

Chemhondoro Primary and Secondary
P.O Box 122
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The President
Rotary Club of Harare

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHAVANHOWE RIVER IN MUREWA

On behalf of the community comprising Maponga, Seke 2 and Chigaramasimbe villagers, we, the undersigned Heads of Chemhondoro Primary and Secondary schools, are kindly asking for assistance to construct a footbridge across Shavanhowe River. This has been as a result of numerous inconveniences and disasters the river has caused for several decades.

The river cuts off the above communities from essential rural service centres like; Chemhondoro Primary and Secondary schools, Domborembudzi Service Centre and Musami Hospital. These service centres are very close to them, yet so far away because of this river. The details below reflect the number of people deprived of the services across the river;

- There are about 250 parents in the communities in question.
- There are 265 students attending school at Chemhondoro Primary.
- There are 135 students attending school at Chemhondoro Secondary.
- We are anticipating about 6-10 students to be enrolled for lower sixth form as soon as O' level results are out.
- Amongst the 265 students at Chemhondoro Primary, are infants attending Early Childhood Development (ECD).

The above mentioned categories of people are immensely affected as follows;

- Parents have to assist their children across the river every morning on their way to school.
- Parents have to do the same around 10:00am for those students who attend lessons in the afternoon since the two schools have double sessions.
- To make matters worse the parents have to assist the students cross back home at two intervals, that is 1:00pm and 4:00pm as dismissal time for both sessions is different.
- By so doing parents commit more of their time to assisting pupils across the river, time which they would have devoted to other productive activities.