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OVERSEAS VISIT REPORT (OVR-1007)¹

Visit by:Steve Twomlow and Jim Ellis-JonesTo:ZimbabweDate:May 2000Subject:DFID LPP Draught Animal Power

PURPOSE OF VISIT

- Follow up progress with on-station and on-farm trials and provide necessary support for any modifications required based on previous visit OVR 1001.
- > Finalise report on initial focus group discussions
- > Participate in farmer evaluations of spring ploughing trials.
- > Establish a methodology for a wider assessment of implement condition and availability of replacement parts
- > Continue discussions on outlines for AgEng 2000 papers

2. PROGRESS

2.1 Despite the continued adverse socio-economic and climatic scenarios that have continued for the first five months of this year both Tiri (TK) and Ephraim (EM) have shown fortitude and flexibility to modify their programmes accordingly. TK sat and passed his MPhil qualifying exam and registration for both TK and EM is currently being processed. Unfortunately, Dr Ivan Loukanov, senior supervisor on both proposed MPhils resigned his post. Consequently Dr Senzanje will provide local supervision with SJT and DON providing external supervision.

Action: TK and EM to complete registration formalities and provide copies of their accepted proposals to DON.

- 2.2 On Station Trials
- 2.2.1 As and when soil and climate conditions permit, the trials at Domboshowa and Hatcliffe will be being harvested. The initial ploughing treatments for the green manure trial at Domboshowa have been carried out to incorporate the green manures. A preliminary look at the data implies that draught requirements were very similar for plots with or without green manure residues. However, field efficiencies were dramatically affected, with a larger proportion of time spent cleaning the plough on land with residues.

Action: EM to complete harvests and enter record into computer for analysis by early June 00.

2.2.2 SJT reviewed data analysis to date with EM and agreed a draft outline of the AgEng 2000 paper that EM will prepare.

Action:

- 1. EM to complete draft AgEng paper for completion in June 2000.
- 2. EM visit UK between Mid June and early July to complete analysis and finalise AgEng 2000 paper.
- 3. EM in liaison with AS and DON to agree arrangements and travel dates to UK.
- 2.2.3 SJT followed up discussions with Professors Chivinge and Giller and AB Mashingaidze at UZ and it was confirmed that Honours students in both departments would participate in EM's trials next year.
 - Crop Science 2 weed science students one working on the tillage by ripping trial and one working on the oxdrawn cultivator trials.
 - Soil Science Soil Chemical responses to Green manuring and tillage (Crop Science would provide this student with support on weed identification)

Action: Professor Giller and AB Mashingaidze to introduce students to EM before EM visits England.

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SRI:	Director, PCHM, BGS, JEJ, DON, SJT Library
DFID:	John Hansell
NR International	Wyn Richards
UZ	A. Senzanje, Ostin Chivinge, Ken Giller, AB Mashingaidze
IAE	Tiri Koza, Ephraim Mbanje, Paul Gotora

On Farm Work

2.3.1 The draft report compiled by TK following the initial focus group discussions in October and November was completed and now requires collating and distribution to stakeholders attending the initial workshop.

Action: Dave O'Neill to finalise and distribute.

We participated in farmer group evaluations of the spring ploughing trials in areas where the CARE small dam project is active, namely:

- > Mutangi Dam Site
- ➢ Nyimai Dam Site
- ➢ Gari Dam Site and
- > Chedenje Resettlement area.

These meetings gave participating farmers opportunity to discuss the activities they had undertaken and their perceptions of the paired plots that had been established. In nearly all instances farmers reported healthier crops on the plots that had been ploughed after refurbishment and correct setting of the ploughs. In addition, it was recognised that where the plough had been set correctly the uniformity of ploughing had been improved, resulting in less weed competition early in the season. One comment that must be borne in mind is that spring ploughing normally coincides with planting, therefore you do not want to plough too deep, or else you will get poor crop emergence. During the evaluations opportunity was used for the groups to prioritise CARE's own activities in the catchment areas. Work on implements ranked highly (Table 1).

Activity	Gari	Matange	Nyimai	Overall
Orchards	5	4	2	4
Contour and infiltration pits	2	1	3	2
Woodlots	7			7
Sandtraps/weirs/vetiver	2		3	3
Implements	1	2	1	1
Live-fences	5			5
Seed Co trials	2	3		3
CIMMYT trials	8	5	5	6

Table 1: Priority of activities as determined through pairwise ranking at thee sites

At each site maintenance and repair issues were discussed, and local spare part markets reviewed and priced. (Annex 2). It was agreed that the availability of parts was a critical issue and that a wider survey was required to obtain accurate information. A survey questionnaire was drafted and will be applied in August or September (Annex 2).

