

# NEWSLETTER



## ZITF 2026 : Connected Economies, Competitive Industries

With support from We Effect Emthonjeni women's Forum participated in the 66<sup>th</sup> Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) 2026, held under the theme "Connected Economies, Competitive Industries," showcasing products of women's economic empowerment projects.

Through this platform EWF was able to connect rural women to wider markets, build strategic partnerships, and amplify their voices on a national stage. The participation increased visibility for women-led initiatives through direct stakeholder engagement, product exhibitions, and targeted networking at the ZITF, opening doors for collaboration and support.

We extend our gratitude to our stakeholders, corporate partners, and community members who supported and visited the stand with meaningful conversations and contributions in creating a GBV free society. We look forward to further engagements to cement discussions held during the Trade Fair. Together we can ensure economic justice and sustainable livelihoods for women.



## British Ambassador Engages with Emthonjeni Women's Forum on GBV Prevention and Women's Empowerment

Emthonjeni Women's Forum (EWF) was honoured to host the British Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Ambassador Pete Vowles, at its offices in April.

The engagement provided an opportunity for EWF to highlight its community-based work on preventing and responding to gender based violence, including demonstrating how its programmes are enabling women and girls to access justice, obtain documentation, and connect with essential GBV related services.



Importantly, the engagement reinforced a shared understanding that ending GBV is a global social and economic priority.

For EWF, the visit affirmed the value of its work and strengthened momentum towards scaling impact through partnerships that place communities at the centre of solutions.

## Celebrating Women in Church leadership

EWF conducted a celebration of women in church leadership in Filabusi at the Nazarene Church under the SASA! Faith Project. The event brought together women leaders to share practical experiences on balancing ministry and women empowerment.

During the gathering, women testified that through their economic projects they have been able to improve their homes, including building toilets and installing electricity. These developments contribute to safer and more dignified living conditions for their families.

One of the speakers, Pastor Mrs Ndumba, encouraged women in ministry to engage in income-generating activities. She emphasized that, as ministers of the gospel, they should also work to provide for their families, as this strengthens households and helps reduce gender-based violence. She shared that through washing and cleaning for people, she was able to buy a stand and build a three-roomed house in Filabusi.

The event highlights the link between women's economic empowerment, leadership in the church, and the promotion of safe and stable households.



## Workers Day

As Zimbabwe commemorates Workers' Day, the urgency to confront sexual harassment in the workplace cannot be overlooked. Guided by the principles of ILO Convention 190 and the amendments to the Labour Act Ch28:01, there is a clear call for zero tolerance to violence and harassment in all its forms in the workplace. The frameworks go beyond recognition, they demand action: safer workplaces, accountability for perpetrators, and strong protections for survivors.

Major recommendations of ILO C190 is the need for Whistleblower and non-retaliation policies to ensure the safety and security of those who report cases of abuse in the workplace without fear of victimisation, job loss, or intimidation.

EWF continues to empower women workers, with knowledge of their rights and the confidence to speak out. EWF also partners with organisations to strengthen workplace policies, ensuring they are responsive, protective, and aligned with national and international standards through advocacy, training, and collaboration. Let's take this month to support our workers and review workplace policies.



### THEME :

**Constitutionalism, Social Justice: Workers  
Unite for Decent Work and Economic  
Empowerment**



At Emthonjeni Women’s Forum (EWF), we believe that real change happens when awareness is matched with action. Through the We Are One Fund, your support helps us turn knowledge into protection providing legal aid, psychosocial support, and safe spaces for survivors of Gender-Based Violence. Your contribution also amplifies women-led initiatives, strengthening grassroots efforts that challenge harmful norms and advance equality in our communities. As we continue to confront the structural barriers that erode the rights of women and girls, we invite you to stand with us, your donation is a lifeline that empowers survivors and fuels lasting change.

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