

CCIP Zimbabwe Mabvazuwa Sunflower Oil Project



“Over the years, Zimbabwe has not had any serious promotion of sunflower farming, yet the country has a high demand for sunflower oil. As a result, it spends up to \$200 million a year on sunflower oil imports...Zimbabwe is set to drastically reduce its spending on sunflower imports. This comes after the government made a strategic decision to grow the crop locally. That way, it aims to stop importing cooking oil for use in homes and save money. Following this decision, the government has made

¹ (source: <https://africanvibes.com/this-is-why-zimbabwe-government-wants-to-make-sunflower-farming-compulsory-for-all-farmers/>)

sunflower a mandatory crop for every farmer.”¹

CCIP ZIMBABWE IS HELPING PEASANT FARMERS GROW CASH CROPS OF SUNFLOWERS

CCIP-Zimbabwe is looking forward to invest more in peasant farmers and transform their lives economically, socially and spiritually. With our sunflower oil project, we plan to purchase sunflower seeds from farmers and process them into sunflower oil. Our goal is to help farmers escape from subsistence farming, which is growing only enough to feed themselves.



The majority of farmers in Zimbabwe use oxen for ploughing crops, which is far less productive than ploughing with tractors. To help farmers at the Arnoldine community, CCIP-Zimbabwe

worked with the Rotary Club in Mutare to get a grant from Rotary International to purchase the tractor pictured below and implements.



Presently, the sunflower processing equipment is stored in building pictured below. To get the equipment operating, we need funding to get electrical service established at the building.





The above photo was taken when the equipment was at another location. With the screw-press machine, seeds are crushed into oil. Afterwards, it is refined and bottled.



Livestock benefit from the oil cake, which is the residue of making oil. It is sold as animal feed, and often is used in a mixture with other crops to get the most suitable content of protein and starch.



When our processing facility is in operation again, bags of seeds grown by farmers will be picked up and transported to the processing facility.



Mabvazuwa Sunflower Oil will be extracted and refined without the use of chemicals which means you get a pure and natural flavor.

CCIP ZIMBABWE is a Volunteer-driven Christian organization. 501 (c) 3 organization. For more information, please see our website at ccipzimbabwe.com. Or call Kennedy Mukwindidza at 620.382.5480, or Scott Hannon 913.522.0098.



The Mabvazuwa Sunflower Project is one of CCIP-Zimbabwe's attempts to work side by side with the people of Zimbabwe to make the transition from subsistence to sustenance.

Together, we can make this happen one family, one community at a time. Thank you for your support and God bless!