

Zimbabwe's unemployment rate is high, reaching levels above 90%. That is a distressing statistic. Somehow Zimbabweans have managed to 'make a plan' and sustain themselves. Many people have gone into the informal sector, selling goods at open air markets or musika.

The following pictures show a few of these people at work in some of Harare's neighbourhoods.

Everyone who was photographed was wary of someone coming from an NGO to take their picture. They are very aware of how they are portrayed as poor and pathetic in the media. They were also adamant that they not be portrayed as people to be pitied, but rather as people doing what they can to survive.



This man works as a fuel attendant at a REDAN service station. REDAN is one of the biggest fuel chains in Zimbabwe.

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This young man is on his way to school in the middle of the morning. Government schools are sometimes oversubscribed so they practice what is called 'hotseating' where the school has morning, mid morning and late after noon teaching sessions in order to accommodate all the students.

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This man sells bread at an open air market. He sells sliced and unsliced bread wrapped in plastic by the loaf. He and another bread vendor complained that business was slow.

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A woman tending to seedlings at her nursery business near Helensvale

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