

## MAJOR INCIDENTS REPORT FOR 2009

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| Mhunga Bus Disaster | 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2009                  | Chikomba District | A Mhunga Bus carrying seventy-three (73) passengers from Masvingo to Harare was involved in an accident at Munyati River bridge in Chikomba District. The driver lost control after the bus burst its front right tyre and plunged into Munyati river   | 29 people lost their lives as a result of the accident. 39 suffered various forms of injuries.  | <p>The injured were taken to Chivhu Hospital. The incident was declared state of disaster and the department of Civil Protection supported the burial of the deceased</p> <p><b>The accident was declared state of disaster</b></p>   | Post mortems were conducted to establish the causes of deaths to all the deceased passengers. An inquiry to the cause of the accident was also conducted. Relatives of the deceased were involved in positive identification .  |
| Mhunga Bus Disaster | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2009 at about 9.00 am | Chikomba District | According to information obtained from survivors, the bus was travelling behind another haulage truck also going towards Masvingo. It was when the driver was trying to overtake this truck that the bus was involved in a 'side swipe' with a heavy haulage truck travelling in the opposite direction | Thirty-seven (37) passengers including seven (7) children died on the spot. Thirty-three (33) passengers were injured, some of them seriously. Of the injured passengers, five (5) of them later died in hospital bringing the total of the dead to forty-two <b>(42)</b> . | <p>The initial response was made by passing motorists who alerted ZRP and MARS as well as ferrying some of the injured to Chivu, Harare and Parirenyatwa Hospitals.</p> <p>ZRP and the Harare Fire Brigade teamed up to secure the scene as well as rescue some of the trapped survivors and dead bodies. The Airforce of Zimbabwe and MARS were also summoned to</p> | Post mortems were conducted to establish the causes of deaths to all the deceased passengers. An inquiry to the cause of the accident was also conducted. Following a series of accidents from the same company, the Government temporarily suspended the company from operating. Relatives of the deceased were involved |

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|                      |  |           |  |   | <p>ferry the injured to hospital. The bus owner donated the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 coffins</li> <li>• 40 blankets</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Fuel</li> <li>• U\$850.00 - (for chema)</li> <li>• Mealie meal</li> </ul> <p>Following a Declaration of State of Disaster, the Department of Civil protection also assisted with the burial of the deceased through the provision of coffins, mortuary services and transport</p> <p><b>The accident was declared state of disaster</b></p>   | <p>in positive identification of the deceased,</p> <p>The disaster was managed in a few days because relatives were alerted quickly to come for positive identification and to collect the deceased.</p> <p>The electronic and print media also played an important role in alerting the public about the accident. There is need for counselling some of the bereaved family members for example a man who lost his wife and two children.</p> |
| Musanhi Bus Disaster | 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2009 at around 2100 hrs | Mt Darwin | <p>A Musanhi Bus traveling from Harare to Dotito was involved in an accident with a haulage truck traveling in the opposite direction. The accident was a 'side-swipe' collusion involving the two vehicles. The bus was carrying about 40 passengers while the truck was carrying bales of cotton.</p> <p>It is suspected that the accident occurred due to poor judgment by the two drivers as it is alleged they failed to dip their lights for each other.</p> | <p>Seventeen people including the bus driver died on impact. Of these, 5 were children. Six (6) passengers were seriously hurt.</p> | <p>The public assisted by ferrying some of the injured to hospital as well as informing the Zimbabwe Republic Police. The Mt. Darwin Civil Protection Committee was quickly activated and transport was organized to ferry the injured. ZRP secured the scene of the accident and ferried the dead to Mt. Darwin mortuary and immediately embarked on the process of identification.</p> <p>An ambulance was also dispatched from Mt. Darwin Hospital to help ferry the injured. Musanhi Bus Company donated fuel and cash towards the disaster. The owner of the truck also donated some cash.</p> <p>The Department of Civil</p> | <p>Just like the Mhunga Bus Disaster, the whole process was smooth due to the fact that the majority of the deceased were going more or less to the same community. This made the identification process much easier.</p> <p>There is need for counselling some of the bereaved family members</p>  |

