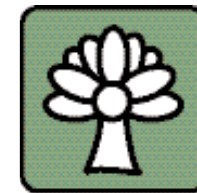


# Trees for Zimbabwe



Funding was given to support the ongoing activities of the Victoria Falls Environmental Action Group in Zimbabwe. In 2005-2006 these included;

Moringa is a tree well known for its ability to boost the immune system in one's body, the nutritional qualities being harnessed through drying the leaves and crushing them into powder. 78 trees were planted at the Old People's Home of which 56 survived. Two harvests have taken place with the powder being donated to the old people's home. A further 22 trees have been planted at the local primary school and one harvest made so far. Both the old people and the children are taking part in the nurturing and harvest of their trees. Trees have also been donated to a further 5 schools and talks conducted within the schools about the trees.

Vertiver is a type of grass that is mainly used for rehabilitation of gulleys and also used to improve soil compatibility. 3 Vertivar seedbeds have been established in local primary and secondary schools with the grass being donated to the local municipality to plant to prevent soil erosion after the rainy season. Environmental talks were conducted at 3 schools to nearly 900 students.

Clean up exercises have been conducted on the Masue River, which had turned into an eyesore. Clean up exercises are carried out once in every two months. During the last clean up exercise; twenty-four young people participated. A talk was conducted with scavengers who are the main pollutants of the river.

