

# InsightShare PHOTOSTORY

## Project: Community Based Adaption in Africa

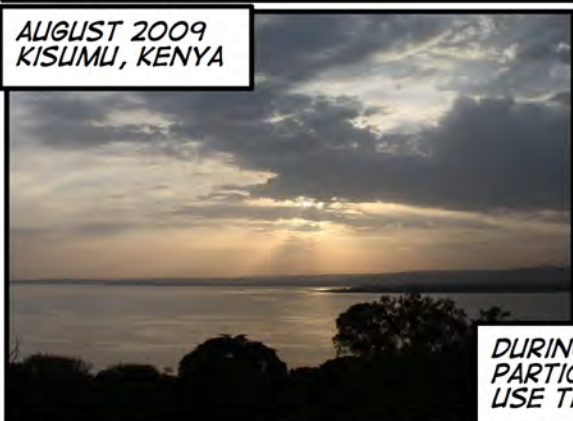
*SOME OF THE POOREST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE ALREADY COPING WITH A CHANGING CLIMATE.*

*INSIGHTSHARE TRAVELLED TO KENYA, ZIMBABWE AND MALAWI TO FACILITATE THREE PARTICIPATORY VIDEO FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKSHOPS.*

*THE WORKSHOPS WERE TO HELP THE LOCAL PARTNER ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS KEEP TRACK OF ("MONITOR") THEIR ABILITY TO COPE WITH CHANGES IN THE CLIMATE AND DECIDE TOGETHER (EVALUATE) WHAT TYPE OF ADAPTATION STRATEGY THEY THOUGHT BEST FOR THEM.*

*THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER (IDRC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (IIED). LOCAL COORDINATING NGOS WERE: ACTS KENYA, ZERO ZIMBABWE AND CURE MALAWI.*

**AUGUST 2009  
KISUMU, KENYA**



*DURING THE FIRST 3 DAYS, THE PARTICIPANTS BEGAN LEARNING TO USE THE VIDEO CAMERAS*

**SEPTEMBER 2009  
DOMBOSHAWA, ZIMBABWE**



*THE EXERCISES WERE EASY, FUN AND HELPED THE GROUP BECOME A TEAM.*



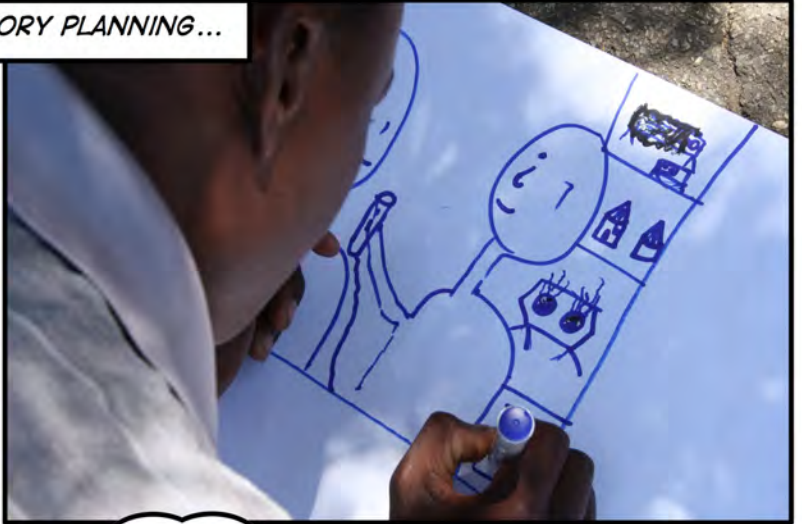
**MARCH 2010  
NSANJE, MALAWI**



*THEY PLANNED WHAT THEY WANTED TO FILM BY DECIDING WHAT ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES WERE BEING AFFECTED BY THE CLIMATE (WE CALLED THESE "INDICATORS").*



AFTER LOTS OF PRACTICE AND PARTICIPATORY PLANNING...



IT WAS TIME TO HIT THE ROAD AND START FILMING WITH THE OTHERS FROM THE VILLAGE.

THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!



