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Background of the Picture Bulletin

This monthly picture bulletin provides insight, progress and a continuous track of the activities of a grassroots community project in the Chikato area, ward 7 of Shurugwi District in Zimbabwe. Greatest appreciation goes to the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the financial assistance for all the activities under the project title **“Chikato Orphans and Women’s Economic and Social Safety Project.”** The project interventions are being implemented by Shurugwi Partners – a grassroots / community based organization formed and managed by the local people.

The bulletin provides a supplement to project reports by capturing and communicating the changes and activities through showcasing the best pictures of the month on a continuous basis. The project implementing team however welcome comments and inputs from the recipients of this bulletin as it helps to shape programming of the interventions aimed to empower the marginalized and mostly vulnerable communities.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Garden

Giant Rape



A productive garden can provide a vital buffer for climate change induced food insecurity, social and economic shocks among vulnerable households.

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Butternuts



Agricultural marketing starts right away with planning and production. The garden marketing committee member estimating the butternut crop production before harvesting.

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Tomato Crop : Rodade



Conservation farming has dominated horticultural production in local communities as a climate change coping strategy.

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Water Resource Development

Improved access to clean water



Water availability in the rural areas determines the rate and extent of social and economic development. Within the first four months of the project implementation, the beneficiaries have realized a change in livelihoods through access to clean water and nutritious vegetables from the garden.

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Small Livestock Provision

Indigenous Poultry Provision



Through innovations, community driven projects mostly make use of locally available and cost effective resources to confront poverty and other challenges. Small livestock are traditionally owned by women; hence they provide safety nets against social and economic shocks.

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Community Contribution

Project Shed Construction



“Despite the project’s major focus on women and vulnerable children, men are contributing immensely in the project implementation through executing all activities that require their participation”

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Conclusion



This picture bulletin captured most of the activities from the previous month of December 2011. Currently, the project implementation is in the second quarter and we hope you will find this bulletin an informative and resourceful tour of the Chikato grassroots project. As Shurugwi Partners, we value lessons learning, feedback and continual improvement as important tools for effective programming; hence your comments and feedback are welcome.

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