



## HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION

### ECHO

#### European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

#### BACKGROUND

Since 2002, ECHO has funded **humanitarian aid projects in Zimbabwe** for a total of nearly **€181 million** addressing **emergency and recovery needs** in the fields of health, nutrition, water and sanitation and food security.

Financial decision	Million Euros
2002-2003	15.4
2003-2004	22.7
2004-2005	13.8
2005-2006	14.6
2006-2007	11.7
2007-2008	30.2
2008-2009	25
2009-2010	18.5
2010-2011	14
2011-2012	10
2012-2013	5

<b>Total</b>	<b>180.9</b>
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ECHO is currently implementing a Financial Decision of **5 million Euros** addressing the **transition between humanitarian needs and development**.

#### Areas of ECHO intervention

- ECHO's funding to humanitarian activities remains one of the largest contributions in Zimbabwe.
- Through the NGO and UN partners and in close collaboration with government institutions ECHO addresses emergency needs mainly in the fields of health, water and sanitation and food security.
- Over the years, ECHO's contributions have evolved from an emergency response to a more targeted assistance focusing in the most vulnerable groups and aiming at improving the population's resilience.
- **Health:** ECHO has been actively involved in supporting the Zimbabwean health structures and drug supply chain at central and local level, particularly during epidemic outbreaks. Since 2011,

significant investments were made in disease surveillance and early warning systems as well as in emergency treatment facilities to be used during outbreaks.

- **Water&Sanitation:** Through its support to NGOs, UNICEF and city councils, ECHO has financed the improvement of urban and rural water supply facilities of areas more at risk of epidemic outbreaks. Most of the assistance has now shifted to support communities and enhance local capacities.
- **Food Security:** ECHO's contributions have evolved from emergency food assistance to food security interventions aiming at improving diet diversity and additional sources of income for the most vulnerable segments of the population, including urban population.
- ECHO's partners have also addressed the needs of refugees, deportees and other mobile vulnerable populations.