

## THE COCA-COLA FOUNDATION-FUNDED PROJECTS HANDOVER

At a ceremony on 27 September 2022, Save the Children and The Coca Cola Foundation handed over the successful *Institutional WASH for Health Initiative* and *Tomorrow is Brighter* projects to the Government and Community.

### THE PROJECTS

**Tomorrow is Brighter:** In rural Beitbridge and Matobo, there is high unemployment and high incidence of youth partaking in illegal and unsafe migration in search of economic opportunity. With the support of The Coca Cola Foundation, Save the Children trained 3,800 Beitbridge and Matobo youths (ages 18 to 35) in business and life skills to diversify and enhance their livelihoods. 400 of these youth were also provided start-up kits for income-generating projects, including garment making, poultry production, welding, and hairdressing.

**Institutional WASH for Health Initiative:** Essential Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene infrastructure at health facilities and community structures in Binga, Beitbridge, and Kariba were non-existent or non-functional. With the support of the Coca Cola Foundation, Save the Children installed or rehabilitated water schemes in the districts. Save the Children installed a solar-piped water scheme in Binga to supply water to the Chinego Clinic and community, including a community nutrition garden. A storage tank and three stand taps at the Clinic provide safe drinking water for staff, caregivers, and patients, including pregnant women at the Waiting Mothers' Shelter, while two stand taps serve the larger community. In Beitbridge, Save the Children installed a solar-piped water scheme serving Chikwalakwala Clinic and Primary School, where a storage tank and two stand taps supply clean water to the Clinic, and one stand tap supplies clean water to the school. Maphisa Hospital in Matobo did not have running water in its Covid-19 isolation ward, requiring health workers and patients to fetch water from the outside reservoir, so Save the Children rehabilitated the water system and installed solar powered water geysers. Finally, the project rehabilitated WASH infrastructure in Kariba, where two hospitals and one clinic benefited from plumbing works to connect an existing piped water scheme to the clinic, supplying water to all the wards, the Waiting Mother's Shelter, and the staff quarters. Over 15,000 people in the four districts now have access to reliable, safe, and clean water supply.



### VISIT TO THE WELL WISHERS DRESSMAKING GROUP

As part of the handover of the *Tomorrow is Brighter* project, Save the Children and The Coca Cola Foundation met with the Well Wishers Dressmaking Group. The Group, comprises 10 youth between the ages of 18 and 35, who ventured into a dress-making income generating project after receiving training and start-up kits, including sewing machines, fabric, and other essentials. These women are now able to earn a respectable living for their families through sewing and selling church garments, school uniforms and African attire.



One of the members of the Well Wishers Dressmaking Income-Generating Group shows off her new sewing skills on the sewing machine provided by Save the Children, thanks to The Coca Cola Foundation.

### **OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF WORKS DONE UNDER “INSTITUTIONAL WASH FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE” AT MAPHISA HOSPITAL**

During the handover ceremony for the WASH activities, Matthew Mthunzi, District Medical Officer for Maphisa Hospital, highlighted that the isolation ward had been facing a huge water supply challenge that was caused by the old, worn-out plumbing system. As a result, there was no running water inside the ward and health workers and patients admitted into the ward were required to fetch water from reservoir outside. The Coca-Cola Foundation, through its partner Save the Children, rehabilitated the COVID-19 Isolation ward water system and installed solar geysers. Now, patients have access to clean water within the wards.



## IN THE NEWS

[Matobo youths set up clothing manufacturing enterprise](#), The Chronicle, 4 October 2022:

*“Under the initiative, Coca-Cola Foundation has availed funding to Save the Children Zimbabwe to finance implementation of life-changing and youth empowerment projects across Zimbabwe.”*

[Matobo youths get training in WASH](#), Newsday, 30 September 2022.

*“Coca-Cola’s Replenish Africa Initiative also ensured improved access to clean water to six million Africans in more than 4 000 communities across 41 countries.”*

[Water situation improves in rural health facilities](#), Daily News, 28 September 2022.

*“Government says its partnership with Coca-Cola Foundation and Save the Children has improved the water situation in health facilities.”*

[Save the Children, Coca-Cola launch life-changing projects in Matabeleland](#), CITE, 28 September 2022:

*“Save the Children in partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation handed over the two community projects in Matobo district to empower youths with life skills and improve access to clean water at Maphisa hospital.”*

[Coca-Cola Foundation, Save The Children empower Maphisa women and men](#), B-Metro, 28 September 2022:

*“Coca-Cola Foundation in conjunction with a non-governmental organisation Save the Children have empowered a group of young men and women in Maphisa, Matobo District, Matabeleland South Province.”*

[Matabeleland districts benefit from US\\$250k water project](#), The Chronicle, 28 September 2022:

*“I am happy to be here today to receive this generous donation from The Coca-Cola Foundation through Save the Children on behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe and the community at large.” Peter Mahlatini, Matabeleland South Acting Director for Local Governance.*



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## TOMORROW IS BRIGHTER CASE STUDY

[Empowering Youth for a Brighter Future](#), Save the Children, 24 July 2022.

Given (28) dreamt of becoming a teacher, but she could not afford to attend college after completing her basic education. Lacking other skills and qualifications, Given could not find a job that paid well enough for her to care for her two children.

Thanks to The Coca-Cola Foundation's *Tomorrow is Brighter* youth empowerment project implemented by Save the Children in Beitbridge and Matobo districts, Given now has a reliable source of income. She is part of a group that was trained on garment construction and received project start-up kits, including machines, sewing materials, and other essential equipment.

Given says she sees a brighter future ahead as she now has skills to help her earn a better living.

*"I would like to thank The Coca-Cola Foundation and Save the Children for uplifting us. We are lucky to have received the knowledge and start-up kits for free. Most of us cannot afford to go to vocational training schools or even buy the sewing equipment that we received.*

*"I plan to sew uniforms and earn a living for my family through selling them.*

*"I have two children who go to school. Apart from sewing uniforms for sale so that I get money for their school fees, I will also sew school uniforms for my children."*

Under the project, 40 groups of youths consisting of 10 members each were trained by specialized trainers and given start up kits to help them start income generating projects varying from garment making, poultry production, welding, hairdressing and beauty therapy.

The initiative aims to reduce illegal and unsafe migration of young people to other countries in search of greener pastures, diversify and enhance income for rural households and mitigate effects of COVID-19 on youth employment.



*Given undergoes garment construction practical training.*