Oxfam DRA Asset rehabilitation through food for assets
Project Description

- The project is a response to the food crisis in Chirumanzu and Bulilima
- The project duration is from March to November 2020
- Target: 500 households
- Food for work standard basket for 2100KC - oil, cereal and pulse capped at 5
- Funded by the Dutch Relief Alliance
- Working through AQZ in Chirumanzu and directly in Bulilima
250 beneficiaries from Bulilima and another 250 in Chirumhanzu

At the end of each month workers are getting 36kg rice, 4 litres cooking oil and 7.5kgs of pulses capped at 5

Assets that were selected include: rehabilitation of a dam, garden, boreholes, protection of a wetland and installation of a piped water scheme
Work norms at project sites

- Social contracts are in place after participatory asset selection was conducted.
- Workers working 4hrs per day at the sites, a month is 15 days.
- Roles and responsibilities agreed on with communities.
- Committees are in place as well as group leaders for the smaller groups of 5 to 10 that need to work together.
- The leaders and EHT are enforcing COVID-19 guidelines.
- Reduced travel distance during targeting - 5km to the work site.
Modifications of working norms under Covid 19

- SOPs for food for work formulated - temp checks, handwashing, social distancing, use of tools, work arrangements, wearing of masks and group tasks
- An orientation on COVID-19 was provided to all workers, including description of the disease, symptoms, transmission pathways and WHO’s key prevention messages to be followed on site, public spaces as well as in their homes;
- Prevention messages were printed and clearly displayed on all sites.
- COVID-19 debrief before work every day by EHT
- Additional material was printed of the key prevention messages for all workers to and some to disseminate amongst family members and communities at large
- Workers were informed on protocols to follow in case they or their family members get sick.
Modifications of work norms under Covid 19

- A plan of construction phases avoiding large group of workers and unnecessary overlap tasks was created—work divided in phases to reduce over crowding.
- Workers are working in shifts of 45s, and at sites groups are assigned different tasks at different areas e.g. stone gathering, mobilisation of soil, rocks etc.
- Basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) related to construction safety such as gloves and glasses was provided to workers and a basic first aid kit with sanitizers and disposable gloves.
- In addition, each worker was provided with two reusable cloth masks.
- Hand washing stations including provision of clean water and soap, together with cleaning and disinfection products is being carried out at the sites.
- Detergents are being provided at the project sites for the ablution facilities.
Modifications of working norms under Covid 19

- Every worker has been provided with a basic set of tools needed for the tasks they are assigned to-no sharing of tools
- Use of the same tool by multiple workers is being avoided
- In the event that tools are shared or stored for later use by another person, they need to be disinfected/cleaned-chlorine
- Coordination with Health partners to check the site and ensure appropriate measures are adopted is being carried out on a daily basis
- Temperature checks by EHTs for everyone at the site before work commences
- Engage the donor on COVID-19 and received top up to upscale prevention measures.
- WASH NFIs given monthly as part of the food package eg soap and bucket, jerry canes once off, IEC and PPE for workers.
Challenges

- Borehole rehabilitation work and social distancing-pipe replacements-masks and PPE
- Increased local transmissions - fear of increased risk and project sites
- Returnees and border jumpers in Plumtree and Proximity to Beitbridge border and increased risk
- Water supply for handwashing-communities bring buckets of clean water to the sites-water not always readily available
- Limited staff from Ministry of Health if there are more sites-relying on community health workers at times