NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY AT ST DAVID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL





his year ZFC Limited joined the rest of the nation in commerating National Tree Planting Day. ZFC Limited is the country's largest manufacturer and distributor of Fertilizers and Agrochemicals. ZFC strongly believes in its corporate social responsibility obligation to maintain a sustainable environment for its customers and the community at large.

ZFC commemorated Tree planting day at St David's Primary School in Mahusekwa, Wedza on 30 November. The event was well attended by the local community led by Chief Nyandoro, Headmaster Mr. Shonhiwa, several councilors, children and staff members from both secondary and primary schools. This was uplifting as the younger generation showed interest in learning on how they could protect their future by planting more trees.

St David's school already has an orchard and they heartily welcomed the contributions and efforts made by ZFC Limited. Chief Nyandoro expressed his gratitude and was impressed by the

gesture made by ZFC in recognizing his community. The Chief urged his people to develop a culture of replanting trees as this was the only way to preserve the environment for our children's children. Chief Nyandoro went on to encourage other corporates to also lend a hand to the different communities surrounding them. Mr. Shonihwa who was speaking on behalf of his school, the parents and the community was also thankful saying that giving back to the community is something we all had to do as the whole society was interdependent on each other.

Replacing trees chopped down for fuel, land clearing or construction work is still a major challenge faced in Zimbabwe. This was highlighted by ZFC Marketing Executive Mr. Justice Chamuka in his speech while presenting over two hundred trees to the primary school. He emphasized the importance of creating a sustainable environment and he also encouraged the children to safeguard their future by learning more about why we need to plant trees, and that they shouldaim to

excel in order for them to have a brighterfuture.

ZFC Technical Services and Product Support Manager Mr. James Chinyahara, who leads the ZFC Technical Services and Product Support team, demonstrated how to plant trees using the ZFC Single Super Phosphate. Single Super Phosphate is a basal fertilizer which helps the trees to grow. ZFC has a wide range of products used in the nurturing of trees and other crops. Examples include ZFC Fruitfert for fruit trees, Vegeblend for many horticultural crops and the traditional Maizefert (compound D) and AN (Top dressing) for maize.

ZFC's advocacy for a green environment is further evidenced by our triple certification in: Quality, Safety and Environment. ZFC attained SAZ ISO 14001 certification status after demonstrating compliance with the Environmental Management System's standard requirements, an achievement that speaks highly of ZFC's great environmental stewardship.

