



Sustainable Development Application Form

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Project Name: Cattle Project			
Local Country Partner: United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) Zimbabwe Synod			
Location: Bulawayo, Zimbabwe			
Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:			
<p>The Zimbabwe Synod is one of five synods comprising the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). The UCCSA was formed in 1967 but traces its origins back more than 200 years to the arrival of the first missionaries sent by the London Missionary Society to Southern Africa. The UCCSA is a church partner of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through Global Ministries. Today over 500,000 members worship in over one thousand local churches across the five countries of the UCCSA. The UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod is located in Bulawayo with congregations and schools throughout Matabeleland.</p> <p>The UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod has become a leader on agricultural projects such as farming crops, because the UCCSA owns vast lands rich for both agriculture and animal rearing. These projects have been used primarily for income-generation and supporting local churches and an orphan care program, Bongani, which has been supported through Global Ministries as well.</p> <p>While much of the UCCSA agricultural land is in use for projects, there is still underutilized land and UCCSA Zimbabwe is ready to begin expanding their projects on this land. This proposal seeks support to add a cattle project. This project will be run professionally, under the guidance of experts, as is protocol for all animal rearing projects of the UCCSA Zimbabwe. The project will provide incomes for families and support ministries of the church, such as the Bongani Orphan Care Program.</p> <p>The agricultural project of the UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod began in 2016 to increase food security of vulnerable communities in Inyathi, and to mitigate slow onset natural and economic hazards through updated irrigation systems. This community has experienced a low farm production as a result of recent droughts. The community is plagued by chronic nutrition deficiency, limited civil protections of children and women, and economic deflation. The UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod also sees this project as an important way to rebuild their economic resiliency and sustainability through the sale of surplus crops.</p> <p>Since 2018, with support of Global Ministries and through a Sustainable Development grant of Week of Compassion, the UCCSA Zimbabwe Farm has been able to feed over 500 children at the nearby school from their garden produce. Each child continues to receive two, fresh green vegetables per week.</p>			

Description of Project
<p>Name of Project and Purpose (<i>agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc</i>):</p>
<p>This is an agricultural and animal husbandry project. It seeks to benefit families through income-generation and to support ministries of the church. The project will tend to cattle during the Cattle Fattening phase, which involves feeding the beef cattle for a period of 70-120 days under confinement to increase their weight and improve the quality of the cattle.</p> <p>At birth, the calves have very little fat and their initial development is mainly bone and muscle growth. As the animals mature and gain mass, they are able to accelerate in gaining fat. Once an acceptable size is reached, as determined by market demand, the animals are sold for production.</p> <p>Through the sale of the cattle, this project will provide household income generating opportunities for families in addition to generating resources for several ministries of the UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod. Some of these ministries include children's ministries, such as the Bongani Orphan Care Program, as well as emergency preparedness programs.</p>
<p>Target Population (<i>children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.- priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children</i>):</p>
<p>The UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod is largely a rural-based church with over two million members. The project will focus on the empowerment of women and youth. The project will be located at Bubi rural district of Inyathi. The project will be divided into four groups of young people who are from challenging backgrounds, and each group will be responsible for five cattle, including feeding the cattle, ensuring each animal is vaccinated, and ensuring all other essentials are provided. This will give young people an employment opportunity in addition to being a helping hand to the church and community as a whole.</p> <p>When this project yields a sustainable income, it will eventually benefit the approximately 200 individuals who receive care and support through children's programs and emergency preparedness projects of the Synod.</p>
<p>How many persons are/will be served? (<i>Please give as specific a figure as possible</i>)?</p>
<p>At a minimum 200 people will be served by this project.</p>
<p>Key Objectives:</p>
<p>1. To foster a culture of entrepreneurship among young people in rural communities of Zimbabwe.</p>
<p>2. To strengthen and support ministries for youth, elderly, and the emergency preparedness of congregations in the UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod.</p>
<p>3. To carry out a holistic ministry in the community and be able to help the less privileged and the elderly in the target communities. To provide opportunities for youth, as well as care and support for all aspects of their humanity.</p>
<p>Key Activities:</p>

1. Buying cattle, feed, and equipment. Decisions and procedures for purchasing will be managed by the Synod Finance Committee in collaboration with the Zimbabwe Synod Finance Officer and all officers of the Synod.
2. Selling cattle at a profit. Selling prices will be largely determined by the market prices.
3. Managing the project. The project will be managed by the Zimbabwe Synod Project Officer along with the Zimbabwe Synod Finance Officer and the Synod Officers.
4. Investing in Mission. This area will be overseen by the investment committee and finance committee of the Synod.

Duration of Project: The activities and budget identified in this proposal will take place over one year.

Project Budget

Total Budget: \$15,275.00

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$12,500.00

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? This is a one-time request.

Please provide a cost breakdown for the requested funds (A detailed, itemized budget is required. May be provided on a separate sheet, if easier):

An itemized budget is included.

If this project has been funded previously or is in the same geographical area, please specifically state when and how much was granted: A project at the Inyathi Mission Farm of the UCCSA Zimbabwe Synod to provide drip irrigation systems for crops received a grant of \$15,000 by Week of Compassion in Fall 2016.

Other Funding Sources: Council for World Mission as part of the UCCSA denomination.

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting, and that reports should be made between 6 months- 12 months after funding. In addition to reporting, please provide at least one story of transformation and photos.)

A narrative and financial report will be provided to Week of Compassion in one year.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding? Preferably, prior to the end of May 2022.

If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:

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Designation: UCCSA Zimbabwe Cattle Project