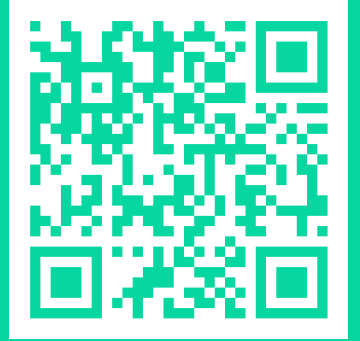




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- £15 could support a farmer with the cost of seeds for one year
 - £150 could buy basic tools and materials (such as hoes and string) for ten farmers
 - £1,500 could cover the cost of running the conservation agriculture training course for six months.

'The impact of climate change has been severe. We are experiencing extremes of weather and the rainfall is changing over time ... We need to take action to ensure that the population survives the extreme weather systems that are prevailing these days.'

Machanzi, Project Coordinator, Raising Champion Farmers, Zimbabwe

Family farmers around the world are on the frontline of the climate crisis. In the face of unpredictable rainfall, severe drought and extreme weather events, each day they work hard to nurture the land they depend on.

However, the traditional farming methods they have relied on season after season are no longer yielding enough food to live on.

Machanzi knows this well. As one of the project coordinators of The Salvation Army's Raising Champion Farmers project in northern Zimbabwe, he is working alongside family farmers to cultivate change.

Across three divisions in the Zimbabwe Territory, 300 farmers have received training in conservation agriculture, a method that emphasises the importance of working with the land to strengthen rather than subdue it.

Through techniques such as soil coverage, zero tillage and crop rotation, as well as the use of organic compost rather than synthetic fertilisers, the land is being nourished and restored.

For families who rely on a successful harvest to survive, there is no safety net. A good crop is the difference between life and death.

By adopting conservation agriculture, they can build a more sustainable future for themselves and their communities.

It's not only about growing food - it's about *nurturing land and harvesting hope.*



My commitment

Climate change is a global issue but it's also a personal one. Our choices have an impact, affecting individuals and communities around the world, particularly those on the front lines of the climate crisis. By consciously taking action to reduce our carbon footprint, we can contribute to a healthier planet for everyone.

What could you commit to do for a month, a season, a year or a lifetime? Who could help you?

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Meet Knowledge

Knowledge is part of the Raising Champion Farmers project. While initially reluctant to adopt new farming techniques, he has seen the difference they have made.

'We used to farm using synthetic fertilisers and chemicals, but through the project, we have learned different techniques that don't use herbicides or chemicals. The difference is that the plants grow better and are much tastier than before. Even though the rainfall is erratic, we have been getting good yields.'

Knowledge hopes to share what he has learned so others can reap the benefits too. He said:

'In the community people are taking notice. People are now admiring the way we are working. We are teaching them the skills we have learned... My dream for the future is to be a master farmer who will be able to help others. If I can, I want to help my community so that people know how to farm and make their lives better.'



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