

## **Sustainable Intensification of Market Based Agriculture (SIMBA)**

### **Gokwe South District, Midlands Province (ZWE 1077)**

#### **July 2014. Monthly report.**

#### **Activities:**

- Community Based Planning and monitoring Trainings( CBPM)
- Conservation Agriculture Training
- Selection of granary sites
- Community Health Clubs sessions in the wards
- Roscas Training of Trainers

#### **Community Based Planning and monitoring Trainings**

Project implementation has to involve the communities who happen to be the direct clients to any project. The community based planning and monitoring approach CBPM therefore is an implementation tool that can be used in most projects, the concept involves the use of selected community based facilitators who happen to be the field technicians and lead farmers who are selected by the communities as volunteer facilitators from the various different groups. These facilitators stand in as eyes and ears of welthungerhilfe and more so need to work for up lifting of the project in their various areas. It is against this background that they need special training in order to re align to the requirements of simple extension techniques which are anticipated to improve their conduct as they under take their duties as lead farmers

#### **Conservation Agriculture (CA)**

Basin preparation is the main activity under CA. Winter weeding and basin preparation are the major activities being carried out in all the wards.

#### **Monitoring of market gardens**

Generally market gardening activities are going on well according to the designed planting and harvesting program. Though the activities are too many to be implemented at once we are trying our best to make ends meet for the results to be obtained. A number of gardens were visited across the Njelele 1,2 Nemangwe 3 and 5 wards and there was a lot which was observed from these gardens but they are doing well.

### **Granary Selection**

Site selection of all possible granary sites was done in various wards. Eight sites were selected per each ward, each cluster making a provision of at least two sites.

### **Roscas Trainings**

From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 there was a rosca training of trainers workshop where forty five participants were trained from all the wards. They shall be monitoring roscas activities in the wards.

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