

**FARM WORKER COMMUNITIES IN THE FAST TRACK
RESETTLEMENT AND LAND REFORM PROGRAMME
1980-PRESENT
COMPILED BY FARM COMMUNITY TRUST OF ZIMBABWE**

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Background

Between 1980 and 1997 the Government of Zimbabwe resettled over 71 000 families on 3 498 000 hectares of land in the first phase of the Resettlement Programme. However less than 3000 farm workers benefited officially from these land transfers. In the second phase of the land reform (1997-1998), a total of 559 families were resettled. The Herald of 11 May 2000 reported that 1 297 families were resettled on 20 former Model-B farms surrendered by the then Ministry of National Affairs. By the end of August 1999, it was expected that a total of 72 175 families would have been resettled since independence.

1997-1998 PERIOD

The Table below shows land resettlement Programme for the period 1997 to 1998.

Province	Number of farms acquired	Number of families resettled	Area (Hectares)
Manicaland	20	419	*
Mashonaland Central	7	202	2 654
Mashonaland East	14	434	40-60 ha each
Mashonaland West	23	749	5 450
Matebeleland North	4	343	*
Matebeleland South	12	271	*
Midlands	22	281	6 235
Masvingo	7	319	*
***Total	109	3 018	

* Data not available

***Totals are based on available figures only

Source: Herald: 11 May 2000

1999 –PRESENT

FAST TRACK RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

Introduction

Farm Community Trust of Zimbabwe recognises the need for farm worker families to be considered in the fast track resettlement scheme. The reason being that the main thrust of the organisation is to ensure that the standard of living of the farm workers is raised to the same level with anyone else in Zimbabwe. To this end there is need to ensure that the farm worker families have access to land

In its attempt to lobby for the farm worker communities in the land reform and resettlement programme, FCTZ is closely monitoring how land is being distributed with particular emphasis on the farm worker families. Information given on the fast track scheme is based on field evidence with attention on the position of farm worker communities in the resettlement programme in the three provinces of operation (Mashonaland East, Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland West). In other provinces, information is based on press reports and any other sources available.

1.MASHONALAND EAST PROVINCE

For the total of 30 farm workers at Myembi farm in the Marondera District, only 2 (6.7%) families were resettled while 28 families with a total population of 153 people were left out (See Annexure A). Detailed information on the other 4 farms was not available due to difficulties in access. Annexure B shows that at Paltimore farm in Marondera District, 25 families with a total population of 79 were left out in the fast-track resettlement exercise

In other parts of the province data collected for the fast track resettlement is shown in the Tables below:

a) CHIKOMBA DISTRICT

Date of resettlement	2/08/2 000	2/08/2 000	2/08/2 000	Totals
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NAME OF FARM	Phillipsdale	Nyamazaan	Bester's Rust	
# from communal areas	43	47	24	114
# from war veterans	24	20	4	48
# from collaborators	0	0	0	0
# from Zeppdra	0	0	0	0
# from farm workers	0	0	0	0
Total	67	67	28	162

*** 0% of farm worker have been considered for resettlement per district**

b) MARONDERA DISTRICT

Date of resettlement	2/08/2 000	2/08/2 000	2/08/2 000	2/08/2 000
NAME OF FARM	Lot 1 of Antelope	Lot 1 of Ingosi	Landsloom	Rietkop
# from communal areas	12	40	12	9
# from war veterans	9	8	6	3
# from collaborators	0	0	0	0
# from Zeppdra	0	0	0	0
# from farm workers	0	0	0	0
Total	21	48	18	12

- 0% of farm workers have been considered for resettlement for the District**

c) SEKE DISTRICT

Date of resettlement	31/07/2 000	31/07/2 000	31/07/2 000	7/08/2 000

NAME OF FARM	AD of Gowerlands	Lot 1 of Plumbstead	Duendrin	Chikumbike
# from communal areas	20	10	4	23
# from war veterans	14	2	10	6
# from collaborators	0	1	2	1
# from Zipedra	2	1	0	1
# from farm workers	4	2	0	3
Total	40	16	16	34

***Only 8.5% of the farm workers were resettled in this District.**

d) (i) MUREHWA DISTRICT

Date of resettlement	21/08/2 000	7/08/2 000	31/07/2 000
NAME OF FARM	Fairview	Castle den Pines	Castle den Extension
# from communal areas	70	18	10
# from war veterans	28	7	2
# from collaborators	0	1	1
# from Zeppdra	0	1	1
# from farm workers	8	3	2
Total	106	30	16

***8.6% of farm workers have been considered for resettlement in this District**

(ii) MUREHWA DISTRICT

Date of resettlement	21/08/2 000	21/08/2 000	21/07/2 000
NAME OF FARM	Corfe	Par	Lot 1 of Endsleigh
# from communal areas	25	28	24
# from war veterans	8	8	6
# from collaborators	2	2	1
# from Zeppdra	2	2	1
# from farm workers	4	4	1
Total	41	44	33

Only 10.2% of the farm workers were considered for resettlement in this District

Regarding their future plans, the majority of the farm workers expressed the view that they have no plans to move away from the farms besides squatting anywhere in the farm.

