

THE VALLEY FARM AND INSTITUTE OF WELLNESS

Project Funding Proposal

Organization Name: The Valley Farm and Institute of Wellness
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Farm Location: 53 Dunstal Farm, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

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Executive Summary

The Valley Farm and Institute of Wellness is a holistic ministry serving vulnerable children through an integrated orphanage, elementary school, and sustainable agricultural program in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Currently caring for 99 orphaned and vulnerable children (29 aged 1–5 and 70 aged 5–9), the center provides education, nutrition, and spiritual formation with very limited resources.

We seek partnership support to address immediate humanitarian needs and implement a sustainable vegetable farming project that will enable long-term self-sufficiency. A one-time investment of approximately \$35,000 for startup infrastructure and equipment, combined with \$21,000 in operational support over six months (\$3,500/month), will allow the farm to generate sufficient produce to cover ongoing costs thereafter. Additional support for a project vehicle (\$10,000) would greatly enhance operational efficiency.

Background and Current Operations

The Valley Farm and Institute of Wellness operates on a 20-hectare farm blessed with a large, reliable river and an unpolluted dam that provides year-round water access. The center includes:

- Orphanage: Home to 99 children (29 aged 1–5 years and 70 aged 5–9 years).
- Elementary School: Serving all 99 children with only two teachers who also manage cooking, cleaning, and other daily operations.
- School of Evangelism and Vegetarian Cooking School: Currently non-operational due to resource constraints but ready for future activation.

The farm currently subsidizes the school and orphanage, but limited capacity prevents full sustainability. The two teachers are overburdened, and the lack of additional staff, food, and basic supplies creates significant hardship for the children and staff.

Immediate Needs

To maintain basic care and dignity for the children, we urgently require support for:

- Food: Rice, porridge, and cooking oil.
- Toiletries and Hygiene: Tissue paper, washing soap, lotion/Vaseline, and Colgate toothpaste.
- Clothing and Footwear: School shoes, tennis shoes, socks, winter shoes/jackets, and small blankets.
- Fuel: Cooking gas and heating water.
- Educational Support: Books, learning aids, and basic school supplies.

Sustainable Agriculture Project

We have developed a comprehensive vegetable production plan using the farm's abundant water resources. This project will establish productive seedbeds and irrigation systems to grow sufficient vegetables for the children's needs and generate surplus for income.

Detailed Budget – Agriculture Startup (One-Time)

Item	Cost (USD)
Seed bed preparation - 4,200 beds (80m long)	\$4,200
Organic fertilizer - 30 bags	\$3,000
Manure	\$300
Nursery beds	\$1,250
Seeds - Various vegetables	\$6,000
Cultivation	\$700
Pump repair	\$1,500
Engine	\$500
Pipes - 110 units	\$1,000
Sprinklers	\$200
Boots	\$80
Tools	\$100
Diesel fuel for engine operation	\$4,000
Total Agriculture Startup	\$25,000

****Project Vehicle**:** A reliable utility vehicle for transportation of produce, inputs, and staff/children (estimated \$10,000).

Operational Support (6 Months)

Monthly expenses for the school, orphanage, and farm operations: \$3,500. Total for 6 months: \$21,000

After six months of support, revenue from vegetable production is projected to cover ongoing operational costs, allowing the center to become self-sustaining.

Expected Impact and Sustainability

- Immediate relief in nutrition, hygiene, clothing, and education for 99 vulnerable children.
- Improved staff capacity and reduced burden on the two teachers.
- Long-term food security and income generation through commercial vegetable farming.
- Future activation of the School of Evangelism and Vegetarian Cooking School to expand ministry reach.

This integrated model combines compassionate care with sustainable agriculture, creating lasting transformation in the lives of orphaned children and their community.

Request

We respectfully request support for:

1. Full or partial funding of the \$25,000 agriculture startup package.
2. A \$10,000 project vehicle.
3. \$21,000 in operational support for six months.

Total Project Budget: Approximately \$56,000

We are also in the process of formal partnership with a U.S.-based NGO to facilitate tax-deductible donations and greater accountability.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We would welcome the opportunity to provide additional details, photos, or a virtual tour of the facility. Together, we can help these children thrive and build a sustainable, faith-based ministry that honors God and serves the vulnerable.

Reginald Sibanda / Founder
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