

VLR IN ZIMBABWE

LOCALISING THE SDGS IN ZIMBABWE – REF VFCC

INTRODUCTION

- OPC PLAYS AN OVERSIGHT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA
- GVT IS WORKING TOGETHER WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, PVT SECTOR, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NGOS, FAITH BASED ORGANISATIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS
- IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS IS BEING DONE THROUGH DEVELOPMENT PLANS, EXISTING MANDATES OF LINE MINISTRIES & STAKEHOLDERS
- SDG FOCAL PERSONS WERE ESTABLISHED IN ALL LINE MINISTRIES & GVT UNDERTOOK CONSULTATIONS TO SELECT PRIORITY GOALS TARGETS AND INDICATORS

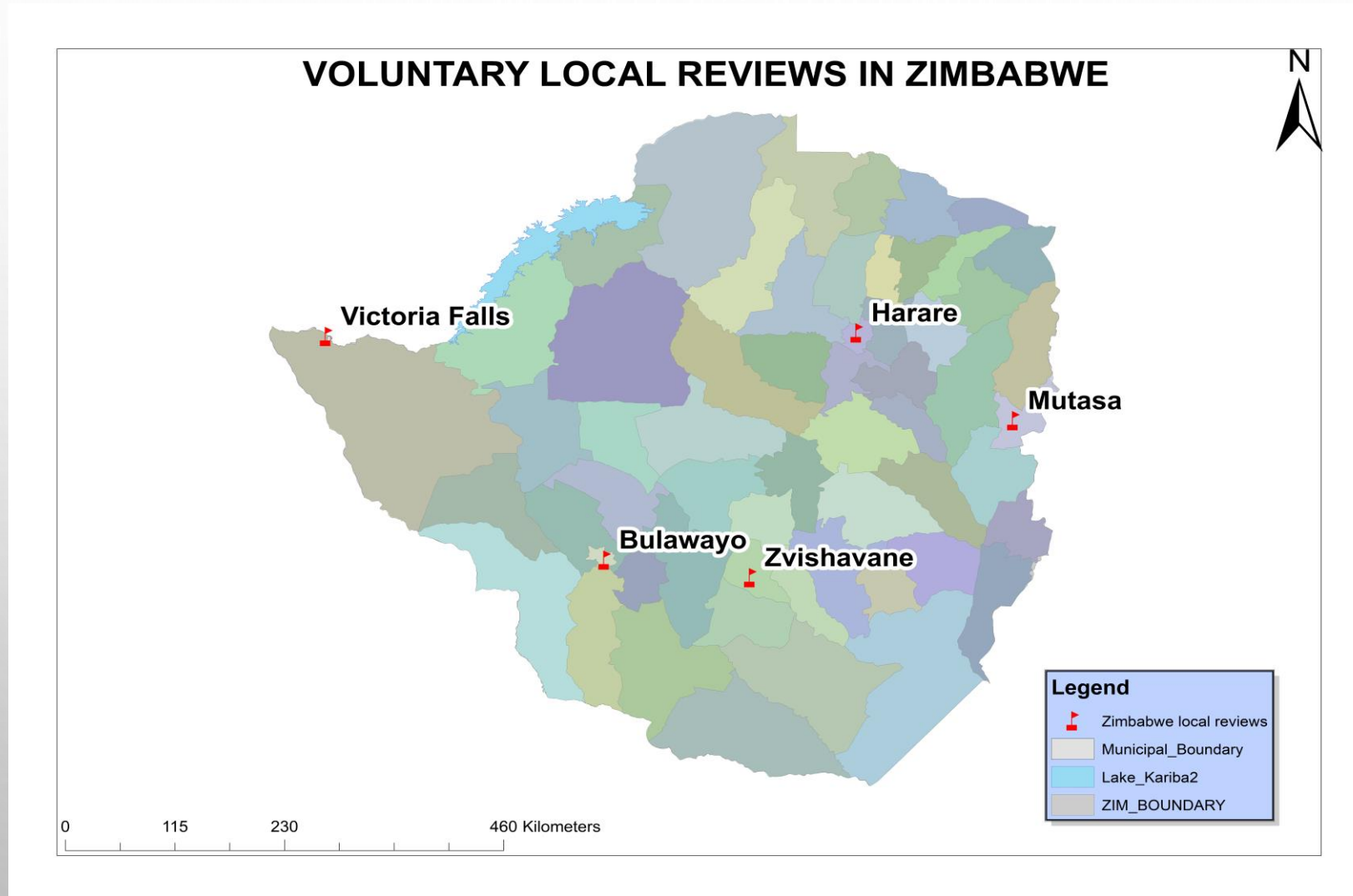
SYNCRONISATION OF SDGS & NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- ALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ZIMBABWE ARE BEING INFORMED BY VISION 2030
- ZIMASSET 2015 - 2017
- TRANSITIONAL STABILISATION PROGRAMME (TSP) 2018 - 2020
- NDS1 2021 – 2025
- NDS2 2026 - 2030
- M&E FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED IN SEPTEMBER 2019 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM UNICEF & UNDP, ALIGNED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES WITH SDG TARGETS AND INDICATORS

VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS (VLR)

- THE VLRS ARE MEANT TO ASSESS PROGRESS MADE IN ATTAINING SDGS AT LOCAL LEVEL
- THE COUNTRY'S FIRST VLR (VICTORIA FALLS & HARARE) WERE CONDUCTED IN 2020 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM UNECA
- CABINET THEN DIRECTED THAT THE VLRS BE CASCADED TO ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES
- IN 2021 THE MINISTRY SECURED FUNDING FROM UNDESA & OTHER UN AGENCIES TO CONDUCT 4 VLRS (2 URBAN & 2 RURAL) BULAWAYO, NKAYI, ZVISHAVANE & MUTASA)
- SEE MAP 1 BELOW

MAP 1 VLR IN ZIM



ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN SDG

- PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL COORDINATION AND FOLLOW UP MECHANISMS AT LOCAL LEVEL
- CONTRIBUTING TO OVERALL POLICY MAKING
- LGS ARE THE ONLY LOCAL ACTORS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS ACROSS ALL SECTORS
- CREATE ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS E.G. THEY ALLOCATE LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT - HOUSING, COMMUNITY USE, INDUSTRIAL ETC
- ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF DELIVERING PUBLIC SERVICE (ROADS, WATER & SANITATION, HEALTH, ETC)
- ASSESS LOCAL SITUATIONS, IDENTIFY NEEDS & RESOURCES, DEVELOP PARTNERSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS, & IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE POLICIES & PROJECTS. *FOLLOWING THE BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETINGS WHERE MOST RESIDENTS IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR STREETLIGHTS TO IMPROVE SECURITY ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, VFCC PARTNERED WITH SATEWAVE PVT LTD, A PRIVATE COMPANY TO INSTALL SOLAR STREETLIGHTS ALONG THE HIGHWAY*

SOLAR STREETLIGHTS, VIC FALLS 2022



BENEFITS OF VLRS

- HELPS LAS TO REPORT ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS, TO FOSTER SDG LOCALISATION
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE VNR (VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS) AND TO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED *E.G. THE VFCC HAD A STRATEGIC PLAN WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FROM 2018 – 2022. HOWEVER DUE TO VLR IT HAD TO ALIGN TO NDS1 AND SDGS (2022 TO 2025)*
- WITH THIS STRATEGIC PLAN, VLR ARE PART OF IT, INCREASED AMBITION TO COMPLY WITH SDGS AND ALIGNED WITH NATIONAL OBJECTIVES LINKED TO BUDGET, ANNUAL PLAN & TOWN CLERK'S PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL IS LINKED TO IT
- VLRS HELP LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHARE ABOUT THEIR PROGRESS, EXPERIENCES & PRACTICES ON THE SDGS AS WELL AS HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES ENGAGE WITH LOCALISATION IN A TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE WAY, STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION *(VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE DISADVANTAGED GROUPS INCLUDING YOUTHS, WOMEN, DISABLED AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS ARE INVITED IN ALL BUDGET MEETINGS AT VFCC AND WERE PART OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FORMULATION)*

VFCC STRATEGIC PLAN STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP 2021



