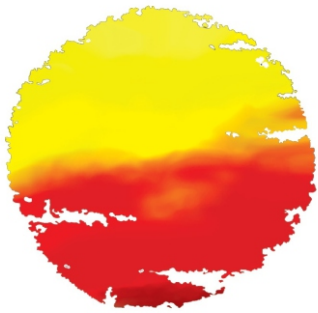


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Hopley database complete

Bothwell Petro



Hopley properties are being integrated into the city's valuation roll and will therefore pay all municipal charges and receive services.

Council has completed a database of the number of properties in the area.

The exercise will however result in the reorganisation of the suburb with over 7000 properties. Properties built on road reserves, school, business and services sites will be moved and be properly allocated.

The suburb started as a makeshift settlement soon after Operation Murambatsvina in 2005 and has since grown to over 7000 households. Hopley District Officer Mrs Vienna Govera said the database will be used to manage the reorganisation and reallocation.

“Administratively we have tried to compile a data list and we are almost through. We have asked for help from well-wishers like Nyambuya and Associates, an architectural company which does plans mostly for Southlea Park,” she said.

“In Hopley it was an emergency process after Murambatsvina and it was a matter of just having a name and a confirmation that we have shown you your stand,” she said “If we have this data base the survey section will through GIS give us stand sizes and we will be able to allocate knowing the size of the stand and who we are allocating in terms of having his full name and ID number.

“After we are done with this process we expect to have agreements of sale with the occupants of the stands,” she said.

Council Key to addressing street-ism

Yvonne Saniro and Bercy Kuyumani

Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ) president Cllr Josiah Makombe has heaped praises on First Lady Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa for rallying urban councils to actively participate in the rehabilitation of children living and working on the streets.

He made the remarks during a tour by UCAZ to identify centres in Kadoma and Bulawayo where the children would be housed and trained life skills.

He led the tour.

He said UCAZ had embraced the initiative and was working to ensure its success.

“As UCAZ we managed to renovate and put structures at Chambuta where we have quite a number of kids from all towns.

He said the tour had assisted in identifying areas that councils will assist with at the identified centres.

“As you know that during this pandemic quite a number of kids have deserted their homes and they are staying and working on the streets and this is not health for the country.

“It is the prerogative of the local authority to make sure that they deal with such situations and this is exactly what we are doing.

“We are not just taking these kids so that they can be housed but we want them to be empowered so that once they leave these homes they can be of help to themselves and to the nation.

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Running taps for hopley

Edwin Mugabe

Two thousand households in Hopley suburb have so far been connected to the city's water as part of incorporating the area into Harare.

The suburb has had no meaningful amenities since it started in 2005 after Operation Murambatsvina and was recently handed to Harare.

Harare started by constructing a clinic and now the area boasts of one of the most environmental friendly polyclinics and youth centres in the city.

Hopley District Officer Mrs Vienna Govera said the suburb had been using bowsers to supply residents with water.

"The water project that is being partly funded by Netherlands water utility Vei, which is partnering Harare city council to improve water supply.

"From the funds that the company offered it only managed to cover about 200 households but we have now connected 2009," she said.

She said the city was currently running a test run to the connected households.

"We discovered there are which we are repairing. "We are very happy that we have water although we do not have electricity but it is a game changer for us," she said

Role of UCAZ in dealing with street urchins in the country

Yvonne Saniro and Bercy Kuyumani

Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ) presidents Cllr Josiah Makombe says the country's urban local authorities are trying to deal with issues of street kids and people living in the streets.

Cllr Makombe thanked First Lady Amai Auxillia Mnangagwa for spearheading the campaign to remove people living in the streets in urban local authorities in the country.

"You can only find street kids on urban centres but we have taken upon ourselves to deal with the challenge.

"We want to thank the first lady for championing this issue of taking away children who are working and staying in the streets to areas where they can be given life skills as well as going to school.

"As UCAZ we managed to renovate and put structures at Chambuta where we have quite a number of kids that have been taken across the country," he said.

Cllr Makombe said that they have been moving around the country looking homes and other government institutions to look at the gaps where UCAZ can come in and assist.

"As you know that during this pandemic quite a number of kids have deserted their homes and they are staying

and working in the streets and this is not healthy for the country.

"It is the prerogative of the local authority to make sure that they deal with such situations and this is exactly what we are doing.

"We are trying to put up measures, infrastructure in the already existing government structures so that at least we can take those kids from the streets be it in Harare, Bulawayo, Mutare and wherever they are and we house them in these institutions.

"We are not just taking these kids so that they can be housed but we want them to be empowered so that once they leave these homes they can be of help to themselves and to the nation.



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Harare City Council has joined forces

Bercy Kuyumani

Harare City Council has joined forces with Government, Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe and the Angel of Hope headed by First Lady Amai Auxillia Mnangangwa in identifying suitable shelter for children living and working on the streets.

He said the programme which is the brainchild of Amai Mnangagwa had found traction within councils.

Cllr Mutizwa was speaking during a recent tour to assess the suitability of some centres in Kadoma and Bulawayo to house bigger numbers of the children.

UCAZ was checking on areas that its membets can assist to improve the homes and make them suitable for skilling

the children who will soon be heading families.

He said the city plays an integral part in making sure that children living and working on the streets are rehabilitated and integrated into the community.

"It is a duty of everyone but Harare will be taking the lead as a local authority.

"We are encouraging and advising everyone who is seeing kids on the streets to make sure that they report to us and we take care of all the kids," he said.

Officials from various Government ministries were part of the tour.

Local authorities affected by Covid-19

Yvonne Saniro



Gweru Mayor and Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ) president Cllr Josiah Makombe says the Covid19 pandemic has adversely affected service delivery in local authorities.

Speaking to Sunshine News recently the president of all urban local authorities lamented the demise of service delivery induced by the pandemic.

A number of councils have lost key personnel that include senior managers and councillors and service delivery officers.

Revenue collection took a dive as people were used to paying physically. Cllr Makombe urged ratepayers to take advantage of the various e-payment platforms.

Chegutu and Mutare have lost their town clerks while Kadoma lost its deputy mayor. Harare has lost two councillors during the Covid era.

"We have been in this lockdown situation for some time and across the country the situation is not well in terms of revenue. We no longer have industries but informal traders who have not been working due to the pandemic," he said.

The availability of revenue ensures service delivery. He said this is making local authorities fail to pay workers and provide basic needs for service provision such as fuel, maintenance of infrastructure as well as vehicles. He said local authorities are on the forefront of encouraging residents to vaccinate to allow a return to normalcy.

"We need to follow all the measures that have been put by the Government and WHO in terms of trying to live within the covid-19 period.

"We also need to be vaccinated. We have also communicated with our councillors to have programmes in all their wards so that they visit residents to urge them to get vaccinated since there is no way out of this Covid-19 pandemic," he said.