Drought means millions go hungry, with no choice but to use dirty water.

THE WATER FUND

A specific fund to provide access to clean water for families in rural Zimbabwe.
In Southern Zimbabwe, people continue to face more frequent and more severe droughts. This, along with the devastating drought of 2016 has left this part of the country reeling, with rural Zimbabweans feeling the presence of poverty and food scarcity the most acutely.

Rural women are particularly affected as they are responsible for 80% of agriculture production. Most families can only produce enough food for their families for 7 months of the year – the remaining 5 months are known as the hungry months.

The 5 Hungry Months of drought deprives the rural poor of food, of animals, of income and children are dropping out of school with malnutrition.

- 62% of all Zimbabweans live below the poverty line – This figure is much higher in the rural areas of the south where Trócaire works (Up to 90% in some areas).

- 70% of Zimbabwe’s poor and vulnerable live in the rural areas. Lack of access to clean water means families have to resort to using dirty water, leading to spread of disease particularly in the young and elderly.

- 4 million people are now struggling to meet basic food needs as a result of the second most recent drought to hit this area.

- Rural Women are particularly affected as they are responsible for approximately 80% of agricultural production on their homesteads.
The Target
To raise €160,000 over the next three years for drought stricken Matebeland and Masvingo in Southern Zimbabwe to provide:

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By supporting the Water Fund – your gift can build livelihoods, by providing the basics to allow families to farm their land with greater productivity bringing real change for the future.

Water
What does the Fund do...

FOR PRODUCTION
- Increase crop production
- Self Sufficiency
- Extra income
- Easy Access to water to ease the burden of walking miles
- Increased self sufficiency
- Income to send children to school
- Less disease, better nutrition.
- Increase school attendance in hungry months as hunger and exhaustion is common place in children

FOR WOMEN
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Trócaire’s Work in Zimbabwe

WHERE
Trócaire’s work is focused primarily in Matebelan South and Masvingo, and in the Eastern Districts of Mutasa and Muare.

OUR WORK
In these areas, we focus on building sustainable livelihoods in a very challenging environment where climate change is leading to recurring drought, food shortages and ongoing poverty.

CAN YOU HELP US?
The Water Fund has been set up to raise €160,000 in additional funding for Zimbabwe where life is harrowing for those trapped in the cycle of extreme poverty.

We know by providing access to water comes better health, crop production, income opportunity and increased school attendance. We cannot do this without your help.

HOW TO DONATE
NAME:
ADDRESS:
LANDLINE: MOBILE:
EMAIL:

Yes, I would like to support Trócaire’s Water Fund by pledging:

☐ €/£ 5,000  ☐ €/£10,000  ☐ €/£ 20,000  ☐ €/£ 50,000  ☐ My own amount €/£

To be spent towards ____________________________________________________________________________ in Zimbabwe or where most needed.

☐ Each year for __ years (This is not a legally binding pledge, but helps us plan ahead)

☐ As a once off gift

Cheques or Bank Drafts should be made payable to ‘Trócaire’. You can send first payment when returning this form if appropriate.

Follow on:
We normally send a yearly update of how your donation is working.
Please let us know if you wish to receive more regular updates or if you do not wish to receive any updates.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Please return completed form (with payment if appropriate) to: Trócaire Head Office, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

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