



## **GMB BROUGHT CHRISTMAS CHEERS TO THE ELDERLY**

The Grain Marketing Board (GMB) brought Christmas Cheers to the elderly who are under the care of two charity institutions in Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland West provinces.

The GMB recently donated goods worth thousands of dollars to Mazowe Old People's Home located in Mazowe Bridge, about 40 kilometers from Rushinga District in Mashonaland Central as well as Chengetenai Old People's Home in Chinhoyi. The donations were part of the GMB's Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

GMB's Corporate Communications Manager, Mr Nixon Kanyemba, said his department chose to donate to these two institutions because the elderly are among the most vulnerable groups in society.

"GMB has seen it worthy to partner with Old People's Homes at a time when we all have different challenges mainly socio-economic and then we thought the situation could be worse for the elderly," he said.

Speaking at Mazowe Old People's Home, Mr Kanyemba paid gratitude to the government and different partners for the innovation that led to the birth of the charity institution. Mazowe Old People's Home used to be a refugee camp before independence until 1984 when it was turned into a home for the elderly.

"I would like to thank those who came up with this noble idea to have a place where our elders can have a retirement home" he added.

The donations which were handed over included groceries, sun hats, toiletries, detergents among many others.

Mazowe Old People's Home can accommodate over 50 people but at the time the donation was made in December 2021, it was accommodating only 11 due to resource constraints.

Meanwhile, Chengetenai Old People's Home accommodates more than 50 people and currently 29 people are housed there with Mr Chisoni Chirenje (105 years) being the oldest. Another elder Mr Cephass Matanda known by many as Kambeva is a former GMB worker at Lions Den Depot.

The elderly people from both institutions could not hide their excitement as they started singing praise songs and ululating during the handover of groceries.



## GMB COMMEMORATES WORLD AIDS DAY

The Grain Marketing Board (GMB) recently joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Aids Day, which is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December annually.

The year 2022 commemorations were running under the theme “Equalise AEIOU”. The abbreviations AEIOU mean Access, Empowerment, Inclusion, Opportunities and Upholding Human Rights in the fight against HIV and Aids.

The Chief Executive during a speech that was read throughout the GMB’s commemorations urged employees to make a difference through participating in HIV awareness campaigns and educating people about how they could minimize or eliminate the risk of infection.

“Numbers of new infections fell sharply from 31 600 in 2018 to 22 800 last year and are still falling. I urge employees among those at risk not to be in denial and get treated early,” he said.

National Aids Council (NAC) representative, Ms Agnes Dembeza urged the GMB employees to get tested so that they know their status on time.

“The number of newly infected people has decreased and HIV prevalence is at 11.5percent. which means the cases are dropping,” she said.

She further added that PREP tablets are being administered to sex workers so that the spread of HIV is limited and end aids by 2030.

Population Services of Zimbabwe (PSZ) representative Eugenia Five popularly known as DJ Loop, encouraged people to always go for HIV screening regularly. She also urged people to always avoid unwanted pregnancies as the rate of mother to child HIV transmission should decrease.

“I would like to thank GMB for their national response and hard work for responding to national programs,” she said.

At GMB Head Office commemorations, a Harare-based drama group called Community Arts Group spiced the event with “edutainment”.

World Aids Day campaign has four objectives namely;

- a) Raise and strengthen HIV and AIDS awareness
- b) Call for action and commitment to HIV and AIDS national response.
- c) Take stock of progress made in the national response to HIV and AIDS
- d) Remember the people who have passed on due to HIV and AIDS

The GMB religiously commemorates day every year





GMB Finance Director Mr. Clemence Guta

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### Duo join Agrimed

THE duo of Grain Marketing Board(GMB)'s Finance Director, Mr. Clemence Guta and Human Resources and Administration Manager, Miss Nyaradzo Makoni have been incorporated in the new look Agrimed Board.

Agrimed is an abbreviation for the Agricultural Medical Society, which is the healthcare funder for Grain Marketing Board (GMB) employees.

Mr Guta and Miss Makoni were incorporated in the board that is expected to run its tenure between this year and 2025. They join other board members who are serving their second term in the same role. These board members are Dr Henry Mushonga (chairman), Mr Jabulani Dhlakama (Principal Officer), Mrs M. Chinamasa, Major General P. Chima and Mr D. Chigogo.

