

Best foot forward

The Christian Aid Zimbabwe programme is continuing to respond to the changing situation in the country including emergencies like drought and cyclones, adapting to Covid-19 challenges as well as supporting its ongoing work with long-term partners.

Christian Aid partners have been working on a project to help build resilience and earn income in different ways. With unemployment very high for young people, one of the aspects of the project has been giving young people vocational skills to help them earn money and connect with one another.

Chipo Kadogo is 26 and is part of a leatherworking group which received training and help to start a small business. Chipo's community were struggling with youth unemployment leading to early marriage but Chipo feels this opportunity to train in vocational skills has changed things, "the training received from this project has equipped me for life; it is clearly a change from nobody to somebody in my community."

Chipo is now able to make shoes, bags, belts, wallets and other kinds of leather products which she sells as part of a leatherworking group, but she has also learned how to service and repair sewing machines.

Chipo has also learned leadership skills and business management and has become Chairperson of the



Chipo displaying the leatherwork products she makes in the New Life leatherwork group.

New Life leatherwork group. As someone who was previously very confrontational, Chipo appreciates the groupwork and co-operation training which has allowed her to learn to handle conflict and become a trusted leader.

'This project has equipped me for life'

The income from the enterprise makes a huge difference to all the members, especially now they can afford school fees and uniforms and take part in savings and loans groups.

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life, which has helped young people start businesses and become leaders.

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