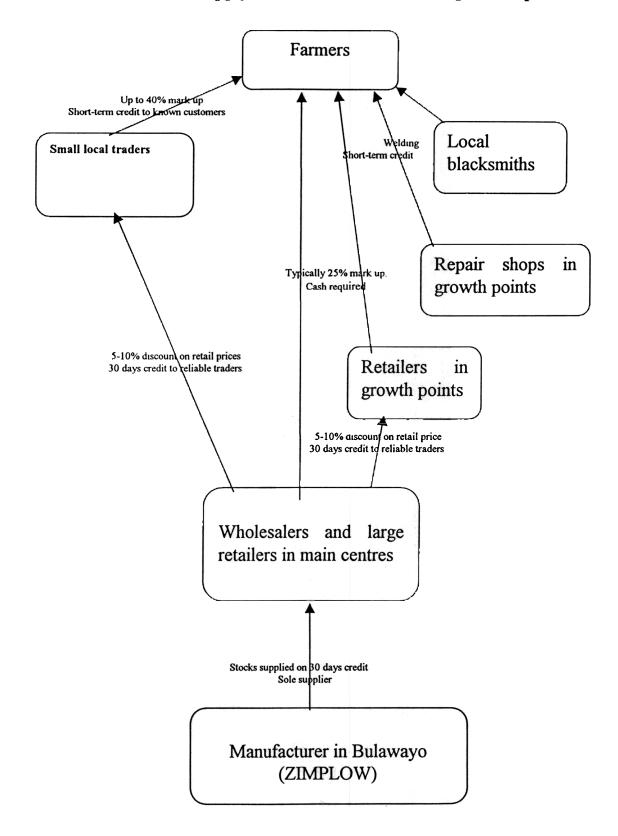
During the four meetings winter ploughing was discussed, and the decision-making criteria of the farmers itemised. At each site the community identified farmers who regularly practised winter ploughing and could participate in winter ploughing evaluations.

TK is currently collecting harvest data from the spring trials and establishing a series of winter ploughing demonstrations/trials.

2.3.3 The AgEng 2000 paper was discussed with TK and a draft outline agreed. This will be completed when TK visits UK

Actions:

- 1. TK is to complete the evaluations at Mushandike Irrigation scheme and Mushagshe Commercial farming area. Reports of the first four meetings were compiled. These together with reports of the last two sites need to be synthesized into a single document. TK will bring a draft to UK during his forthcoming visit
- 2. TK to continue working on his biophysical data collected and make arrangements to capture crop yield data.
- 3. TK to still complete a review of work carried out on plough modifications at Palabane in Zambia is required and a dialogue with ZIMPLOW still needs to be developed.
- 4. Whole team to meet in June in UK to complete presentations for AgEng 2000 presentations.
- 5. Survey details to be finalised and applied in August or September.



Annex 1: Supply chain for draft animal implement parts

	Chedenje Local store I	Chivi Clinic Local trading store	Tokwe Range Store at Growth	Farm Supplies Wholesaler Retailer	N Richards Wholesaler
		Ũ	Point	Masvingo	Masvingo
MF plough					2491
Standard plough					2218
Donkey plough					2153
Share		89	100	99	107
Mouldboard			395	388	421
Wheel small					72
Wheel large		85	77	82	85
Wheel arms		60		109	116
Axle and nuts	30			21	22
Landslide	100	95	75	110	116
Frog				238	294
Arms	260	76	75		
Handle bar			198		
U piece and set screw	90			70	77
Regulator hake				190	138
U clamp				62	64
Plough handle				190	196
Stay beam				46	50
Hitch assembly				207	136
Ripper tyne					165
Trek chain				244	286

Annex 2: Typical prices - Z\$ (5 May 2000)

Notes: Local stores had a very limited range of stocks, having been in stock considerable period with prices lower than the wholesalers

AGRITEX DRAUGHT ANIMAL IMPLEMENT SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to quantify the conditions of ploughs and cultivators, knowledge of their use as well as availability of spares in representative areas of Natural Regions III, IV and V amongst representative farmers' households.

