



## CASE STUDY

# Winter maize project

### HIGHLIGHTS

**329.5 hectares of maize planted at Triangle**

**1 186 tons of maize harvested**

**ZWL\$3 026 229 contribution by Tongaat Hulett**

The winter maize project is an initiative between the Government of Zimbabwe and Tongaat Hulett Zimbabwe under the Smart Agriculture Program to cushion the province in the event of a drought. Maize produced under this initiative enhances food security in the country and in drought-prone areas like Masvingo Province which is affected by perennial food shortages caused by recurrent droughts and exceptionally low rainfall.

Tongaat Hulett was approached by Masvingo Development Trust to assist with a Command Agriculture Program to grow maize within the Province. We dedicated some 329.5 hectares at Triangle for this purpose and contributed ZWL\$3 026 229 towards the project.

Masvingo Development Trust contributed inputs sourced through the Command Agriculture Program which comprised mainly seed, fertilisers, diesel and herbicides. Tongaat Hulett was responsible for crop management, labour, machinery and tillage services and provided some pesticides.

The winter maize project was introduced after the 1992 drought. Since then Tongaat Hulett has partnered with the Government of Zimbabwe four times. The 1 186 tons of maize harvested this year through this initiative was distributed across the seven districts in a bid to alleviate hunger within Masvingo Province.