



**Fairtrade  
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Zimbabwe**

*Restoring dignity to small scale producers in Zimbabwe*

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## **Narrative Report on Fairtrade Support Network Zimbabwe Trust (FSNZ)**

### **Restoring the dignity of Farming for small scale producers in Zimbabwe**

## **1. Basic data**

### **1.1. Name of the organization**

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(Country)	Harare Zimbabwe

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## **2. Brief information**

### **2.1. Reporting period**

01-01-2022 to 25-12-2022

### **2.2. Brief description/explanatory notes**

Fairtrade Support Network Zimbabwe seeks to be the network that trains and promotes the adoption of the Fairtrade Standard that strengthens the small scale farmers as well as advocates for the rights to funding and better markets for small scale producers. Through the Fairtrade market, farmers and collectors are empowered to improve their communities, the socio-economic development and sustain the environment through advocacy, and other activities that can mitigate the effects of land, water and the environment.

Our vision is to improve the lives of small scale farmers through encouraging, supporting, developing, improving, equipping and promoting the culture of Fair trade for small scale agricultural producers. The sole purpose of this being to restore the dignity in Agriculture for small scale producers.

FSNZ currently works with a total of 1000 small scale producers in Binga, 1800 collectors in Chimanimani, Chipinge and Buhera and 250 weavers and crafters from Buhera. These farmers are trained in the Fairtrade and organic standard and business principles in agriculture with the aim of bringing change and development in their communities.



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### 3. Narrativereport

#### 3.1. Short description of the situation at the outset of project

Fairtrade Support Network Zimbabwe is a non-governmental organization working with small scale farmers in several regions of Zimbabwe, namely in Binga, Chipinge, Chimanimani and Buhera. These farmers are trained in organic certification as well as Fairtrade certification with the aim of linking these farmers with markets that work and are consistent. This in itself restores the dignity of farming in small scale producers and also assists farmers in having a say in the development that takes place in their communities through the Fairtrade and Fair-wild certification pillars.

#### Partnerships and certifications

During the year under review, FSNZ deepened their activities through partnerships with Zimtrade and Organic Farming academy and embarked on a Borehole project with KAITE Verein. We worked with ZIMTRADE (A Zimbabwean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance aided organization) in group formation, business development, registration of the basket weavers and crafters from Buhera district. We managed to train 250 weavers and crafters as well as form the weavers into groups, train them in group dynamics, sustainable harvesting of weaving material and basic business practices. The weavers were also prepared for World Fairtrade Organization WFTO and will become one of the community led organizations to become certified for crafts in the country. This relationship with ZIMTRADE will continue in 2023 as we work on finalizing certification as well as working on certification of communities in Matebeleland who are also involved in weaving of baskets (i.e. the Tonga and Ndebele basket)

We also partners with Organic Farming Academy were we were able to train a total of 1000 baobab collectors on Fairwild standard, premium uses and group dynamics as well as sustainable use of resources. As part of improving the environment each collector who was trained in 2022 was encouraged to plant a minimum of 5 trees to inculcate the culture of restoring the environment that communities benefit from. We also had an opportunity to interact with a baobab buyer in field who was impressed with the work that our partners (B'Ayoba) and ourselves are doing such that they increased their order from 20 tonnes of baobab powder to 200 tonnes of Baobab powder. This will in turn increase the amount of premium that the collectors will receive and allow communities to improve livelihoods and contribute to the developments of their communities. Through our training, the collectors were inspected and managed to maintain their certification without any challenges.

In this same year, FSNZ begun a partnership with FSNZ on a borehole project. The Binga Rosella producers desperately need water as they are located in Natural Region 4B and 5 where water is



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a challenge. Often women are in danger of being attacked by wild animals whilst they walk long distances to fetch water and children miss school as they hunt for water so this project is very important for the district. As water is sacred and also political the buy-in by local leadership and the government was very important. FSNZ managed to get the buy in of all parties and conducted training and establishment of a borehole committee in Sinakoma ward were this borehole will be sunk. As there were by-elections and violence, for security reasons, FSNZ suspended sinking the Borehole in October-November so that the Borehole would not be used as a campaigning tool by the councilor and thus create challenges with the Rural District Council. FSNZ prides itself as being apolitical and this has aided us to remain active in communities. We will resume borehole activities at the beginning of the year before political campaigns for elections begin in the year.

We have managed to maintain Fairtrade certification in Binga and we are planning on increasing our activities to Mbire and other districts in the country in 2023.

### 3.2. Objectives, activities

*Please describe all activities that were executed, including the content, the number of people that have been reached and the location of the activity. Were you able to implement all project activities as planned? What were the main objectives in the reporting period? What activities have been scheduled? What activities have been executed? With which impact? Please report using clear figures.*

#### List of planned and executed activities

***Please list all planned activities for the reporting period***

**Training in Fairtrade standard**

**Certification**

**Monitoring of farmer Fairtrade projects in Makoni and Binga**

***Please list all activities that have been executed in the reporting period.***

A total of 1000 collectors trained in Fairwild standard. A total of 600 farmers trained of Fairtrade Standard, A total of 250 weavers and crafters trained in WFTO standard

We managed to maintain all our Fair certificated and we plan on extending activities to Mushumbi and Mbire in 2023.

Quarterly monitoring visits were conducted Binga to monitor the Fairtrade Projects and we monitored the goat and tree planting Fairwild



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	<p>projects in Buhera, Chipinge and Chimanimani. As this was a long process it could only take place once this year.</p> <p>FSNZ participated in the 2022 EU Organic day which was a success. We managed to have a stall and interact with other organizations.</p>
<b>3.3. Target Group</b>	
<p><b>Which target groups were reached in what number / to what extent with the project activities? How did people come to the project and / or how were they selected and involved?</b></p> <p>In total, FSNZ managed to train over 1850 individuals this year through partnerships with Organic Africa, Zimtrade, KAZA AND Organic Farming academy.</p> <p>Associations and projects commenced in all the areas where the premium was received</p>	
<b>3.4. Results</b>	
<b>3.5. Problems encountered and Solutions</b>	
<p><i>By the end of the year we were supposed to have sunk a Borehole in Binga district. However for security purposes and project integrity we delayed in doing so. Proceeding would have politicized the borehole project as it was taking place during by-elections in the district. This will proceed in 2023.</i></p>	

## 4. Story from the target group

### 4.1. Project documentation (pictures)

The access to education is one of the most difficult things in a struggling economy. This increases more in rural areas which are remote and difficult to reach. Nothing is as hard





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**Training of lead collectors on conflict resolution and sustainable harvesting in Chipinge**



**Post training lunch- borehole committee and community training in Binga**





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**Training farmers in Chimanimani**



**Participating in the E.U Organic Day 23 September**





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**Training on product quality Buhera**



**Weaver with Buhera Basket**



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Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year 2023!!!