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|                |   |  |  |  | <p>Protection working in conjunction with the local Civil Protection Committee worked round the clock to ensure a speedy identification and disposal of the deceased.</p> <p>The Department provided coffins, blankets as well as mortuary services for the deceased. Transport for the deceased and bereaved relatives was also provided by the Department.</p> |  |
| Kombi Accident | 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2009 around 0600hrs | 24,5 Km peg along Masvingo-Mutare road | The incident occurred after the left rear wheel dislodged resulting in the kombi smashing onto a roadside tree. It was alleged that the driver was over speeding.  | The accident claimed 9 people all of them from Mangwani village of Bikita district. Nine passengers including the driver and owner of the kombi were injured,      | The trapped people were rescued by ZCC construction workers and were ferried to Masvingo General Hospital. National Highway traffic Police also attended the accident  | The deceased were quickly identified and buried by their relatives |
| Household fire | 17 August 2009                              | Masvingo District ward 25              | The incident occurred when a two roomed grass thatched house caught fire late around 2300hrs when 5 children were asleep in one of the rooms. One of the 5 boys aged 13 managed to escape the fire and the remaining 4 were burnt beyond recognition. The report from the province was not explicit on the cause of the fire.  | 4 children aged between 7 and 14 were burnt beyond recognition   | Renco Police were informed and visited the scene. The charred bodies were ferried to Renco mine mortuary and post mortem was carried out at Masvingo General Hospital on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2009  |  |
| Household fire | 28/10/2009                                  | Masvingo District ward 7. Village 30   | It was reported that on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2009, at around 2100hrs, Emelina Murombo went to bed with her four children. A homemade paraffin lamp was used to light the their one roomed brick built bedroom under grass thatch. It was alleged that the lamp was not put off upon sleeping. The mother realised that the house was under fire around 2300hrs. The woman tried in vain to work up his | <b>4</b> children died and their mother was severely burnt and the house completely collapsed. All the household assets including food and utensils were destroyed | The matter was reported to police after which the deceased were taken to Masvingo hospital. The mother who sustained severe burns was admitted at Masvingo Hospital Intensive Care Unit  | There was need for trauma counselling of the bereaved mother       |
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|  |  |  | children and abandoned the room whose roof was collapsing. The woman screamed for help but it was late as the children were already burnt to death. |  |  |  |
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| Fire outbreak at Government Premises | 10 Sep 2010<br>Around 9:00am                  | Gutu District<br>Vet Service<br>Department                       | There was a fire outbreak at the Veterinary Services Department premises.<br>The cause of the fire was not established  | The fire destroyed treated gum poles valued at <b>US22 000.00</b> supplied by EU Stabex 95 meant for repairing dip tanks. The premises was partially damaged and cost not yet established   | The Provincial Civil protection committee swiftly dispatched MASvingo City Fire Brigade to Gutu to put off the fire  | Ministry of Public Works was still estimating the cost of damages caused to the infrastructure   |
| Road Traffic Accident                | 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2010                     | 125km peg<br>along Triangle –<br>Chiredzi<br>Highway             | This involved a truck loaded of bananas which burst its rare tyre and overturned  | 4 people died on the spot and 6 others died on admission to Chiredzi Hospital. Other 7 passengers were injured and admitted to hospital   |  |  |
| Ingwe Bus and JJ Transport Accident  | 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2010<br>Around 1930hrs | Makonde District<br>125Km peg<br>along Harare –<br>Chirundu road | The Ingwe bus was travelling from Zambia en-route to South Africa . It was alleged that the bus driver attempted to overtake a truck resulting in head-on collision with JJ Transport                       | Ingwe Bus was believed to have been carrying passengers of Zambian Nationality including two drivers and one conductor. The   | ZRP were first to arrive at the scene and later joined by other members of the District Civil Protection Committee.<br>Fire tenders from Central Ammunition Depot in Darwandale            | The bodies were expatriated to Zambia where positive identification was going to be conducted  |

