



ZUPA WEEK

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EDITORIAL

Last August, ZUPA in Sizinda ward, in Bulawayo, celebrated 101 years of uGogo umaNdlovu's life. She told of how life had changed over the years and thanked ZUPA for the assistance extended to her in food handouts.

This week, we were touched and saddened by her passing. Rest in peace gogo. In her memory, we will continue our work of assisting and protecting the rights of pensioners and elderly people in Zimbabwe.

This week, the ZUPA team has been busy engaging the communities and potential investors on their views on the indigenisation and empowerment programme. The feedback has been that foreign investors and many ordinary people view Zimbabwe's indigenisation programme as highly politicised with parties in the Government of National Unity appearing to sit on different sides of the island on how it should be implemented, if at all.

ZUPA is encouraging the Government of Zimbabwe to facilitate a mature and inclusive debate on indigenisation in Zimbabwe in a way that takes a leaf from resource economies like Australia, Saudi Arabia and Norway.

ZUPA is also calling on total depoliticisation of the programme to enable all Zimbabweans to participate and to give confidence to investors.

We call through the ZUPA presidential weekly, for a public information portal in libraries across the country to enable ordinary people to access all the information necessary for participation.

We are humbled by the support that the unemployed people of Zimbabwe continue to get through ZUPA.

Following feedback from the communities, this weekly will create a section on obituaries and notices.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Education and Welfare

We are continuing our engagement with authorities on the issue of school fees for all children whose parents and guardians are unemployed and have no source of income.

ZUPA is in the process of compiling lists of these children in wards. As required, we will be engaging traditional chiefs, councillors and Members of Parliament in the areas where the children are for vetting and verification of the database before submitting to the Ministries of Education and Social Welfare.

ZUPA is prepared to go through whatever bureaucratic system in place to achieve social justice for the children of Zimbabwe.

Distressed Industrial and Marginalised Areas Fund

ZUPA has organised a roundtable meeting set for Monday 13th February at the ZNCC Bulawayo. We have invited business people, residents and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to discuss matters arising from the use of \$40 million that has been released by the Ministry to help the industry in Bulawayo to recover. There are serious concerns.

We are sadly still waiting for the ministry to publish the names of the companies they shortlisted so that we can monitor their compliance with the terms of the bailout and hold them to account. We also want our unemployed members in Bulawayo to go and get the jobs expected to be created through this bailout.

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Child rights

This week, Thamsanqa Zhou Jr raised serious issues about children who are being incarcerated with their breastfeeding mothers in Zimbabwe's health hazard prisons. We believe the social services and the justice ministry must take immediate action to address this serious issue.

Civil servants' Strike

We noted the civil servants strike and negotiations continue to drag on with no side willing to compromise. We also note that due to the nature of the education crisis, some teachers have crossed the picket line arguing that what they are now doing is charitable in the best interest of the children.

We encourage Government and the Apex Council Leaders to continue on a mature line and resolve the issue amicably.

We also encourage unions in Zimbabwe to look at ZUPA's set up where members are balloted before industrial action is taken. This will ensure that whatever they are doing is fully informed by the expressed views of the members. This would minimise the risk of civil servants who go on strike from being victimised by their managers as was the case in many areas. Strike action should be supported by evidence of a ballot of the members.

Strategy

As the demand for our work increases, we continue to add structures and add personnel. ZUPA is from next week starting Monday Lunch Forum in a number of cities to enable Zimbabweans to share ideas on employment creation, social and economic policies. We seek partners who can provide free venues during lunch (13:00-14:00 hrs) in Zimbabwean towns.

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International Engagement

The ZUPA team is working to establish partnerships with unions and international agencies whose constitutional objectives are to alleviate poverty, development and create employment for people.

We will soon launch a campaign to mobilise resources for \$150 Million ZUPA Fund where half of the money would be used as security to enable unemployed Zimbabweans to access lines of credit for business start-up and half will be used as grants for viable income generating projects with prospects of creating employment.

PROVINCES

Mashonaland (Chairperson Milka Manyanda)

The ZUPA team in Mashonaland is planning a clean up programme in Murewa, where 29 rural wards will send volunteers to clean streets and the local hospital.

ZUPA believes this clean up is important in the wake of typhoid outbreak in Harare and the cholera outbreak not so long ago.

