

CHIROTI CLINIC AND CHISIPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMISSIONED



The Honourable Minister unveiling the plaque at Chisipiti Primarty School.

The Zambezi River Authority is delighted to have successfully commissioned two pivotal projects in the remote region of Hurungwe District, Zimbabwe, on 2nd May, 2024. The two projects, commissioned by the Zimbabwean Minister of Energy and Power Development, Hon. Edgar Moyo, are: Chiroti Clinic, a complete healthcare facility with three staff houses and Chisipiti Primary School, comprising a fully furnished two classroom block.

In his keynote address, the energy minister expressed his optimism that Chiroti Clinic will set a new standard for compassionate service delivery and will be a testament to the power of quality healthcare, witnessing countless stories of recovery and transformation.

These projects, constructed by the Authority under the auspices of the Zambezi Valley Development Fund (ZVDF), represent a significant milestone in the Authority's dedication to enhancing the livelihoods of Riparian communities. ZVDF is a corporate social responsibility initiative established by the Zambezi River Authority in 1997 to finance sustainable projects that alleviate the impact of the displaced Tonga/KoreKore people on both sides of the Zambezi River in Zambia and Zimbabwe (communities displaced during the construction of the Kariba Dam).

The construction and handover of Chiroti Clinic and Chisipiti Primary School mark a significant step forward in the Authority's efforts to bridge the gap in access to healthcare and education in riparian communities. The people of Hurungwe District no longer have to embark on arduous journeys to access medical care and education. These facilities

will provide quality healthcare services and a conducive learning environment, improving health outcomes and empowering children to reach their full potential.

In exemplifying its unwavering dedication to the welfare of Riparian communities, the Authority is resolute in its commitment to expeditiously completing and commissioning all projects within these communities, thereby tangibly enhancing the quality of life for their inhabitants. The Authority remains steadfast in its resolve to confront and effectively address the socio-economic challenges that our people face, ensuring that the benefits of development are apportioned fairly and without prejudice.

Chiroti Clinic, situated in Hurungwe Chiefdom under the leadership of Chief Dandawa, provides essential healthcare services to approximately 7,000 community members from Ward 15 and Ward 24. Notably, the clinic's establishment has significantly reduced the patient load from 15,000 to 7,000 in these two wards. Previously, residents had to travel considerable distances to access healthcare at Chidamoyo (25km away) and Zvipani Rural Health Center (15km away), but with Chiroti Clinic, that's no longer the case.

As we keep celebrating our successes, we look forward to a future where everyone has access to basic needs like healthcare and education, not just a few privileged people.



Chief Dandawa (l) closely following the proceedings during the handover ceremony