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|                |  |   | haulage that was travelling in the opposite direction. Both the bus and the haulage truck caught fire. JJ truck was loaded with ammonium nitrate fertilizer and this fuelled the fire which caused difficulties in rescuing people. The accident was due to negligent driving on the part of the bus driver.  | haulage truck was also having unconfirmed number of people on board. 11 people died and 38 passengers were injured. The deceased were burnt beyond recognition | later came in to extinguish the fire after Chinhoyi Fire Brigade failed to respond due to unclear circumstances. The injured were ferried by ambulances and private vehicles to Chinhoyi, Harare and Parirenyatwa hospitals for treatment |   |
| Kombi Accident | 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2010, at 7a.m         | KweKwe District<br>236km peg along Harare-Bulawayo Road | The Kombi was carrying 19 passengers including the driver and conductor. The driver lost control after overtaking another bus resulting in the overturning of the kombi. Some passengers were as a result thrown out of the vessel  | <b>10</b> passengers died (7 passengers on the spot and 3 upon admission to KweKwe General Hospital)   |   |   |
| Veld Fires     | Night of 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2010        | Somabhula and Debshan Range Areas ( Midlands Province)  | The Ranch is about 45 00 Hectors in size, Has approximately 7 000 cattle and about 254 elephants and a wide range of other animal species. The Ranch was gutted by fire on 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2010. The fire was reported to have managed to cross Bulawayo Road from Somabhula area and this was necessitated by the prevailing weather condition of that day which was characterised by very strong and high speed winds . The cause of the fire was suspected to be careless smoking and disposal of cigarette end. | <b>18</b> elephants were found dead and others were injured. About 3 000ha of land was burnt. There was serious loss of biodiversity                           | National Parks officials battled to fight the fire using counter burning and water bowsers but this was all in vein due to heavy winds and the time it happened (night)   | A lot of veld fires were witnessed during 2010 fire season. EMA should consider to intensify fire awareness campaigns |
| Hail Storm     | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 | Matobo District Ward 9                                  | A heavy down pour accompanied by violent winds and hail left a  | A violent hail storm caused damage to  | According to a rapid assessment report by the local World Vision  |   |

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|       |   | (Bambanani) and Ward 11 (Mbembeswana) | trail of destruction across the two wards.  | <p>property and one 13 year child died. Three schools and one clinic had their roofs blown off. At least 20 homesteads were destroyed</p> <p><b>Mbembeswana Clinic ( Ward 11)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 nurses house roof blown off,</li> <li>• 2 nurses houses roofs partially damaged</li> </ul> <p><b>Mbembeswana Primary school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 1x 4 class roomed block had its roof completely blown off</li> </ul> <p><b>Bambanani Ward 9</b><br/>St Annah Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2x F14 teacher's houses roof s completely blown off,</li> <li>• St Annah Sec School- 1x F14 teacher's house roof blown off,</li> <li>• One classroom block blown off</li> </ul> | <p>Office, immediate requirements were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roofing materials for the schools,</li> <li>• Non food items for the affected households</li> </ul> <p>ORAP was engaged in the registration for a planned food aid program</p> |   |
| Storm | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 around 1200hrs | Betbridge District                    | On Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2010, there was a short-lived but severe storm in Western Beitbridge district that caused | Kwalu Secondary school was admin block roof was totally destroyed. Roofs for  | International Organisation for Migration pledged to support the affected schools with building materials. The Rural District Council   | The onset of the 2010/2011 rainy season has been accompanied by |

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|                  |                                       |                   | <p>very extensive damage to the local secondary school, lesser but still serious damage to the Primary school over the road and still lesser damage to the local clinic.</p> <p>The kids were in lessons when the storm struck but there were no injuries.</p>   | <p>the other classroom blocks including teachers houses were also partially damaged</p> <p>One classroom block, administration block and one teachers' house were destroyed at Chamananga Primary School</p> <p>One consultation block at Chamananga Clinic was partially destroyed.</p> | will be responsible for the reconstruction costs   | sporadic hailstorms that left a trail of destruction to infrastructure and dwelling units country wide   |
| Drowning         | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2010 | Chipinge District | <p>Five women were swept away after they attempted to cross a flooded stream around 5pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The women were on their way back from fishing when they joined hands in a bid to cross the flooded stream.</p>  | <p>Five (5) of the women were swept away and the surviving two women reported the case</p>   | <p>Efforts by ZRP Sub-Aqua Unit to search the bodies of the deceased after a few days were fruitless</p>   | <p>There is need for timely formal reports of incidents from our districts and provinces. Information is quickly sent to news agencies than it is submitted to responsible actors.</p> |
| Cholera outbreak | 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2010        | Zvimba District   | <p>Since the onset of the current cholera outbreak from 26 November 2010, 83 cases have been recorded in Zvimba district. Cases are sporadic and continue spreading from Banket town and surrounding farming areas around the Sutton mine catchment area. Of the 83 cases recorded 58 are from the Sutton catchment area. The issue of poor safe water supply and lack of sanitation</p> | <p><b>83</b> cases of cholera were recorded 20 have been confirmed by laboratory tests as cholera positive.</p>  | <p>The DHE has mobilized resources and support from partners to control outbreak. Of the 83 recorded cases, 20 have been confirmed by laboratory tests as cholera positive. Eighty health personnel from all the health institutions in the district have been given a one day refresher training on cholera management. 7 EHTs have been deployed in the risky areas to community sensitisation, conduct health</p> | <p>GAA to support DHE in conducting post distribution monitoring starting 10 January 2011</p>  |