ZUPA Mashonaland would be happy to get any assistance in the form of T-shirts and refreshments for volunteers. We will also be happy if other organisations and Ministry of Health officials send volunteers in the proactive interest, health and safety of the residents of Murewa.

Our plan is to have the clean-up on the 24th February but we will advise details as soon as the police clear the programme. We have made a police clearance application as required by the POSA legislation. For information contact Francisca Ngwende tel +263 (0)773268350.

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Matabeleland (Chairperson Mvikeli Mathema)

ZUPA is boosting the leadership team in Matabeleland by co-opting Solomon Sibanda, Paul Vela and Promise Nzima into the Provincial team. These leaders are coming from the ward structures with vast experience in community engagement. Welcome Sibanda, Vela and maNzima.

ZUPA will be hosting members and stakeholders in the Monday Lunch Forum at ZNNC, Cnr. 8th Ave/Fort Street, Bulawayo on Monday 13th February and every Monday lunch time thenceforth. This is a forum for people in Bulawayo to share ideas about how to resolve problems for the communities.

Ward councils will be reporting on their own consultations with grassroots on thematic issues every week. This week, ZUPA is focusing on the DIMAF project where the Ministry of Industry and Commerce shortlisted 58 companies to share \$40 Million in Bulawayo. ZUPA wants Bulawayo residents to participate in decisions on this project.

We remind all that we have partnered Universal Technologies to design websites for all companies in Bulawayo who need exposure (<http://tinyurl.com/86zh2ur>)

Masvingo (Chairperson Bianca S Ntabeni)

ZUPA Masvingo continues to work with women and children to address the school fees issue.

We will also be engaging local Companies in the Lowveld to find what opportunities there are for support in employment creation and facilities for unemployed people to start income generating projects.

ZUPA Masvingo is following with vested interest, events around RioZim's recapitalisation. Any mine or industrial closures will cost the people of

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Masvingo jobs, something we do not want to see happening. Instead, we want to see growth and more investment.

Midlands (Chairperson Pastor Manjoro)

ZUPA Midlands has engaged Ministry of Agriculture's Livestock Department to explore projects for ZUPA members.

We believe fishing, poultry, piggery and dairy farming are crucial for Zimbabwe's food security. We also believe there is demand in international markets for Zimbabwean products in this area. Our work will create jobs for our members and grow the economy.

We are at an advanced stage of organising a fishery educational tour and feasibility study for fish farming in the Zambezi.

We are in discussions with poultry commercial producers on a scheme that will enable ZUPA Midlands to supply at least three major producers. We are hopeful that this will go a long way to promote our work and alleviate our members' poverty.

ZUPA Midlands has formed a specialist committee to look at how people in the Midlands province can participate in mining in the province. We will soon be discussing with companies based in the province. We seek to promote mining and secondary industries in the midlands to ensure that our members get jobs and opportunities.

We are excited with the encouraging response from the commercial banks who are willing to consider our proposals for lines of credit. We now hope that the ZUPA national office can look into the request for a ZUPA business Fund that can work as collateral security for unemployed people to get access to loans.

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Manicaland (Chairperson Esther Manyengawana)

ZUPA in Manicaland has working hard on the recruitment of temporary teachers programme. We welcome news that an audit has been completed on civil servants and hope that the data collected will make it easier to identify the vacancies in the province. We have thousands in need of jobs in Manicaland with a particular interest in teaching.

We continue with our engagement with businesses that are in distress in Manicaland, to find ways of assisting. We want them to remain in business so that they can employ our members.

FEBRUARY CAMPAIGNS AND APPEALS

Due to the increasing demand for ZUPA services in Zimbabwe, the ZUPA team is expanding to increase capacity to deal with the demands of the millions of unemployed people throughout the country. It would be difficult for ZUPA to do this work without assistance from individuals and organisations who share our vision and passion to help Zimbabweans out of the poverty revolving door. In February, we are seeking help as follows:

1. **We are in need of free office space in major towns of Zimbabwe.** If you know anyone who is willing to assist, please contact us on zupanational@gmail.com. Ours is a cause for the suffering masses of Zimbabwe.
2. **ZUPA is also looking for motorbikes in all provinces to enable us to reach structures and members in some remote villages quickly.** It is currently taking us days to undertake workshops and consultations in some areas such as Binga and Chipinge. Any donations for vehicles or motorbikes would be wonderful to assist and empower the communities to continue asserting their rights.

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