

Activity Progress Report

Sustainable Intensification of Market based Agriculture (SIMBA)

ZWE 1077

Gokwe South District

Month [&Year] : March 2015

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

1 GENERAL INFORMATION / CONTEXT EVOLUTION

The month was one of the busiest with preparations for the district conservation agriculture field day that was held on the 20th of March in Ngomeni ward 5. The month of March was generally characterized by very high temperatures with the dry spell stretching from February. This affected the late planted crop to total failure. The severe dry spell exposed the benefits of CA since all crops which were planted in CA and adhering to its principles made it to full maturity. This simply indicates that this year is a year of drought. The last week of the month surprised us as we witnessed some unprecedented heavy downpours. An average of 21mm was recorded in the last three days of the month for the Nemangwe areas.

Field days were the main activities of the month. Ward field days ended on the 6th of March and were reported in February report. Judging of District field day was done and ended on the 11th of March. Naomi Mubaiwa of Ngomeni ward was announced the winner for the 2014/2015 cropping season. A separate Field day report is available.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

ACTIVITIES	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	OUTSTANDING
District Field day: Ngomeni	1	100%	nil
Conducting an exchange visit to Njelele 2	1	1	0
Sesame field days: Njelele 1& Jiri 1	2	2	0
ROSCAs			
Market gardens monitoring			
Sugar beans NUA 45			

2 PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

2.1 Problems

- Horticultural production process behind the planting calendar
- Lead farmer's bicycles developing problems and the spare parts are not available in the shops

2.2 Solutions undertaken

- The Head of Project in consultation with APT, to give direction on the way forward.
- There was a suggested training for some community members to be done in Harare. This training is supposed to provide a livelihood base for these community members.