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|  |  |  | <p>remains a major challenge in controlling the outbreak</p> |  | <p>education and disinfect affected homesteads.</p> <p><b>Action by GAA:</b><br/> With support from GAA, 2 CTCs have been established: one at Banket hospital and another at Sutton mine clinic. 5,000 ltr. storage water tanks and temporary toilets have been installed at each CTC to ensure constant availability of safe water. Health education to the affected communities has been scaled up. Forty nine community health promoters selected from the at risk farms have been trained and are giving health education to households in the affected farms. Due to the continued spread of the outbreak health education needs to be intensified into all risk areas, followed by door to door health education and distribution of non-food items.</p> <p>In Banket town, 2,889 households were provided with non food items of 2,889 jerry cans, 17,334 aqua tabs, 8,667 bars of soap, and 8,667 ORS sachets. A further 500 households in farms that include Mango, Stocks, and Ziemeni also received similar NFIs.</p> <p>GAA also supported the training of 80 Health personnel training in cholera management.</p> <p><b>NFI support by UNICEF</b><br/> The NFIs (see above) were provided by UNICEF under a contingency agreement with WERU partners.</p> |  |
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| Kombi Accident    | 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2010 | Simon Mazorodze Flyover (Harare) | <p>THE festive season got off to a bloody start when nine people perished while 24 others were seriously injured when a commuter omnibus they were travelling in encroached into the right lane and rammed a refrigerated truck at the flyover along Simon Mazorodze Road in Harare yesterday morning.</p> | <p><b>10</b> passengers died due to the accident ( seven passengers died on the spot while three others died at Parirenyatwa Hospital )</p> <p>Both drivers escaped with minor injuries, with the commuter omnibus driver reportedly disappearing from the scene after the accident.</p> | <p>Bodies of the deceased among them three toddlers were taken to Parirenyatwa Hospital mortuary. All the injured were taken for treatment to Parirenyatwa and Harare hospital. Well-wishers assisted the injured and rushed them to hospital.</p> <p>Following the incident, the Government warned public transporters to take great caution when travelling on the roads, especially during the wet season when driving is precarious due to slippery roads.</p> <p>In terms of the provisions of the Civil Protection Act, the Gov authorized the issuance of limited support to each of the bereaved families as follows;</p> <table data-bbox="1424 906 1839 1058"> <tr> <td>A standard coffin</td> <td>\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blanket</td> <td>\$ 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chema</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transport</td> <td>\$ 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mealie meal</td> <td>\$ 20</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Total</b>                    <b><u>\$375</u></b> each</p> | A standard coffin | \$100 | Blanket | \$ 5 | Chema | \$200 | Transport | \$ 50 | Mealie meal | \$ 20 | <p>Due to the extent of the incident, Government evoked the Civil Protection Act in order to assist the bereaved families.</p> |
| A standard coffin | \$100                          |                                  |  |  |   |                   |       |         |      |       |       |           |       |             |       |  |
| Blanket           | \$ 5                           |                                  |  |  |   |                   |       |         |      |       |       |           |       |             |       |  |
| Chema             | \$200                          |                                  |  |  |   |                   |       |         |      |       |       |           |       |             |       |  |
| Transport         | \$ 50                          |                                  |  |  |   |                   |       |         |      |       |       |           |       |             |       |  |
| Mealie meal       | \$ 20                          |                                  |  |  |   |                   |       |         |      |       |       |           |       |             |       |  |