

The Grain Marketing Board Exhibits at the 64th Edition of the ZITF.



GMB Supply Chain Manager Mr. S. Matabeya (left) explains to the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development Dr. Anxious Jongwe Masuka about the GMB products whilst the GMB Board Vice Chairperson Dr. H. Mushonga and Southern Region Manager Mrs. P. Mafa look on at GMB stand at this year's edition of the ZITF.

The 64th edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair was held between 22-28 April 2024 under the theme, "Innovation: The Catalyst for Industrialization and Trade." The Grain Marketing Board exhibited under the theme, "Agricultural Innovation: The Catalyst for Economic Growth." Innovation has emerged as a cornerstone for driving growth, enhancing competitiveness, fostering sustainable development, and unlocking new horizons for progress.

His Excellency, The President of Zimbabwe Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa toured various stands ahead of the Annual Business and Trade Showcase. This year's edition of the ZITF was officiated by His Excellency, The President of Kenya Dr. William Ruto on the 26th of April 2024.

Some of the notable highlights of GMB participation at this year's ZITF, was the visit to the stand, by the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development Dr. Anxious Jongwe Masuka, as well as different foreigners, local companies, and individuals who expressed willingness to learn and work with GMB. Foreigners and guests who visited were impressed by the display and GMB's vision of assuring food security, looking at the El-Nino induced drought faced by the country. ZITF is arguably the country's biggest trade

showcase drawing participation from both local and international exhibitors.



GMB CEO Dr. Edson Badarai (center), GMB Corporate Secretary Ms. Rosina Gwanetsa (left), Management and Staff at this year's edition of the ZITF.

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Mr Nickolaas Johannes Swanepoel.

The GMB Board, Management and Staff join the Swanepoel family and the entire farming fraternity in mourning the untimely passing on of Mr Nickolaas Johannes Swanepoel on 8 May 2024, a dedicated and legendary farmer. Mr Swanepoel was born in Lusaka, Zambia on 19 June 1948 and moved to Zimbabwe with his family in 1963. Mr Swanepoel was a successful and renowned commercial farmer specialising in livestock, tobacco and cereal production. His contribution to the Zimbabwean agricultural sector and his role in ensuring food security cannot be understated. Mr Swanepoel served as GMB Board Member from 01 May 2019 until his untimely death. He sat on various boards which included Commercial Farmers Union, Burley Marketing Zimbabwe, Barclays Bank, Agricultural Finance Corporation amongst others. May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

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GMB Murombedzi Depot engages in various Projects.



GMB Murombedzi Depot Manager Mr. Etheridge G. Dube (second from left) and Depot Staff.

In a first-of-its-kind, GMB Murombedzi depot engaged in numerous projects including the Road Runner Project, Mushroom Project, and the Fish Farming Project. The depot Management came up with this strategy to sustain canteen operations and to motivate employees. These projects are also generating income for the depot as they also sell their produce to the community. The Murombedzi Supply Chain Manager Mr. Etheridge Dube said, "We came up with projects that were considered less capital intensive but of short to medium term."

The Road Runner Project started with twenty-two birds comprising nineteen breeding hens and three cocks. Of these, employees willingly contributed seventeen road runners, and the other five came as a donation from local community. More employees came through and donated more hens. A fowl run was built using local resources (tin house, old tarpaulins, and fence) and more employees donated nests for egg production.

The fowl run has a capacity of up to 500 birds. Birds' droppings are used as manure in the depot canteen garden. This Project has ensured that all depot employees enjoy nutritious meals every day.

The Mushroom Production Project is regarded as one of the easiest projects to embark on and only takes three weeks to start harvesting mushrooms depending on type.

Also, if proper conditions are maintained, mushrooms can be harvested for up to four months. As a result of this research, GMB Murombedzi depot decided to engage in the mushroom project so that they will be able to sell, and the income will be used to cater for canteen requirements.

Fish Farming also known as Aquaculture is becoming more popular in Zimbabwe and Murombedzi depot embraced this growing business and embarked on fish farming. "Through our external networks, we engaged a local farmer who empowered us with knowledge of fishpond construction. He also supplied us with 2000 fingerlings for 30 USD per thousand. Local resources were used in the construction of the fishpond measuring 10m x 20m, with the capacity to accommodate 5000 fingerlings. "We expect to start harvesting the fish at six months and the size of the fish depends on conditions and feeding regime", the Supply Chain Manager said.

As a result, different organizations and individuals have visited the Murombedzi depot to see the growing projects and have applauded the commitment shown by Management and the employees.

GMB Murombedzi Depot Projects In Pictures.



Murombedzi Depot Road Runner Project.



