



## **2019 PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

2019 has been another successful year for ZimSEF, and we are pleased to report that we will have another beneficiary complete her A-Levels and another two complete their O-Levels this year which is a fantastic achievement for them – we couldn't be more proud!

Our partnership with YASD in Harare is going strong and we continue to work closely with them to develop and implement community projects and the Education Fund. Our partnership is integral to the successful implementation of ZimSEF initiatives in Zimbabwe.

Our success this year would not have been possible without our strong base of loyal supporters, including our team of volunteers and our sponsors and donors. We would like to thank them for their generosity and ongoing assistance. In particular, a special thank you to James Maiden, who we say farewell to this year. James is the founder of ZimSEF and has served on its committee since inception. James is off to take up a position as Director of Communications for UNICEF in Zimbabwe. We wish him all the best for this exciting adventure, and look forward to maintaining a close relationship with into the future!

### **THE YEAR IN ZIMBABWE**

2019 has also been a momentous year for Zimbabwe. It has marked the first year of Emmerson Mnangagwa's governance, which has grown increasingly secure with the passing of Robert Mugabe in September. This period, however, has been marked by increasing social and economic insecurity as inflation remains unchecked (in October, it was estimated by an IMF delegation to be at 300%), fuel prices continue to rise (over 127% this year alone) and the cost of electricity has exploded (up to 320%). This instability has led to a spike in the price of basic goods. For example, the price of maize meal, a staple food, has increased 31% compared to this time last year.

This year has also seen the country hit by an extended period of severe drought – the Zimbabwean government estimate that 7.5 million people, almost half Zimbabwe's population, will require food aid by the end of this year. Zimbabwe has faced severe droughts that have depleted water sources in its cities. In July, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) declared

that severe drought has rendered more than a third of rural households in Zimbabwe – or around 3.5 million people – dangerously food insecure. In August 2019, the government declared the 2018/19 drought and cropping season “a State of National Disaster”. This number is expected to expand to 4.7 million, as Zimbabwe enters its dry season.

## **THE EDUCATION FUND**

ZimSEF continues to work closely with YASD to develop and implement community projects. Our partnership with YASD ensures that education extends outside the classroom to include a strong focus on sport and a healthy lifestyle. We would like to especially thank Farai Mweta, Petros Chatiza, and the YASD team, for their role in the continuing success of the program.

In 2019, 13 students completed the school year: 5 students attended Hatcliffe primary schools and 9 attended senior boarding schools (Mayua Adventist School and Dendera High School).



*Yvonne and Tabeth*

The student’s attendance and effort continues to exceed expectations. We are pleased to report Yvonne Jangara has successfully completed her A-Levels and Tabeth Filimon and Tawananyasha Munema have successfully completed their first year of A-Level’s and are on track to complete them in 2020.

The Sponsor Program is an important source of funding, and we strive to regularly engage with sponsors to encourage a close connection with their sponsor child. Sponsors are provided with regular updates on their student’s progress, and our project coordinator is in regular contact with YASD regarding the performance and welfare of our beneficiaries.

We hope that some of the sponsors may visit their students in the future, and are working towards organising a trip to Zimbabwe in 2021.

## **THE HATCLIFFE 3 PRIMARY WATER PROJECT**

The City of Harare has failed to supply potable water for many residents of Harare. The water crisis has seen Harare battling diseases like typhoid and cholera in recent years as the persistent failure to supply potable water has seen residents resorting to the use of contaminated water. Hatcliffe Extension has not been spared as the continued failure to

access running water has resulted in people digging open wells to access water for drinking, cooking and other household uses.

ZimSEF's 2019 community project, the Hatcliffe 3 Primary Water Access Project, will provide access to potable water at Hatcliffe 3 Primary School and to the nearby community by drilling a borehole and providing casing material. The borehole will be paired with a solar panel and storage tanks to enable water to be pumped to facilitate running tap water, flushing toilets and water storage. Since there is no electricity in Hatcliffe, the pump will be solar powered.

The benefits of this project include:

- Improved hygiene for more than 800 school children at Hatcliffe 3 primary school.
- Access to clean water for close to 60 households (average of 6-7 persons per household) surrounding the school.
- Access to water for around 100 people that are involved with YASD sports program on weekends.
- Improved school attendance for school children.
- Enable Hatcliffe 3 to start to plan for/have access to flushing toilets.
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive hygiene education program at Hatcliffe 3, modelled on the WASH Model being implemented by Unicef internationally, which can be expanded to the community.
- Hatcliffe 3 could run a gardening project as part of its agriculture subject, thereby earning extra money for the school.

This is a highly impactful project and it is wonderful that we can support the greater Hatcliffe community in this way.



*Hatcliffe 3 Primary School – Site of ZimSEF's Community Project for 2019*

## FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising activities for this year included Tempe and her friend Kelly Seo teamed up as Team ZiMarathon for the Jervis Bay Marathon on 17 November 2019 and committee member and ZimSEF founder, James Maiden, teamed up with a group of his mates from Southern Tasmania for the Bruny Island Ultra Marathon event which was held on 30 November 2019.



To send them all off with luck, we held a casual cocktail event at the Lord Dudley Hotel on 14 November 2019. There we were joined by ZimSEF supporters, new and old. It was a wonderful evening and our thanks to those who made it happen!

Both groups successfully completed their challenges, and we raised some much needed funds for our community project and 2020 operations.

We continue to seek other avenues for increasing funds, so we can expand the education fund and explore community projects in Zimbabwe.

The support of our families, friends, our sponsors and donors is very much appreciated and allows us to continue into the future.



## THE FUTURE

While times are tough in Zimbabwe, our partners Young Achievement Sports for Development (YASD) continue to perform their life changing work in the Hatcliffe community. YASD is a youth led community based organization that uses sport to transform communities. YASD's core objectives are to use sport as a mobilisation tool to raise awareness on developmental issues, and its programs are designed to develop role models and community leaders from the orphaned and vulnerable children participating in its various programs.

ZimSEF works directly with YASD to help them achieve their goals. Through our Education Fund, we sponsor orphans and vulnerable children who participate in YASD programs.

It is also through YASD that we identify our community projects for each year. Our approach is needs based and encourages autonomy. We consult with our partners as to the community

needs, and then use our networks and resources to help address those needs on a project by project basis.

We intend to continue this small but vital role by working toward eventually rendering ZimSEF unnecessary. We look forward to continuing our work into 2020, and beyond!

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