The survey will be based on the random selection of 25 households in each selected location, namely Mushagashe, Matange, Gari, Mushandike, Chedenje, Muzarabani, Sanyati and Karoi Enumerator's name

Date

Area

Name of area

Case Number

Household details

The enumerator should ensure that he interviews someone who regularly works with and knows the implements.

- Q1 Are you the head of the household? (Tick one box) No
 - Yes.
- If not, what is your relationship to the head of the Q2 household?.....(Tick one box)

Wife	Husband
Son	Daughter
Other	

What sex is the of head of household? (Tick one Q3 box)

Male

Female

What is the age of head of household? (Tick Q4 one box) Less than 25

years	25-36 years
36-45 years	46-55 years
over 55 years	

Q5 What is the status of the head of household? (Please tick one box)

Single	Married
Widowed	Divorced
Separated	

Q6 Does the head of the household live for most of the year with the family in the rural area? Yes.....

•••••	NO	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•	•••	••	••	

Q7 What are the main sources of household income? (tick one or more boxes)

Crops	Livestock
Remittances	Wages
Pensions	Buying and selling.
Other	

Specify

Q8 Do you regularly work with animals in the field? Yes..... No

Household assets

Q9	What implements doe own?	es the	the household presen		
	Plough		Cultivator		
	Oxcart	Ō	Ox-planter	$\overline{\Box}$	
	None of these.				
Q10	How many cattle does own?	s the I	household curre	ntly	
	None		1-3		
	4-7	Ō	more than 8		
Q11	How many donkeys down?	oes th	ne household cu	rrently	
	None		1-3		
	4-7				
Q12	How many goats does	s the I	nousehold curre	ntly	
	own? None		1 2		
		Ľ <u> </u>	1-3		
	4-7		more than 8		
Q13	How often do you use	fertili	iser for crop		
	production?			_	

Sometimes....

Never

Always.....

Q15 What area of crops did (acres)	you plant this year?
	1-3
3-6	7-10
Over 10	
Q16 Do you belong to any co help groups?	ommittees, clubs or self
None	Dam, irrigation or agronomy
ZFU	Other
Specify	
Q17 Are you a Master farme	?
No	In training.
Yes]
lf yes, give date (year)	
Q18 Do you obtain credit fror	n any source
Yes	
If yes, please indicate from whe	re
and what credit is used f	or
Plough	ing
Q19 Do you own your own ple	ough?
Yes] [˜] No .
lf yes, indicate year purchased	
Q20 How many animals did y season?	ou plough with last
4 oxen or cows	2 Oxen or cows
4 donkeys	2 donkeys
4 mixed cattle/donkeys	2 mixed cattle/donkeys.
Other, specify	
Q21 How do you describe the	condition of your
plough?	
Good	Average

Poor

Very poor.....

Q14 What is your total arable land area? (acres)

		Good	Avera	nge i	Poor	Removed
	Share					
	Mouldboard					
	Hake regulator					
	Wheel					
	Axle					
	Wheel arms					
	Landside					
	Frog					
	U piece and screw) (
	U clamp				_	
	assembly				4	
	Left Handle		H			
	Right handle			[[4	
	Hitch assembly			 	-	
	Stay beams	H			4	
	King bolt				4	
	Plough beam				_	
	Plough spanner			ļ		
Q23	How often do	you re <i>More</i>	place o	r repair 1 in	these 1 in	parts?
	th	nan 3x pa	1-2 pa	two years	three years	Rarely
	Share					
	Mouldboard					
	Hake regulator					
	Wheel					
	Axle					
	Wheel arms					
	Landside					
	Frog					

U piece and

screw U clamp

assembly Left handle Right handle Hitch assembly Stay beams King bolt Plough beam

their condition? (Enumerator to complete using diagram)

