

Activity Progress Report

Sustainable Intensification of Market based Agriculture (SIMBA)

ZWE 1077

Gokwe South District

Month [&Year] : December 2015

Ward(s) : Chisina1, 2, 3 &4, Nemangwe3, 4 &5, Njelele1, 2&3, Ngomeni, Sayi, Jiri 1&2

1 GENERAL INFORMATION / CONTEXT EVOLUTION

Generally, the organisation takes part of this time of the month for the employees to have a break. Inadvertently, December is a short working month hence all activities and targets are squeezed within a short time. As anticipated the rains continued to be very low for most areas of the program area. A maximum average of 46mm was received in Nemangwe parts of Mutimutema and Nyagombe while other areas received a maximum ranging between 28mm and 36mm. Farmers were panicking and some decided to plant with the first rains they received ranging between 12mm and 18mm. This resulted in low germination percentage as the rains were not effective due to excessive heat. It has looked promising for those that have practiced conservation farming as their crops managed to germinate despite the low rainfall amounts. However, continued excessive heat will spell a disastrous time for the farmers. Distribution of government inputs was a major feature in most communities in the operational area. This had an effect on some community gatherings as community members ran to get whatever support was offered outside the project. As this month featured CHC graduations, these were heavily affected by the distributions as average and below average attendances were experienced. Distribution of broilers and feeds, Community Health Clubs (CHC) graduations, construction of granaries as well as post planting monitoring were all done during the short period.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

ACTIVITIES	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	OUTSTANDING
Community Health Clubs Graduations (Graduates)	4835	4835	nil
Distribution of broiler chicks and feeds	2600 chicks	100%	nil
Flower production	36 farmers	36 farmers	nil
Construction of granaries	3	100%	nil
Fowl run construction monitoring	90 hh	100%	nil

1 PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

1.1 Problems

- Wilting of crops due to inadequate rains all over the wards
- -Drying up of water sources due to high temperatures
- -Dying of broiler chicks due to inadequate water on the drinkers and chilling injury

1.2 Solutions undertaken

- Farmers to be urged to apply mulch otherwise nothing will be harvested
- Increase the number of drinkers to prevent birds dying from water shortages

2 ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH

PLANNED ACTIVITIES
Fowl run monitoring visits
CF monitoring visits
Granary monitoring visits
Rosca group meetings
Nutrition garden visits