



## CASE STUDY

# TONGAAT HULETT PARTNERS WITH GUDO COMMUNITY IN ZIMBABWE

Maintaining and consistently improving stakeholder relationships remains an integral part of Tongaat Hulett's business model through its SED activities. According to SDG 3, ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all, at all ages, is essential to sustainable development. Tongaat Hulett understands the importance of this approach and is actively involved in healthcare related SED activities in the communities that surround its sugarcane growing operations. An example of this commitment is demonstrated through the company's Zimbabwean operations who have partnered with the local authorities and community in Gudo, 97 km from Chiredzi, to construct the Gudo Clinic, that will benefit an estimated 10 000 families.

The Gudo community was in desperate need of a healthcare facility as during the rainy season the area is prone to outbreaks of malaria. Based on its geographical location, it lies very close to Save River which floods during the rainy season and as a result creates basalt soils thus making access to health centres in the neighbouring towns difficult to reach if not impossible. Initially in 2013, Tongaat Hulett was approached by the Chief of Gudo to assist his community with the completion of a clinic which they had started to build but failed to complete. Tongaat Hulett took over the project at window level. The actual value of the clinic including the nurse house and mother's shelter, once completed, is US\$185 000.

The project has now been completed and is ready to hand-over to authorities. This clinic will provide health services to mothers requiring maternal healthcare and children under five requiring vaccinations and nutrition. The wider communities from Chipinge and Chiredzi would access out-patient health requirements and for complicated cases, these would be transferred to Chiredzi District Hospital. In conjunction with the construction of the clinic and nurse house, Tongaat Hulett has donated furniture consisting of 12 beds and mattresses, 16 bedside lockers, 16 cardiac tables, 6 relocation stretchers, 56 blankets, 28 pairs of sheets and 20 pillows and pillow cases.

In accordance with SDG 6, on ensuring access to water and sanitation for all, Tongaat Hulett also assisted the Gudo community with borehole drilling thus the provision of water.