Agrimed was established in 2007 as an in-house medical aid fund for GMB employees and their beneficiaries. Then it was called Grainmed Agricultural Medical Aid Society (GAMAS). However due to a gap in the market, the need to transform GAMAS into an agriculture sector based medical aid was endorsed by members. This led to the birth of Agrimed. Among its members are GMB affiliated companies such as Silo Foods Industries (SFI) Private Limited, GMB Pension Fund and Kneebow Trading.



GMB Human Resources and Administration Manager Miss Nyaradzo Makoni





From left Finance Manager Mr Farai Zanza, Operations Director Mr Forward Takaindisa , Ms Sunungurai Muzenda and Human Resource and Administration Manager Ms Nyaradzo Makoni at the farewell gathering .

## Duo bids GMB farewell

A farewell function was held for former GMB Treasury Officer, Mrs. Sunungurai Muzenda, also known as Sue, and Mr. Anthony Mhazo (Analyst Programmer in the Computer Systems Department).

The two received presents from the company for their loyalty and exemplary workmanship until their last day of service. Their colleagues also chipped in with their own presents.



Some GMB staff members following procedures at the farewell gathering.



Finance Manager Mr Farai Zanza handing over a farewell gifts to Ms Muzenda





## GMB TEAMS BATTLE IT OUT IN SPORTS

Grain Marketing Board(GMB) Northern Region depots recently descended at GMB Aspidale Sports Club and battled it out in four sporting disciplines namely soccer, volleyball, netball and tug of war.

The event attracted scores of spectators from the neighbouring suburbs such as Rugare and Kambuzuma who joined GMB cheerleaders.

Nine GMB teams participated in soccer and netball, four in volleyball, six in men's tug of war and three in women's tug of war.

The organizer of the Sports tournament Mr. Stanley Mutizwa said the sports activities promote physical healthy to the employees.

"Apart from physical healthy, the sports activities enhance team work and also social interaction among the employees," said Mr. Mutizwa.

In soccer the teams were divided into two groups. Group A had Aspidale, Banket, Chiweshe, Mukwichi and Kachuta while group B had Mhangura, Mt Darwin, Vuti and Centenary.

Kachuta and Banket from group A proceeded to the semifinal while group B was represented by Vuti and Mhangura.

Vuti made it into the finals after beating Banket 1-0 while Kachuta and Mhangura could not be separated after 90 minutes which led the teams into penalty shoot-out. Mhangura claimed victory in the penalty shout out.

The classic battle of the giants was played two weeks after the semifinals due to the fact that it was now dark when the semi-finals were played at the same venue. Mhangura were crowned the Soccer Champions of the tournament after beating Vuti 1-0.

The men's tug of war crown was claimed by Bindura. The results were as follows, Bindura 9 points, Chiweshe 6 points, Guruve 3 points, Mt Darwin 3 points and Raffingora 0 points. In the women's category Chiweshe were declared winners with 6 points while Guruve had 3 and Aspidale 0.

In netball, Banket were named champions after beating Karoi 13-9 in the Finals. The journey to the finals was as follows;

Chiweshe 6 - Banket 17  
Bindura 2 - Aspidale 11

Bindura 6 - Banket 16  
Karoi 16 - Guruve 3

Chiweshe 5 - Lionsden 3  
Karoi 16 - Mt Darwin 3

Guruve 1 - Raffingora 16  
Mt Darwin 5 - Raffingora 16

Lions Den 4 - Aspidale 7

In volleyball, Chiweshe claimed the champions tag after beating Kachuta and Guruve with an identical two nil scoreline.



# GMB IN PHOTOS



GMB staff members pose for a photo with some of the residents of Mazoe old people's home.



Some of the Elderly people with their Administrator Mr Ishmael Chipupuro (centre) at Mazoe old people's home.



Supporters enjoying at the sports tournament held at Aspindale recently.



The Soccer Champions GMB Mhangura Soccer team posing for a photo before their final match



Some of the spectators watching a football match at GMB sports tournament held at Aspindale recently

