

The community of Baye was one of the beneficiaries of the borehole project in 2021. The community situated 20kms from the mining town of Zvishavane is in an area that is water scarce and experiences very high temperatures which compounds the already long-walking distances to a water source. Community members from the 45 households in the village used to fetch water from unprotected wells and unsafe river beds as far as 4kms away. The village community had urged in vain, the local councillor to lobby the local authority to drill a borehole since the year 2000. However, their prayer was finally answered when Showers of Blessing routinely approached the councillor who identified the needy community leading to the drilling and equipping of the new bore in July 2021.

So elated was Modie Ngwenya who is the bore committee chair who narrated how the new water source has helped in alleviating waterborne diseases, reduced walking distances to as less as 500 metres and also provided easier access to portable safe water for the physically challenged and those living with a disability. She was also proud to be leading her community as often, women do not get the opportunity to lead. For this, she thanked Showers of Blessing for highlighting the need for communities to embrace women's emancipation by giving an example of the New Zealand Prime minister who is young and leading her country capably.



The borehole empowers communities, not only with portable water, but as a source of livelihood through enabling projects such as gardening, brick moulding, poultry projects and even larger developments which are



eventually drawn towards water. Zimbabwe suffers very high unemployment and the bore project has provided not only food but employment for young people through these projects.