

IPA annual report 2020

Over the last year, the living conditions for most Zimbabweans got worse. The dramatical inflation in some regions led to a supply crisis which was further intensified by lock downs due to the corona virus. As consequence to the reductions of jobs, many people went back to their home in rural areas. There is no reliable data on the spread of Covid-19 and we worry about our friends in Zimbabwe, “our” families and children. The extreme drought lasted until November which is why waterholes and small dams were almost empty. However, over the last weeks there was enough rain once again after many years.

The organization OEAS in Gweru is a being locally supported by IPA as a partner organization. This is why we were able to help with the help of Willie Chakauya (OEAS) directly and fast. OEAS looks after 65 children from families that are affected by HIV. Tuition fees and writing material needed to be sponsored, however, this was dependent on whether the schools were open or closed due to the corona virus. In October, graduation classes were supported first, followed by other classes. OEAS provided school meals for the graduating students which was for a lot of the students the first meal of the day. Food aid needed to be organized for the 65 orphans and their families who live in rural areas. This was possible because OEAS is accepted as an aid organization by the city of Gweru as well as by the catholic bishopric. Further, Willie had an extra permission for driving.

At the beginning of the year, school lunch was funded and organized for approx. 600 students from the two schools Hozheri Primary and Tangwena Secondary. Additionally, the Hozheri clinic was provided with essential medication. OEAS provided the schools and the clinic with masks and soap.

Also in this year, the children’s home Rosedale in Gweru was generously supported by donations from IPA which helped to deal with the consequences due to the corona virus.

The Neshangwe High School helped IPA to produce masks for the schools and provided them with thermometers, sanitary products, liquid soaps, sanitizer, and water dispenser.

There was no in-person instruction from the end of March until September. IPA supported 60 students and 11 teachers in their senior year by buying data for their mobile phones to enable distant learning. The solar power station and the solar water pump, which was struck by lightning was repaired by IPA. Because of the cancellation of classes, school tuition was not charged. Therefore, IPA supported non-government employees such as 3 security guards, a secretary and the caretaker by assuming the salaries for 5 months.

At the Mutoredzanwa Primary School, the electrification of the school, financed by IPA, continued. It should be completed by the end of 2020.

A special year worldwide has ended. IPA thanks all friends and sponsors for the solidary support of many vulnerable children in these difficult times.

Greetings from all IPA members

Dr. Klaus Weber (for the IPA board)