Q22 What parts are present on the plough and what is

Q24	Where	do	you	obtain	or	repair	these	parts?
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Q24	24 Where do you obtain or repair these parts?			Q31	Q31 How long does it normally take to get there a		
		Local store	Nearest town	Repair by blacksmith		back? (hours)	
	Share		Ľ	Ц			
	Mouldboard				032	How far away is the blacks	mith 2 (km)
	Hake			<u> </u>	Q32 1	now rai away is the blacks	aniun? (KM)
	Wheel						
	Axle						
	Wheel arms	Ц				How long does the blacksn carry out a repair?	hith normally take to
	Landside					Less than a day	1-2 days
	Frog U piece and					3-5 days	Over 5 days
	screw					3,35,19	
	U clamp assembly					Knowledge of the	e plough
	Left handle				034 H	How do you control the dep	th of the plough?
	Right handle Hitch assembly	H				Using the wheel	Using the regulator
	Stay beams					No control	Other
	King bolt	n n				_	
	-				F	Please specify	
	Plough beam			<u> </u>	Q35 How do you control the width of the plough?		
Q25	How far away		est local store	where		Width regulator	Widening the frog.
	jou oun buj					Increasing the size	
						of the share	Other
Q26	How do you g	get your parl	s from this sto	ore?	P	lease specify	
	Travel by	/ foot	Travel by b	us .	Q36 V	Vhen do you normally wint	er plough?
	Send ho		Other.			April	Мау
	member.	····· L				June August	July
						August	Never
0.07							
QZ1	How far away is the nearest town, where you can buy parts? (km)				o you normally vary your petween winter and spring p		
						Same	Deeper in winter
						Shallower in winter	Other
028	Which is this	town?					-
					Sį	pecify	
					Q38 In	n which lands do you norm	ally winter plough?
Q29	How do you g	get your part	s from this tov	wn?		None	All lands
	Travel by	foot	Travel by bu	/s		Wetter Lands	Fallow areas last season
	Send hou member.		Other				30a3UII
	тетрег.	L <u></u>				Other	
					S	pecify	

Q30 How much does it cost to get there and back?

Q39 How did you obtain your knowledge on ploughs?

	From Ag	ritex.	Another farmer				
	Father.		Other family member				
	Other						
	Specify						
Q40	Have you ever received formal training on ploughs						
	If yes please indi	cate from who					
	And when (Year)						
	Cultiva	tor (if owne	d or used)				
Q41	Do you own y Yes	our own cultiv	vator? No				
	lf yes, indicate ye	ar purchased					
Q42	How many an	imals do you	usually cultivate	with?			
	4 oxen or	cows	2 Oxen or cows				
	4 donkeys	s	2 donkeys				
	4 mixed cattle/don	keys	2 mixed cattle/donkeys				
	Other, specify						
Q43	How do you d	escribe the co	ndition of your				

Q43 How do you describe the condition of your cultivator?

Good	Average	
Poor	Very poor	

Q44 What parts are present on the cultivator and what is their condition? (Enumerator to complete using diagram of the cultivator)

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Lever adjusting assembly	Good	Average	Poor	Removed
Handle bar				
Rack for adj lever				
Beam and draw bar				
Expanding beam				
Wheel axle				
Wheel				
Wheel arms				
Swivel plates				
Share arms				
Tynes (3")				
Hiller tynes				
Sweep tynes				
Link arm top				
Link arm Bottom				
Sliding bracket				

Q45 How often do you replace or repair these parts?

Less More than1 than 3x 1-2 x 1 in 2 in 3 years Rarely pa pa years Lever adjusting assembly Handle bar Rack for adj lever Beam and draw bar Expanding . beam Wheel axle Wheel Wheel arms Swivel plates Share arms Tynes (3") ٦ Hiller tynes Sweep tynes Ĵ Link arm top Link arm Bottom Sliding bracket

Q46 Where do you purchase or repair cultivator parts?

purter			
Lever adjusting assembly	Local store	Nearest town	Repaired by blacksmith
Handle bar			
Rack for adj lever			
Beam and draw bar			
Expanding beam			
Wheel axle			
Wheel	Ц		
Wheel arms		Ц	Ц
Swivel plates		Ц	Ц
Share arms	Ц	Ц	Ц
Tynes (3")	Ц	Ц	
Hiller tynes	Ц		
Sweep tynes	Ц	Ц	
Link arm top			
Link arm Bottom			
Sliding bracket			

Knowledge of the cultivator

Q47	How do you control the depth of your cultivator?						
	Using the wheel		No control	·· 🕒			
	Other						
	lf other, please specify						
Q48	How do you control th	ne wid	th of your cultivat	or?			
	Using lever		No control				
	Other						
	If other,please specify						
Q49	How did you obtain yo cultivators?	our kn	owledge on				
	From Agritex.		Another farmer				
	Father.		Other family member				
	Other						
	Specify						
Q50	Have you ever received formal training on						
	cultivators Yes		No				
	If yes please indicate from v	vho					
	And when (year)						

Thank you, there are no more questions