



ACTION STORY

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Zimunya Community Garden

Executive Summary

In Zimunya, a small community in the Mutare District of Zimbabwe's Manicaland Province, a simple but powerful project has helped strengthen food security and community pride. With support from Global Landcare, the women led organisation Mwana Trust (Child's Hope) received a small grant of USD 309 to fence the local community garden, helping protect the crops that many families depend on.

The project began with a community meeting where members gathered to hear the good news that funding had been secured. Together they discussed how the work would happen and how everyone could contribute. From the beginning, the project was driven by community participation and shared responsibility.

Before the fence could go up, local volunteers rolled up their sleeves to prepare the site. Community members worked side by side to clear the area and create a fireguard around the garden to protect the fence from potential bushfires. The preparation not only ensured the safety of the project but also brought people together with a shared sense of purpose.

Meanwhile, the Mwana Trust team worked behind the scenes to organise the practical details. They sourced quotes from local fencing companies and carefully compared prices to make sure the project stayed within budget. After reviewing the options, the contract was awarded to Jazi Fencing (Pvt) Ltd, who supplied the materials and completed the installation.

When the materials arrived, the garden quickly became a hive of activity. Community members helped with labour while the fencing team installed the posts, wire, and the main access gate. The shared effort meant the work progressed smoothly, with everyone eager to see the garden protected.

Today the Zimunya Community Garden stands safely behind its new fence. What might seem like a simple structure has made a big difference. The fence now protects the crops from wild and stray animals, giving gardeners confidence that their hard work will not be lost overnight.

With that sense of security, the garden is already thriving. Community members have increased the variety and number of vegetables they are planting, knowing that their produce is protected. The garden now provides fresh, nutritious food for families and creates opportunities to sell surplus vegetables for income.



For Mwana Trust, the project has also strengthened their relationship with the community and reinforced their role in supporting sustainable local initiatives. For the gardeners of Zimunya, it has brought renewed motivation, cooperation, and hope for the future.

Thanks to Global Landcare's support and the dedication of the community, the Zimunya Community Garden is now a place where food, livelihoods, and resilience can continue to grow.

Looking ahead, the project has set a strong foundation for ongoing impact. Ten lead farmers have been identified as "community champions" to mentor new households, while seed-saving techniques were shared so that second planting cycles can continue without external support. The community has expressed keen interest in expanding to other crops such as tomatoes, onions, and drought-tolerant varieties in 2026, showing both enthusiasm and readiness to grow their sustainable farming practices further.

Key Project Stats

- USD \$309 grant provided by Global Landcare
- 1 community garden protected with new fencing
- 1 main access gate installed
- 2 quotations obtained from local fencing companies before selecting a supplier
- 1 local contractor engaged - Jazi Fencing (Pvt) Ltd
- 1 community planning meeting held with local residents before implementation
- Community labour contributed during site preparation and fence installation

Measurable Outcomes (from reported impacts)

- 100 percent of the garden area now protected from wild and stray animals
- Increased vegetable variety and production in the garden after fencing
- Improved food access for families using the garden
- Income opportunities created through the sale of surplus produce