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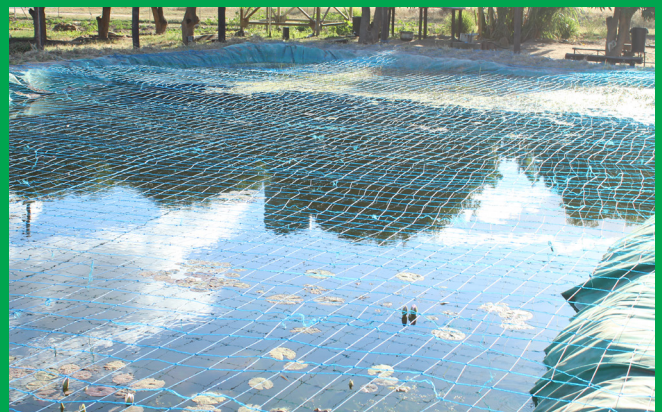
Murombedzi Depot Mushroom Project.



Murombedzi Depot Mushroom Project.



Murombedzi Depot Fish Farming Project.



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The Grain Marketing Board participates at the Kwekwe District Expo.



Minister of State for Midlands Provincial Affairs and Devolution Hon. Owen Ncube (center), GMB Kwekwe Depot Supply Chain Manager Mr. T. Dangare (left), and GMB Staff at the recently held Kwekwe District Expo.

The Minister of State for Midlands Provincial Affairs and Devolution Hon. Owen Ncube officiated at the Kwekwe District National Development Strategy (NDS1) Expo held at the Kwekwe Mining Museum on Friday 10th of May 2024. The event ran under the theme, “Creating Opportunities for an Empowered Society”, and was facilitated by the Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and Urban Development.

Speaking at the event, the Minister pointed out the need to spearhead local and economic development through the implementation of measures to enhance ease of doing business while promoting affordability and quality service delivery.

“The Expo is organized to support His Excellency, the President of Zimbabwe Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa’s vision of leaving no one and no place behind in terms of development”, the Minister said.

The Grain Marketing Board was among ninety companies and stakeholders that exhibited at the Expo and this event came as an ideal platform for GMB to showcase its role in achieving the NDS1’s agenda of food and nutrition security. Minister Ncube took time to visit the GMB Exhibition Stand and was welcomed by the Kwekwe Supply Chain Manager Mr. T. Dangare and depot Staff. The Minister applauded the work done by the Grain Marketing Board in assuring food security in the country, especially in these EL-Nino-induced

conditions where the country has experienced extreme dry spells, reduced rainfall, and adverse effects on agriculture and food security. These conditions have significantly affected agricultural productivity in most of Southern African countries.

GMB showcased its products under the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Fisheries, and Rural Development and managed to secure 3rd position. Farmers, students, and other key stakeholders visited the GMB Stand and were enlightened about its operations and services.



GMB Exhibition Stand at the Kwekwe District National Development Strategy (NDS1) Expo at Kwekwe Mining Museum.

Condolences Message: A Heartfelt Tribute to a Dedicated GMB Employee.



The Late Mrs. Memory Muranganwa.

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Mrs. Memory Muranganwa, a cherished former employee of the Grain Marketing Board (GMB), who departed from this world following a brief illness at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare on the 21st of April 2024.

Mrs. Muranganwa's journey with the GMB began on the 1st of February 2008 when she joined as an Accounts Clerk in the Human Resources and Administration Department - Housing Fund Section at the Head Office.

Over the course of 15 years, she exemplified unwavering dedication and professionalism in her role, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and leadership alike.

Her legacy of integrity, diligence, and kindness touched the lives of many within the organization. Mrs. Muranganwa's commitment to her work and her

compassionate nature left an indelible mark on all those who had the privilege of knowing her. A devoted wife to Solomon Muranganwa and a loving mother to three children, Mrs. Muranganwa's untimely departure has left a void that cannot be filled. Her memory will forever remain etched in the hearts of her family, friends, and colleagues. On the 24th of April 2024, Mrs. Muranganwa was laid to rest in her ancestral village in Wedza, surrounded by her grieving loved ones. The GMB employees from the Head Office and various depots came together to pay their respects and support her family during this difficult time.

In her honor, let us remember Mrs. Memory Muranganwa not only for her professional contributions but also for the warmth and compassion she brought into the lives of those around her. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire us all to live with purpose and kindness.



The Late Mrs. Memory Muranganwa.

International Women's Day Commemorations.



GMB Acting CEO Mr. Clemence Guta (center), Fin Bath Director Mrs. A. Chidzonga (left), and the GMB Human Resources and Administration Manager Miss Nyaradzo Makoni (right) at the International Women's Day commemorations held at the Grain Marketing Board Head Office.

The Grain Marketing Board (GMB) proudly joined the global community in celebrating women's achievements, progress, and ongoing contributions to society and the workplace. This year's International Women's Day theme, "Invest in women: Accelerate progress" resonated deeply with GMB's commitment to fostering inclusive overall economic and social development.

