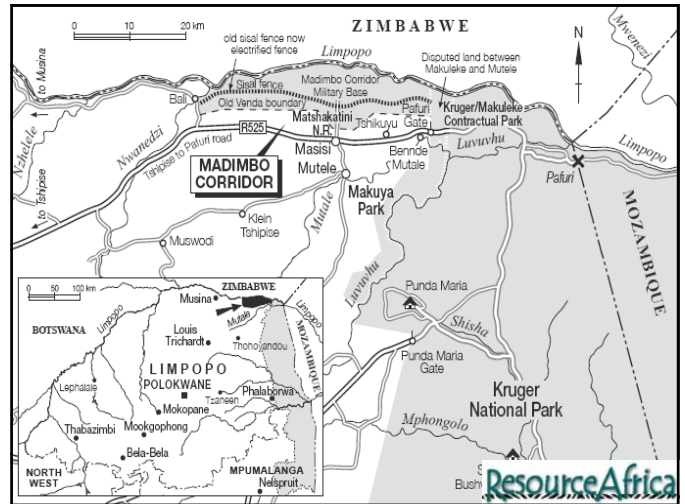


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Using Community Theatre  
as a Communications & Outreach Tool  
to support Local level Scenario Planning  
initiatives of AHEAD in the GLTFCA



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## WHAT IS PROJECT AIMING TO DO?

- ◆ To use culturally appropriate and creative communication and facilitation tools such as theatre and dance to on going scenario planning processes starting with a pilot project in the Bennde Mutale community (SA) and hopefully in the long term extending to Mozambique and Zimbabwe.
- ◆ Select and train 6 actor-facilitators from within the Bennde Mutale community to research key drivers of change from local perspectives – and in particular with regard to natural resources (water, land, climate change) and social and health issues (HIV-AIDS, malaria etc)
- ◆ To produce short plays based on this participatory research to gather wider views – and then develop 1 hour play for provincial performances and performances in Mozambique and Zimbabwe.
- ◆ To assess in this pilot phase the value of community theatre in village scenario planning and in addressing information exchange in climate change and health issues.

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## HOW DOES IT WORK? The Process

- ◆ Assessment of community social structure
- ◆ Understanding of community profile
- ◆ Assess level of understanding on climate change, biodiversity and scenario planning
- ◆ Identify local CBNRM initiatives
- ◆ Gather input on CC-related issues affecting the community i.e. HIV/AIDS & Malaria
- ◆ Design Communication strategy based on assessment report

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## CONSULTATION



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## Select Members from the Community:



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## SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT AND REHEARSALS



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# WAY FORWARD

- ◆ Continue to train actors/perform the 15 minute play
- ◆ Research and identify more relevant issues and key drivers related to scenario planning and climate change in particular
- ◆ Development and performance of 1hr theatre piece by end of March
- ◆ Further advancement of the play in relation to audience reaction
- ◆ Play taken to provincial level and in May-June to Mozambique and Zimbabwe

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# SUMMARY

- ◆ ResourceAfrica with support from AHEAD has managed to establish a vibrant group of youths engaged in innovative communications and research activities in a very remote and marginalized community.
- ◆ A 15 minute play is now ready based on key issues and drivers identified by these actor-facilitators in the community. A 1 hour play will be ready by end of march.
- ◆ I believe we all agree that these communities will further be impacted by climate change contributing further more to the iniquities in health, access to clean water, food and other resources.
- ◆ In the midst of all the challenges these youths are engaging well in raising awareness and educating the community and there are good opportunities to diversify from this pilot model to other communities within GLTFCA
- ◆ We are very much open to everybody here for ideas and thoughts on taking these processes forward.

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