

Zimofa to start irrigation on solidarity farm

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AN irrigation scheme will this year be started at a solidarity farm established by the Zimbabwe-Mozambique Friendship Association in an effort to increase crop production in Mozambique.

Zimofa's director, Cde Herbert Matanga, told The Sunday Mail that equipment for the scheme had already been donated by the European Economic Community. The equipment, worth about US\$256 720, was expected to be at the farm by next week.

He also said that more than 140 hectares of land would be put under irrigation. An irrigation scheme, he said, would mean that the solidarity farm would be put into productive use all year round.

The farm, which is situated about 20 km south of Chimoio in the Manica Province, was launched by Zimofa in an effort to ease the suffering of the people in the war-torn country.

He said that a Zimbabwean company was going to supply and install the irrigation equipment at the farm. With the scheme, he said, more volunteers would be needed for it to be a success.

"We are still assessing our manpower needs for the project, but we have already volunteers from Mupfure College and other Zimfep schools who want to go and do their practicals there."

Cde Matanga, however, said that Zimofa was yet to start livestock projects at the farm. Funds, he said, had not been forthcoming for the projects. Money was needed to buy a fence which would lay the foundation for the projects.