

CCIP 2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

A Bounce Back from the Drought

Sustainable Gardening in Chitakatira at Tariro Gardens

At Tariro Gardens Chitakatira, Chigodora, Mutare, Zimbabwe, the Mukwindidza family is involved in gardening activities in order to provide for the family and sell surplus to the community.



The usual projects done at the gardens include, growing a variety of vegetables including cabbage, tomatoes, collard greens, bell peppers, baby marrow, okra etc, poultry, fish farming. Recently introduced was a banana plantation on a small scale.

The gardening project was heavily affected in the year 2023-2024 due to the drought.

There was very little water to cater for the day to day uses of water and the gardening project.

Following the drought, Tariro Gardens is back in full mode, showing resilience and perseverance for the benefit of its family and the community at large.

Activities that were halted by the drought including fish farming and gardening at a large scale has restarted and the determination by the family to the gardening project has since motivated and inspired the



community members to also start their own gardening project. At the same time there are now able to provide organic vegetables on the market.

Tariro Gardens truly showed great adaptability to climate change and disaster management.



- It was able to bounce back from a drought (declared a national disaster).
- Gardening activities, which ensures that families are taken care of and have nutritious meals through organic vegetables, extra income is coming in, and educational benefits to the community, has since resumed.
- This has sparked a renewed interest in gardening in their community
- Upcoming is a pig production project and a banana plantation.

Tariro Gardens needs a walking tractor, which would make ploughing faster and aid in expanding the project.

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