

Newsletter / June 2024

Self-sufficiency

Dear members and sponsors of the Swiss Friends of Sethule Orphans' Trust

Sethule Orphans' Trust has been providing food baskets to families in need in rural Zimbabwe for a long time. This is important for the children's health and their success at school. Now the charity is going one step further by teaching families how to grow their own crops in an increasingly dry climate.

Two Sethule Orphans' Trust staff members are currently attending a two-year course at an agricultural training centre. They are learning organic farming methods that are adapted to climate change and use as little water as possible. They are testing this knowledge in a trial garden and taking it back to the villages. To ensure the project is successful, discussions are held with community leaders to gain their support. Then the villagers who are interested in a community garden get together to form a group. Once they have organised themselves, staff visit them twice a month to teach them about agriculture and chicken farming.

Please help us

- Organise workshops in the villages to share this valuable knowledge,
- Fund the construction of community gardens and water reservoirs,
- Purchase the necessary tools and seedlings,
- Build chicken coops, buy automatic feeders, broiler chicks and laying hens.

As a result, around 25 people in each of the three villages will learn to provide for themselves and their families.



We had to switch to **another bank** again:

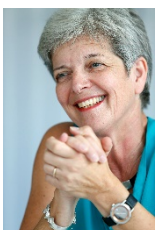
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Weiherstrasse 10, 3073 Gümligen**

(payment slip enclosed)

We apologise for these repeated changes. Transfers to Zimbabwe seem to be difficult for many banks due to the regulations regarding corruption, money laundering, etc.

Thank you for your loyalty and kind regards



Anne-Marie Saxer-Steinlin, President of the association

PS1: All tasks in our association are carried out on a voluntary basis and most material expenses are sponsored. In 2023 we had less than 1.4% administration costs!

PS2: If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please send an email to info@sethule.ch.