



# **SDGs IMPLIMENTATION IN GOKWE NORTH DISTRICT**

# BACKGROUND

- The District was established in 1993 after the amalgamation of Rural councils and District councils. The district has four constituencies which are Nembudziya, Gumunyu, Chireya and Kabuyuni. The District is located about 310 km from the Provincial Capital Gweru and 317 kilometers from the capital city of Zimbabwe Harare. The District lies in Agro-ecological Regions 3 -28%, 4-61% and 5-11% characterized by high temperatures ranging from 18<sup>0</sup>c – above 36<sup>0</sup>c and medium to low rainfall amounting to +/-450mm per annum. The District covers an area of 7033.54 square kilometres. The population for the District is approximately 279,000. Our vision to become a center of sustainable socio economic development by 2030.

# OUR SUCCESS STORY

Our focus is on the following NDS1 priorities areas

Food and nutrition security-Pfumvudza, presidential inputs and nutrition projects supported by council and development partners. SDG 2,13

Social protection- Through council supported projects, development partners and government intervention reduction of poverty, hunger and inequalities in the community is attainable. SDG1,2,5,10,11

Infrastructure and Utilities - construction of infrastructure that enhance sustainable communities' schools, clinics and trafficable roads are evident in the district. SDG7,9,11

Health and wellbeing-promotion of good health by providing health facilities and clean water through mechanized boreholes and wash programs. SDG 3,5,6

# OUR CHALLENGES

The district is an agro based district and has faces challenge of very low market price for the agro produce poor

Low disbursement of allocated portion of funds from the central government e.g. devolution and ERRP funds.

Lack of prioritization on infrastructure development like dams, bridges and roads affected economic growth potential.

Drought human wildlife conflict

Lack of awareness on SDGs by the community

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# INTEGRATION OF SDGs INTO LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The integration of strategic plans into national strategy and SDGs is key to the achievement of agenda 2030. The success of agenda 2030 begins with the VLR which feeds into the VNR which then link its strategy to the regional SDGs ensuring that no one is left behind.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF VLR IN ENHANCING SDGs IMPLEMENTATION

The involvement of local communities in drafting the plans towards achievement of SDGs gives sense of ownership to the people on the grassroots. This builds confidence and support in implementation of programs. Involvement of all stakeholders also gives opportunity to gender based budgeting which is also key to ensure that no one is left behind.

Thank you.