

### Success in Mutare City

In Zimbabwe Christian Aid has been leading a consortium of partners to help communities to collect evidence on local problems and to push for more investments from local governments. This is especially focused on marginalised groups such as women and those living with disability, whose needs can often be overlooked.

In Mutare City Christian Aid partner Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) worked with local communities and local government to improve health, water and sanitation. Faris Davison, a community reporter, explained that 'there is virtually no water provided by the local authority and residents depend on unprotected shallow wells for water.'

This is not only a problem of water provision, but is also a danger to women and girls. 'At the water points, women and girls are abused and ... women suffer various forms of indignity.'

WLSA set up local radio programmes highlighting the issues faced by women collecting water and then organised local meetings where the government heard from community members. The government committed to long-term action plans to provide mains water to the area.

Dr Antony Mutara, the City of Mutare Municipality's Health Director explained what other things are now changing, 'We have also been working on the provision



**The new Mutare City ambulance provided after Christian Aid partners helped the community to lobby for better services.**

of ambulance services because Mutare City had only one ambulance at the beginning of the year and now we have three.'

Faris Davison is pleased with this progress, 'We really appreciate this

**'This initiative will liberate women.'**

initiative by the local authority and the partners for their effort to bringing clean and potable water to residents which will liberate women and reduce social inequalities'.

**Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life which is helping women and those with disabilities to push for better services.**

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