

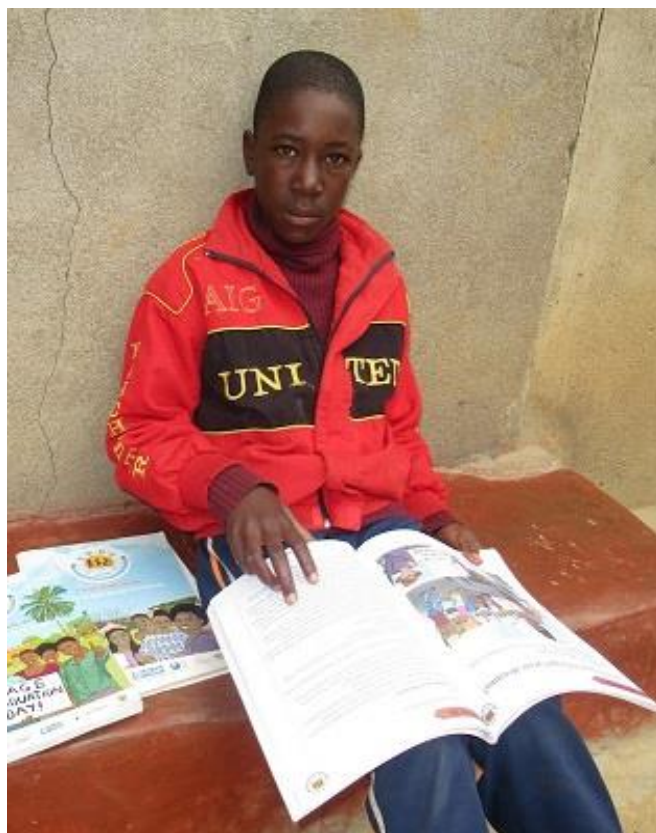
## YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

**Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Harare. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.**

Plan International has been working in Harare, an urban-rural region in Zimbabwe, since 1993. The COVID-19 pandemic and an uptick in natural disasters have highlighted the vulnerability of local schools, which have limited – or no – water resources.

With your support, 261 adolescent girls and young women have participated in Plan International's Integrated Skills Outreach Programme. This programme has also allowed 3,001 girls and adolescent mothers who are not in school to continue learning literacy and maths.

**Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Harare.**



### 10,000

Households received funding for necessities



### 25,000

Children have been fed through these purchases



### 3,500

Children are happier after receiving play therapy



## COVID-19'S IMPACT IN ZIMBABWE

**Hear from Shumirai about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.**

"COVID-19 negatively impacted our economy. Prices of masks and sanitisers went up. Only a few families in my community could afford them. Plan International provided us with hand sanitisers and face masks, together with information about COVID-19. This protected us from the pandemic."

# CASE STORY: I WILL STAY IN SCHOOL



**NAME: MUNASHE**

**AGE: 14 YEARS OLD**

**HOBBY: NETBALL**

I learnt that education is my key to success. I will make my grandmother proud as I excel in school. I know my rights, and I have learnt to say NO to any proposals for marriage. I thank Plan for their work.

## Meet Munashe

Like your sponsored child, Munashe has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Munashe lives in Manicaland, Zimbabwe. When the COVID-19 pandemic threatened her ability to stay in school, Munashe found support with Plan International.

## Finding My Way

Young Munashe has been an orphan since infancy. She now lives with her grandmother. Her only sibling – a sister – provided for Munashe by sending money earned through her job in South Africa.

The COVID-19 pandemic reached Munashe's home in Manicaland just after she finished Grade 7. Schools locked down, and Munashe had to care for her grandmother, who was already terminally ill. To make matters more difficult, Munashe's older sister was laid off from her job in South Africa, leaving the girl and her grandmother without income.

Afflicted by similar circumstances, Munashe's classmates started dropping out of school. Several girls she knew got married, while others got pregnant. With few other options, Munashe was at a high risk of joining them.

## Stronger Together

Luckily, Munashe found Plan International's 18+ Project, which creates safe, supportive spaces for girls. Those who must drop out of school are given vocational training, like sewing and basketry, while others are given support to continue their educations.

With the help of Plan International, Munashe was able to resume her studies. She and her grandmother received information about COVID-19 safety, and Plan International helped her immunocompromised caregiver get vaccinated. Munashe now attends school every day, where she plays her favourite sport with her friends.



*Munashe is now back in school*

**WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 6,218 CHILDREN IN HARARE**



# OUR PROJECTS IN HARARE ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



## SAFER TOGETHER



**4,920 survivors of childhood abuse are receiving therapy and care.** Deconstructing violent discipline and supporting the next generation is a community effort.

Plan International's collaborative project with Musasa and GOAL Zimbabwe provided play and therapy spaces for close to 5,000 children and adolescents. Here, instances of child abuse will be reported by childcare workers, and traumatised youth will receive emotional support.

Positive Parenting sessions helped caregivers learn about protecting children. It also helped Community Health Workers to better understand children's rights.

673 young people were reached in life skills training sessions. They reported increased confidence, better communication with their parents and decreased interest in abusing substances.

914 caregivers participated in our Positive Parenting Trainings. 505 health care workers and teachers learned about nutrition and children's safety.

## INVESTING IN EDUCATION



**In 2019, Plan International found that 70% of students in rural Zimbabwe did not have access to schools.** When students were able to access education centres, they often had little to no infrastructure, including little to no available water.

This year, Plan International constructed a two-classroom primary school in Harare, which will reach 201 children. This is now Harare's only formal public school, and as such, the enrolment of local children has dramatically increased.

In order to ensure the continued access of local students to Harare's new primary school, Plan collaborated with Harare's school authorities to ensure that no students will have to pay school fees.



"Plan International is working with our parents and teachers to improve our school. Our school is becoming bigger and I am proud to be learning here. During COVID-19, Plan supported us, so I was able to learn without catching COVID."

**- Ruvarashe (12) from Harare**

# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



## FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



33%

Of girls in Zimbabwe are married before age 18



55%

Of the population lacks access to sanitary toilets



47%

Of young people in Zimbabwe are not in school



**Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.**

· Though Zimbabwe has set an age of consent for marriage, this is not often enforced. We will continue to raise awareness about girls' rights.

· To help dismantle gender-based violence, we will discuss girls' rights and positive masculinity with boys and men across Harare.

· The number of students no longer in school has more than doubled since 2020. We will install water systems in local schools to encourage attendance.

· During the COVID-19 pandemic, many students did not have access to electricity for remote learning. We will install solar-powered electrical systems to boost education access for all.

**We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Harare.**



"We will continue working hard to ensure there are tangible results in Youth Employment and ensuring children's rights. We have added a new dimension to protection, leading to the reporting of more cases of violence and abuse of children."

**Danmore Shonhai**

Programme Area Manager, Harare

## YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS