



COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR FOOD SECURITY AND INCLUSION

COUNTRY: **AFRICA**

WHERE: **BULAWAYO - ZIMBABWE** START DATE **01/09/2020**

PROJECT STATUS **IN PROGRESS**

Project co-financed by the FVG Region, which has as its main objective food security for people residing in the Entumbane neighbourhood in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

The Community Garden for Food Security and Inclusion project is carried out by International Adoption in partnership with the Order of Capuchin Friars of Entumbane, Bulawayo, and the Time for Africa association, thanks to the co-financing of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region LR 19/2000.

Zimbabwe is a country in which agriculture has always been a pillar of the economy. Several factors, such as climate change (Zimbabwe is heavily affected by the **El Niño phenomenon**) and the **economic meltdown have led to the crisis in the sector** and a collapse in agricultural production over the last decade. Zimbabwe is forced to import foodstuffs, which thus increase in price and are not very accessible for the poorest segment of the population.

The Community Garden for Food Security and Inclusion project is carried out in the Entumbane neighbourhood, on the outskirts of Bulawayo.

The general objective of the project is to guarantee self-sufficiency and food security **to families residing within the vicinity of the project**, through the offer of food products at a solidarity price and the development of community empowerment through the renewal of the community **garden already present but not well utilised**. This project also aims to train stakeholders about the best techniques for growing vegetables for self-production.

All this is possible thanks to the work of Br. Herbert and the Capuchin Friars of Entumbane, partners of the project, who also manage a nursery school on site where they welcome 40 boys and girls every day. They too are among the beneficiaries of the project as the products of the Community Garden are partly intended for their nutrition.

It is expected that other recovery activities of the other Community Gardens present in the Bulawayo neighborhoods can then start from this project, in order to replicate the benefit of this initiative for other communities as well.