted conservation farming techniques in both mechanized and manual forms

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By the end of the project the garden production increased by 46.7% and garden crop varieties increased from 5 to 13 different crops.

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By the project's conclusion, more than 3/4 of the farmers could afford 3 balanced meals with

a minimum of 5 food groups a day. Income from both the production of cereal and garden crops increased, owing to a greater production of both.

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To contribute to mitigating the effects of climate change, farmers also engaged in other agro-economic activities that included peanut butter production, apiculture, aquaculture and mushroom production.

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287 652 trees were planted in the two districts by 1500 farmers

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To calculate CO2 emission FAO's Ex-Ante Carbon-balance Tool (EX-ACT) was used. As a result of the project, 7,332 tCO2eq were captured with an average of 7.3 tCO2eq per hectares per year.