BENEFITS CONT'D

- VLRS HELP LAS TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND TO EMULATE BEST PRACTICES & TO COORDINATE WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
- HELPS TO IDENTIFY ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, GAPS AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS & SUPPORT LAS TO MAKE INFORMED POLICY CHOICES *WATER & SANITATION HAVE BEEN PRIORITISED IN VIC FALLS AND THIS HAS INFLUENCED BUDGET ALLOCATION AND POLICY DECISIONS IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY*
- HELP MOBILISE NECESSARY MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION & PARTNERSHIPS, SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS MOBILISATION OF PARTNERSHIPS *DUE TO FAILURE BY MOST RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THEIR RATES & SERVICES, VFCC INTRODUCED A SCHEME WHERE BY RESIDENTS WOULD WORK TO REDUCE THEIR BILLS IN LINE WITH THE LABOUR ACT & ILO*
- REALIGNS BUDGETS TO BETTER COVER ACTIONS TOWARDS THE SDGS

GAPS IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION

- LACK OF STANDARDISATION IN CONTEXT WHICH HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO RECORD AND COMPARE PROGRESS ACROSS CITIES. *WHEN VLRS HAVE BEEN CASCADED TO ALL OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR STANDARDISATION*
- CONCENTRATION ON SOME AND LEAVING SOME SDGS
- FINANCIAL GAP - LOCALISATION OF GOALS IS A DIFFICULT TASK ESPECIALLY FOR LAS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES ESPECIALLY IN DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, SOCIAL PROTECTION ETC
- INFORMALISATION OF THE ECONOMY WHICH HAS LED TO WORSENING POVERTY AND REDUCED REVENUE COLLECTIONS BY LA. *GVT HAS DISBURSED DEVOLUTION FUNDS TO LAS AND LINE MINISTRIES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IDENTIFIED TROUGH VLR EG IN VIC FALLS, A COMPLIANT LANDFILL HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AS WELL AS REPAIRS IN THE WATER ABSTRACTION POINT . IN FACT MOST LAS HAVE ADDRESSED SOME OF THEIR CHALLENGES USING THIS. HOWEVER THE GAP IS STILL WIDE AND INTERVENTION IS REQUIRED*

**NEW PUMP INSTALLED AT
WATERWORKS VFCC 2021**



NEW LANDFILL 2021



GAPS CONT'D

- INSUFFICIENT TIMELY DISAGGREGATED DATA FOR MOST INDICATORS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO TRACK & MONITOR PROGRESS. VFCC IDENTIFIED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A LOCAL DATABASE THAT IS REGULATED AND UPDATED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY. THE INADEQUACY IN LOCAL STATISTICS ON KEY INDICATORS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO TRACK AND MONITOR PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION. *IT IS NECESSARY TO MOBILIZE AND BUILD CAPACITY OF THE LOCAL DATA AGENT SO AS TO HAVE READILY AVAILABLE DATA ON SDG INDICATORS. DATA LIMITATIONS CAN STRAIN THE QUALITY OF POLICIES BEING FORMULATED. POLICES WHICH ARE NOT DATA BASED. VFCC IDENTIFIED AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A LOCAL DATA COLLECTION OFFICE. THE OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPILING AND CONSOLIDATING NUMERICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO DEMOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND, SOCIAL MATTERS IN VICTORIA FALLS TOWN ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.*
- COVID 19 PANDEMIC EXERTED UNFORESEEN PRESSURE ON THE HEALTH SECTOR, PUSHED MANY CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL AND REVERSED A LOT OF PROGRESS MADE IN SDGS. *GVT HAS INTRODUCED TERTIARY WORK FOR YOUR FEES SCHEME BUT THE GAP REMAINS WIDE*
- **MOST INVESTORS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SDG RELATED PROJECTS.** *VFCC HAS BEEN ADVERTISING FOR A TOURISM HOSPITAL WITH NO SUCCESS AS INVESTORS COMING ABOARD ALWAYS WANT TO CHANGE USE TO COMMERCIAL USE. THIS IS A CHALLENGE AS THE LA HAS NO FINANCIAL POWER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT*
- IN ORDER NOT TO LEAVE NOBODY SEVERAL GRASSROOT WORKSHOPS NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNLIKE THE CURRENT MEETINGS WHERE ONLY REPRESENTATIVES ARE CALLED *FUNDING REQUIRED*
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