



Children in the Wilderness Zimbabwe – Feeding Programme Update

Food distribution programme

Over the past few months, we have been working hard to bring food and water to a number of villages on the outskirts of Hwange National Park. A total of 432 children are fed at three schools in the Hwange area, with food supplied by the Children in the Wilderness programme in conjunction with donations from AAC and Makila Travel. Below are just a few photos and updates.

Mpindo Village and School

Supplies are delivered to Mpindo School on a weekly basis. The children therefore each receive a nutritious lunch every Monday to Friday of the school term, and parents organised by the school's PTA take it in turn to cook.



Parents join with the pupils of Mpindo to receive groceries for the children's lunches.



Mpindo Grade Zero pupils proudly pose for a photo with the weekly supplies around them to say thank you.



Borehole servicing

Wilderness Safaris' Pump minder, Bekithemba Ncube, shows the positive result after the successful repair of a Justa pump unit at Mpindo Village in an effort to try and get water for the community garden. The pump has been out of action for the past 18 months and with the help of Zimbabwe Wilderness Safaris and the Children in the Wilderness programme, water is now flowing.

Community gardening is the next project to be undertaken by Children in the Wilderness Zimbabwe and it is hoped this will ensure the sustainability of the feeding programme at the schools. The ultimate aim is to get the communities to take ownership of these projects and help themselves.

Teachers' Aides at Ziga School



It's all smiles at Ziga School after the community teachers' aides receive their allowances for the second term from Children in the Wilderness Community Coordinator Mxolisi Sibanda. In an effort to rehabilitate the schools on the south-eastern border of Hwange National Park, and attract children back to school, Children in the Wilderness Zimbabwe has organised for funds to pay two senior school leavers to assist with the teaching of the 240 children at Ziga School. With the poor economic climate in Zimbabwe and because of a lack of salaries, many of the teachers from these rural schools have left to look for greener pastures. Schools like Ziga are left with a Headmaster and one teacher. Hopefully as stability returns to our country, these teachers will return and once again be employed by the government.

Finally, below are a few photos from the clothing distribution at Dete Orphanage. Clothes are kindly donated by guests of Makila Travel; the company send bags full of clothing every six months or so – an act of generosity that is hugely appreciated by all the Zimbabweans concerned. Thank you Makila!



(Children in the Wilderness Zimbabwe also supplies some food for lunches for the children at the home; seen on right.)

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone for their kind donations.

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