

Making every drop count

Food shortages persist in Zimbabwe. A staggering four million Zimbabweans, including 42% of the rural population, are likely to struggle to find enough to eat during the year.

At the beginning of 2016, most parts of the country had not even started planting crops due to the lack of rain. This means that agricultural production and people's income are both down, food prices are high and there are very few opportunities to work. Farmers are spending time and energy searching for food, at the expense of preparing their land and managing crops.

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Our Zimbabwe office is working to meet people's immediate needs. It has given 4,800 residents of Insiza District enough cash vouchers to buy World Food Programme food baskets, which include cereal, pulses, cooking oil, sugar and formula milk for children. The baskets mean farmers have enough to eat and are able to get back to growing crops, rather than spending time looking for food.

Communities are also receiving support to produce crops tolerant to drought, such as sorghum



The Zimbabwe drought means that people are having to dig deep into blocked-up rivers to find water.

and rosella, which can be sold at market. In addition, the programme continues to help communities prepare for extreme weather, through disaster risk reduction training and by using special systems to conserve water.

Zimbabwean partners also continue to run projects that support people to develop the skills they need to build a brighter future. This includes providing training in vocational and

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life skills, entrepreneurship and market development. Together, we are also working to raise the standards in education, particularly around numeracy and literacy, to ensure young people are equipped for future employment.

Thank you so much for your committed support, which is helping communities address their immediate and long-term needs.