2.MASHONALAND CENTRAL PROVINCE

The Province has identified 186 (one hundred and eighty six farms) measuring 199 146,29 ha. Farms have been identified in all six districts, which have farms [Rushinga is wholly communal]. The lists have been submitted to the MLGPWNH.

District	No. of farms: List 1	Hectarage	No. of farms: List 2	Hectarage
Bindura	29	35 798,05	17	14 420,30
Guruve	21	23 569,49	9	7 608,50
Mazowe	21	23 934,19	36	35 132,41
Mt Darwin	6	6 832,40	3	3 439,00
Muzarabani	14	18 015,40	10	11 355,30
Shamva	9	10 664,20	11	8 377,05
Total	100	118 813,73	86	80 332,56

As of now, **6/09/2 000** resettlement has taken place on 30 farms whilst 75 farms were recently gazetted. Mashonaland Central Province has settled 370 households since 1 August 2000. Distribution of the farms and number of households involved are shown in the Table overleaf

FAST TRACK RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME IN MASHONALAND CENTRAL PROVINCE BY AUGUST 2000

District	Farms	Size	No. of Households
Bindura	Retreat	1 324,7	54
Guruve	Bonheim	1 479,8	36
Mazowe	Dandajena	785,3	22
Mt Darwin	Lismore	835,7	35
	Chakoma	817	50
Muzarabani	Avalon	1 348,19	55
	Drumada	878,5	32
	Viewfield	1 156,12	43
Shamva	Rustington	625	43
TOTALS		9 250,31	370

The settler classification is as follows: -

Classification	No
Villagers	142
War Vets	52
Demonstrators	161
Farm Workers	15
Urbanites	0
TOTALS	370

***Only 4.1% of the farm workers have been considered for resettlement to date in the Province**

The Fast track resettlement first took place at Retreat farm measuring 1 346 hectares in the Bindura District. Only 8 farm workers were allocated land while the rest were left out. Some 54 families were resettled each family getting 10 hectares. At Viewfield farm in Centenary, 43 families were resettled on 1 156.12 hectares each family getting 32 hectares.

Procedures in the programme are that the province is informed about an available farm, a desktop planning exercise is done to ascertain the carrying capacity. The district is then informed and the District Committee does the settler selection using the four lists [the official Council list, the War Vets list, the demonstrator list and the farm workers list]. The settlers are then taken to the farm where they agree on which model A settlement they want [self-contained or villages] and they pick stand numbers. the actual on-the ground planning is done at a later stage. Negotiations with the farmer concerning the crop in the ground is also done to lessen compensation.

For the period between September and October 2000 statistics as obtained from the Provincial Resettlement Committee show that no farm workers were resettled although there is a promise that they would be considered (See Table below)

CENTENARY DISTRICT

Name of farm	Acreage per individual	No of resettled families	No of farm worker resettled families
Maclear	12	82	0
Mt Panis	100	22	0
Kilkeran	75	25	0
Ellain Vanin	100	25	0
Mavuradonha	20	82	0
Total		236	0

In other Districts of the Province, 43 families were resettled at Brinkburn farm and 18 in Bindura District. In Mazoe District, 12 families were resettled and there is no inclusion of the farm workers. The latest edition from the Province according to the Herald of 20/10/2000 is that at Lot 1 of Gurungwe Farm in Guruve, 47 families were allocated land under the fast track resettlement programme inclusive of war veterans, communal families and farm workers. However the breakdown of the figures was not given.

3.MASHONALAND WEST PROVINCE

In Makonde District information gathered at Kuti farm is presented in Annexure D. Initially there were 23 permanent workers and 7 (30.4%) of these had been considered for resettlement. At Muvhami farm, 10 farm worker families were resettled while 15 were left out.

A significant observation for the Mashonaland West Province is that at the beginning of the fast track programme (July-August 2000), farm workers were being left out. However there are some notable developments concerning resettlement of farm workers in the Province. Information collected as at **15/10/2000 for Chegutu District** is presented in the Table below

Chegutu District

Name of farm	No of FW families resettled	No of FWs families left out on the farm

Beverly	3	0
Katawa	50	0
Leni	4	0
Meadowlands	2	0
Northwood	2	0
Donore	5	0
Total	69	0

Source: District Administrator's Offices: Chinhoyi

In other Districts 3 families were resettled at Kermansha farm in Zvimba District, 2 families at Molina farm in Kadoma District and Helywin farm in Karoi. Information collected revealed that there were few farm worker families in the farms of the various districts and all have been resettled.

MASVINGO PROVINCE

The Government's fast-track resettlement programme was launched in Masvingo Province in August 2 000 with the distribution of **62 000** hectares. At Malton farm in Gutu, 18 families were resettled on **30** hectare plot each

MATEBELELAND NORTH

At Goodwood farm, in Bubi District, 120 families were allocated plots on a total area of 10 000 hectares.

MIDLANDS PROVINCE

33 families were resettled on two farms, one in Lower Gweru and the other in Kwekwe on a total of 693 834 hectares with each family getting a 54 hectare piece of land

MANICALAND PROVINCE

A total of 1 743 families were resettled in Manicaland under the government's land reform programme. The families included war veterans and farm workers resettled on a total of 19 properties i.e. Chipinge (7), Makoni (10) and Mutare (2) districts. The 119 farms acquired cover an area of 18 160 hectares.

