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CITE donates food hampers to 'Feed the City initiative'

The Centre For Innovation and Technology (CITE) last week donated food hampers to the Feed the City initiative with an aim to benefit orphans and vulnerable residents of Bulawayo.

The director of CITE, Mr Zenzele Ndebele said some individuals who interact with them online came on board and donated the food hampers to the less privileged in the city.

"We are happy today that some of the people who follow us online and some who we interact with online decided to come on board when we shared a lot of stories of people going hungry, about the situation under Covid-19 and they decided to make this contribution," he said.

Some of the individuals that contributed towards this donation include Siphwe Musarurwa and her husband, Angel Donor and the Canaan Foundation. The donation which was handed over to Feed the City and Zimbabwe Christian Alliance Board Member Bishop Patson Netha, included 1 tonne of mealie-meal, 300 masks, cooking oil, 100 packets of beans and kapenta.

"We believe that we do not need to write stories and leave it there but our stories should be focused on the community and community based journalism and we believe that our journalism should lead to change," said Ndebele.



Director of CITE, Mr Zenzele Ndebele hands over food hamper donations to Feed the City and Zimbabwe Christian Alliance Board Member Bishop Patson Netha

Ndebele referred to the scripture when he talked about the importance of giving back to the community rather than identifying issues and not addressing them.

"I was reminded of the scripture James 2 v 14-26. In our communities, we all need to

constantly check on our neighbours, find out how they feel and if they have food during this trying time. We have more people who are not working and who do not have food," he said.

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Bishop Netha said they were grateful for the donation that they had received from CITE. Pastor Netha also lamented about the level of urban poverty in the country due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are grateful for what CITE has done and the people that are behind this donation. I have never in my life seen urban poverty as it is these days. After lockdown, people who were actually able to fend for themselves, they couldn't do it because of this Covid-19," he said.

He also noted that many families are going through hunger as their source of income depended on the informal sector and lived from hand to mouth.

"They actually had to stay at home and there was no money coming into the home and some were obviously leaving from hand to mouth. That

increased the need for them to have food and actually this poverty is really serious, it's very real," he said.

Bishop Netha mentioned that in one of the places that they were doing food distribution, their target to feed families was overwhelmed as many people flocked the place to receive donations even though they had not been part of the target.

"When we distributed we had targeted about a thousand people and literally we had over 2000 people and the city council list that we were dealing with, we had about 11 000 people in the social welfare. The need is real but one thing that I know as far as I am concerned with Bulawayo, we have always come to help and deal with the people and help as much as we can. We are sure that those who will benefit from this will also appreciate the donation," he said.

Know your Rights

African Union and its endeavour to promote fulfilment of fundamental human rights

Today's series of the Human Rights watch looks at 10 Articles that constitute parts of the African Human Rights Charter. The main objective of this series is to capacitate Zimbabwe Christian Alliance members and citizens in general on rights and responsibilities that are enshrined in many national, international statutes. Herewith below is an excerpt of some rights that are enshrined in the Charter;

Part I: Rights and Duties

Chapter I: Human and Peoples' Rights

Article 1

The Member States of the Organization of African Unity parties to the present Charter shall recognize the rights, duties and freedoms enshrined in this Chapter and shall undertake to adopt legislative or other measures to give effect to them.

Article 2

Every individual shall be entitled to the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms recognized and guaranteed in the present Charter without distinction of any kind such as race, ethnic group, colour, sex, language, religion, political or any other opinion, national and social origin, fortune,

birth or other status.

Article 3

1. Every individual shall be equal before the law.
2. Every individual shall be entitled to equal protection of the law.

Article 4

Human beings are inviolable. Every human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person. No one may be arbitrarily deprived of this right.

Article 5

Every individual shall have the right to the respect of the dignity inherent in a human being and to the recognition of his legal status. All forms of exploitation and degradation of man particularly slavery, slave trade, torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment and treatment shall be prohibited.

Article 6

Every individual shall have the right to liberty and to the security of his person. No one may be deprived of his freedom except for reasons and conditions previously laid down by law. In particular, no one may be arbitrarily arrested or detained.

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Mayor appeals for end to city water woes

The Bulawayo Mayor has called for the need to urgently pursue medium term projects to improve the city's raw water security in case of another poor rainfall season.

In a press statement that was released today, His Worship, Councillor Solomon Mguni said they welcomed the immediate interventions from the central government which are aimed at the completion of projects that have remained outstanding since their inception.

"The short term interventions are the responsibility of Zimbabwe National Water Authority (ZINWA) who are tasked by law to provide raw water to the city. It is unlikely that the ultimate solution to Bulawayo's water challenges the Gwayi/Shangani dam will be commissioned in the near future," he said.

He said the council appreciated the improvements that have been done on the Nyamandlovu Rochester rehabilitation as it has increased delivery from a daily average of 3ml per day to an average of 9ml a day. He said other projects that are envisaged at being commenced include the rehabilitation of the Nyamandlovu boreholes to deliver 10ml per day, upgrade of the Inyankuni booster to 3 pumps and 1 standby, maintenance of the Insiza dam and Mtshabezi abstraction improvement through online booster.

"We anticipate that the work on other agreed projects will commence as a matter of urgency," he said.

