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## Background

Millions of people in Zimbabwe are in dire need of food assistance due to the El Niño-induced drought which usually results in livelihood loss, water scarcity and disruption of social protection services and healthy food environments that support good diets. Within the Bikita district, approximately 65,377 individuals, consisting of 33,996 women and 31,381 men, are projected to have been affected by the drought.

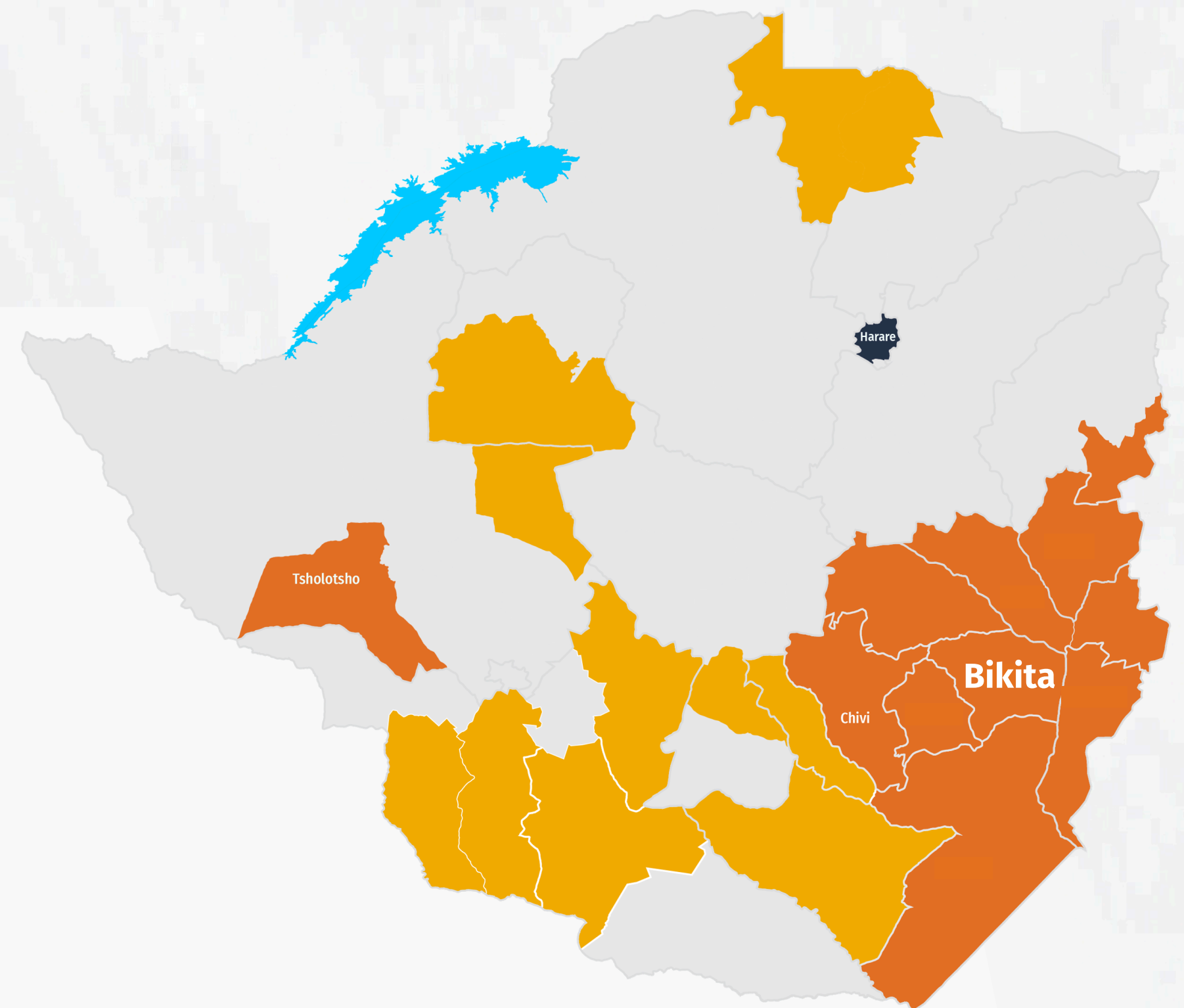
## Overview

Tayambuka project is a 15-month project aimed at strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households in Bikita District, Masvingo Province, in the face of El Niño-induced hunger periods and future shocks. *Tayambuka* is a Shona word which refers to “**Prevailing over** food insecurity challenge in dignified way”. The project integrates in-kind food assistance and Food for Assets (FFA) activities to reduce food consumption gaps and enhance long-term food security.

The project's theory of change is based on the idea that by reducing food consumption gaps through in-kind food assistance and simultaneously enhancing the productivity of communal land through FFA programs, households will effectively navigate hunger periods and future shocks. This will enable them to sustain their livelihoods and enhance their resilience.

The project aims to reach a total of 65,377 people in the target area, including 33,996 women and 31,381 men. It specifically targets 25,000 individuals, consisting of 13,000 women and 12,000 men in Bikita wards 1, 2, 3, 27 and 20.

**The objective: Strengthen the resilience of vulnerable households in the face of El Niño-induced hunger periods and future shocks by simultaneously reducing food consumption gaps and enhancing long-term food security through FFA activities.**



**Project Timeline**  
March 6 2024 to May 31 2025

**Masvingo Province, Bikita**  
**Wards 1, 2, 3, 27 and 20.**

**Target**  
**25,000**  
**Individuals**

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**5000**  
**Households**



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## Key Activities

- Distribute conditional in-kind food assistance to 5,000 households
- Conduct Food for Assets (FFA) activities including:
  - a. Clear invasive species in communal grazing lands
  - b. Establishment of contours and stone check dams/ silt traps along eroded communal productive assets and resources
  - c. Clear excess vegetation from access roads to marketplaces
  - d. Gully levelling and restoration including stone pitching at the head of the gully
  - e. Establishment of groundwater recharge structures at water sources (half-moons)
  - f. Establish community-based committees for sustainability and ownership
- Post-distribution monitoring for in-kind food assistance and FFA.

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