The Grain Marketing Board recognizes the invaluable contributions of women in every facet of our business. From leadership roles to frontline positions, women play a pivotal role in driving innovation, creativity, and success. GMB acting CEO Mr. C. Guta said, "Our organization has shown unwavering dedication through mainstreaming gender in all facets within the organization to promote gender equality and women empowerment". In line with this year's theme, "Invest in women: Accelerate progress", GMB reaffirms its commitment to creating a workplace culture that champions gender equality and empowers women to thrive. Women Affairs Community Development Officer Mrs. C. Raradza said, "The rising of women does not mean the fall of men but calls for everyone to play a role in forging gender parity within organizations and society". Through inclusive policies, mentorship programs, and leadership opportunities,

the organization strives to create a level playing field where every individual has the opportunity to excel based on merit and ability, regardless of gender. "Educating a woman means educating the whole nation," she also said.

As part of the celebrations, GMB hosted a series of events and initiatives aimed at raising awareness, promoting dialogue, and driving meaningful change. These included a panel of discussions featuring prominent female leaders, on gender equality, beauty massage, and a Zumba session.



GMB employees and the Zumba fitness coach Ms. Chenai after the Zumba Session at the International Women's Day commemorations at GMB Head Office.

GMB Staff takes part in the Clean-Up Campaign.



The Grain Marketing Board Staff taking part in the National Clean-Up Campaign at the Head Office in Harare.

In fulfillment of our national obligations for cleanliness, Grain Marketing Board staff sauntered on GMB Head Office premises, joining the nation in the clean-up campaign, heeding a call by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, His Excellency, Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa to ensure the country has sustainable environment management and waste disposal systems. The notion behind this is for every citizen to get together and clean the environment.

The National Clean-up Day exercise helps citizens to stay in a clean, safe, and healthy environment. This is in line with section 73 of the constitution of Zimbabwe which guarantees every citizen of Zimbabwe, "the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health and well-being."

The GMB premises clean-up exercise took place from 0830 to 1000 hours on the 5th of April 2024. Most employees took up cleaning equipment and cleaned the workspace environment. GMB is contributing towards the vision of achieving sustainable cities and communities by 2030 through the National Clean-Up Campaign.



GMB Staff cleaning the Head Office Premises.

GMB Expands Agro-Dura Shops.



The GMB AGRO-DURA Shop at Magunje Depot.

In a move to broaden market reach and provide goods to remote areas, the Grain Marketing Board came up with the concept of the Agro-Dura brands wholesale shops across Zimbabwe. The initiative, spearheaded by the President's vision of "leaving no place and no one behind," aims to bring affordable products to remote communities.

The first Agro-dura shop was unveiled in Magunje on the 10th of December 2023, marking the beginning of phased expansion that will see the brand establish a presence in several other rural and isolated areas. In the coming months, new Agro-Shops are slated to open in Sanyati, Wedza, Mutawatawa, Rushinga, Gutu, Buhera, Mt Darwin, Vuti, and Kariba, where depots in the areas are situated near fast-growing business centers providing a ready market.

The driving force behind the Agro-Dura shops is the need to broaden the marketing and distribution of its products on a wider scope ultimately increasing market share and generating income for the organization. By setting up the shops in remote locations, the company aims to provide small-scale traders in these areas with trading stock, empowering local entrepreneurship and local development.

The pricing strategy for the shops is designed to be competitive, with prices aligned to prevailing rates at the downtown tuck shops in the Harare Central Business District (CBD). Customers can expect to find a wide range of products at wholesale prices, including soft drinks, hardware, soap, detergents, spices, and animal feed.

The intent of the Agro-Dura wholesale shops nationwide is to improve access to essential goods and services to ensure food and nutrition security.



Inside the GMB AGRO-DURA Shop at Magunje Depot.

GMB Exhibits at Farm-to-Market Festival 2024.



The Grain Marketing Board Exhibition Stand at the recently held Farm-to-Market Festival at FBC Old Hararians Sports Club in Harare.

The First Lady Dr. Auxillia Mnangagwa broke new ground by initiating an inaugural Farm to Market and Arts Festival which took place from the 18th to the 19th of May 2024, at FBC Old Hararians Sports Club in Harare to celebrate Zimbabwe's vibrant agriculture, arts, craft, and cultural heritage.

Players in various industries including consumers, stakeholders, and exhibitors came together to support Dr. Auxillia Mnangagwa who conceptualized the idea of showcasing Zimbabwe's food and agricultural value chains.

Various industries showcased their products, and the Grain Marketing Board exhibited in the agricultural value chain and the food security cluster.

In her remarks, the First Lady described the gathering as an opportunity for the exchange of agricultural skills and rich cultural heritage. "Farm to Market Expo symbolizes not only economic progress but also the celebration of creativity, resilience, and interconnections. When I conceptualized this vision, I had one goal, to bring together our farmers, agro-processors, and artisans in various fields to network and provide opportunities for economic growth".

The expo offered an open platform for exhibitors to strengthen their relationships with their existing customers and an opportunity to connect with potential customers.

It was a feast for the eyes as people were dressed in colorful national fabric clothing. There was never a dull moment as participants actively engaged in various activities offered and live performances from different musicians including Feli Nandi, Diana Samukange, Killer T, Freeman, Andy Muridzo, and traditional dancing groups.



GMB displays some of its products and grains at the Farm-to-Market Festival.