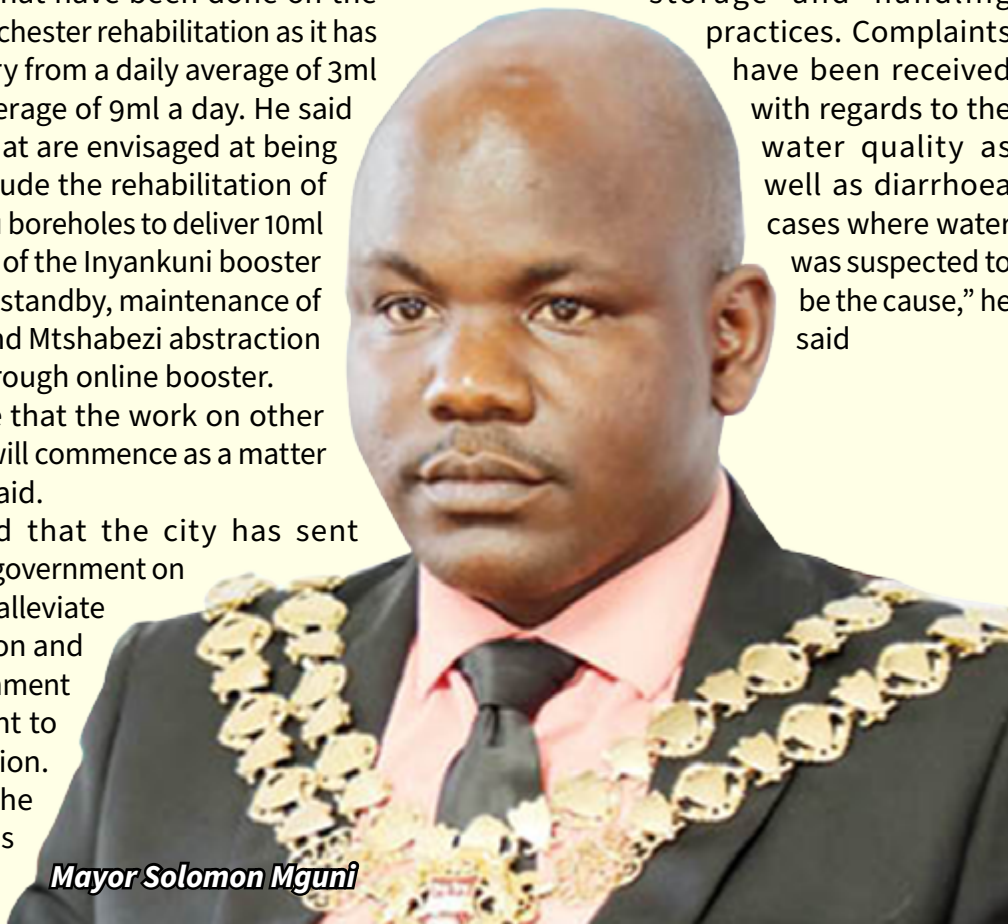
He mentioned that the city has sent proposals to the government on possible ways to alleviate the water situation and in turn the government hired a consultant to assess the situation. The Mayor said the recommendations by the consultant

will only add 29ml per day in terms of additional raw water.

"The projections are that by December 2021 the city will only have 61ml available from Inyankuni and the Nyamandlovu aquifer. On the other hand the proposals by the city will provide an additional 59ml/day and the available raw water of 97ml/day by the same period from Nyamandlovu, Inyankuni and Mtshabezi," he said.

Residents were encouraged to take note of the times water is available so that they collect adequate water for their domestic use. The Mayor said every effort was being made to supply the residents with clean safe water at all times.

"Despite the initial quality of water after treatment, it from time to time gets contaminated during distribution, transportation and storage due to unhygienic storage and handling practices. Complaints have been received with regards to the water quality as well as diarrhoea cases where water was suspected to be the cause," he said



Mayor Solomon Mguni

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Article 7

1. Every individual shall have the right to have his cause heard. This comprises: (a) the right to an appeal to competent national organs against acts of violating his fundamental rights as recognized and guaranteed by conventions, laws, regulations and customs in force; (b) the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty by a competent court or tribunal; (c) the right to defence, including the right to be defended by counsel of his choice; (d) the right to be tried within a reasonable time by an impartial court or tribunal.

2. No one may be condemned for an act or omission which did not constitute a legally punishable offence at the time it was committed. No penalty may be inflicted for an offence for which no provision was made at the time it was committed. Punishment is personal and can be imposed only on the offender.

Article 8

Freedom of conscience, the profession and free practice of religion shall be guaranteed. No one may, subject to law and order, be submitted to measures restricting the exercise of these freedoms.

Article 9

1. Every individual shall have the right to receive information.

2. Every individual shall have the right to express and disseminate his opinions within the law.

Article 10

1. Every individual shall have the right to free association provided that he abides by the law.

2. Subject to the obligation of solidarity provided for in 29 no one may be compelled to join an association.

Cities and Towns Update

CHEGUTU: There were demonstrations in the high density areas. The flash demonstrations continued for about five hours with demonstrators singing.

MASVINGO: police officers are arresting all those who are not wearing face masks. The price

of basic commodities continue to go up on a daily basis.

PLUMTREE: it is business as usual for many shops and people in town. There is an increase in the number of house breaking and armed robberies. Police seem to be concentrating

on people who are roaming around without masks instead of the criminal activities that are happening.

KWEKWE: Yesterday the soldiers were telling citizens that they will not be allowed into the CBD if they did not have exemption letters.