EVERYONE LEARNED TO USE THE CAMERA

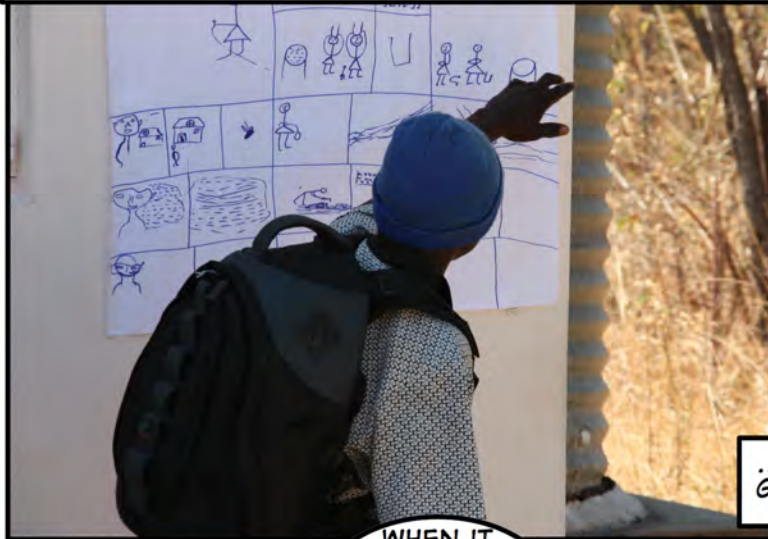


THE TRAINEES PROUDLY BECAME THE FACILITATORS IN THEIR COMMUNITY





THEN THE TRAINEES AND THE COMMUNITY AGREE TO WHAT THEY SHOULD FILM (INDICATORS)...



...AND WENT OUT TO GET SOME IMAGES!



WHEN IT FLOODS, THE WATER COMES ALL THE WAY UP TO OVER HERE...

DISASTER



CHANGES IN THE CLIMATE OVER TIME

THE STORY OF OUR VILLAGE BEGINS WHEN...



I PLANTED THIS!

NEW AND OLD VARIETY OF CROPS

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION



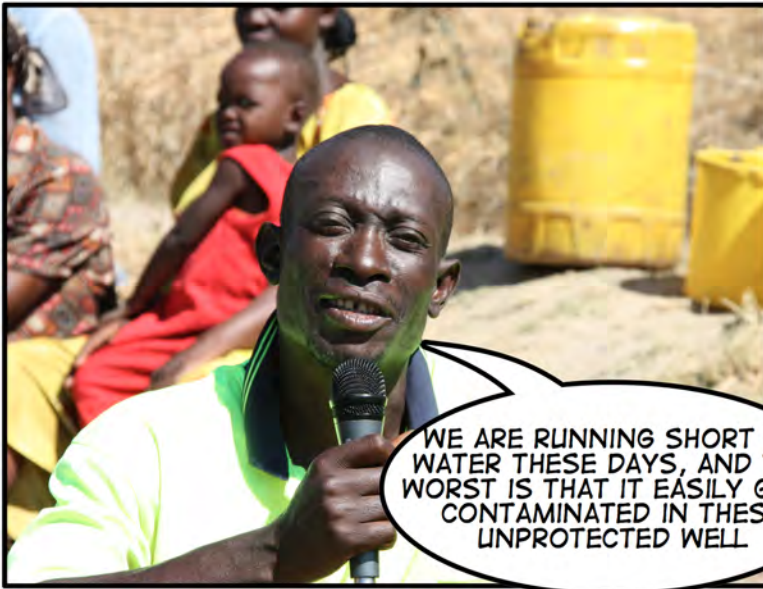
I'VE LOST EVERYTHING TO THE FLOOD, I CROSS OVER TO MOZAMBIQUE WITH THIS BOAT TO GET WORK

MIGRATION



THE MORINGA TREE IS GOOD FOR BOOSTING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM AND ALL SORTS OF OTHER AILMENTS, IT'S GOOD FOR THE OLD AND THE HIV+





WE ARE RUNNING SHORT OF WATER THESE DAYS, AND THE WORST IS THAT IT EASILY GETS CONTAMINATED IN THESE UNPROTECTED WELL



BUT WE DRINK IT, IT'S THE ONLY WATER WE HAVE

THEN WE CAME BACK ALL TOGETHER AND WATCHED RIGHT AWAY WHAT THEY HAD FILMED



WOMEN DON'T GO TO SCHOOL FOR AS LONG AS THE MEN, SO OFTEN NO ONE LISTENS TO US. BUT WITH THIS VIDEO, WE ARE ACTUALLY GETTING HEARD! IT'S WONDERFUL!

BASED ON THE FEEDBACK THEY GOT FROM THE FIRST SCREENING, THE TEAM OF TRAINEES PUT A PLAN TOGETHER FOR THE EDITING. (WE CALL THIS PROCESS A "PAPER EDIT")



WHILE THE NGO AND CBO STAFF WATCHED ON!



THEN, USING THE SAME PLAN, THE MANY HOURS OF EDITING ON THE COMPUTER BEGUN!



AFTER A FEW DAYS IN FRONT OF THE COMPUTER...



WE SCREENED THE FILM IN THE COMMUNITY



HEY, THAT'S MY BROTHER!

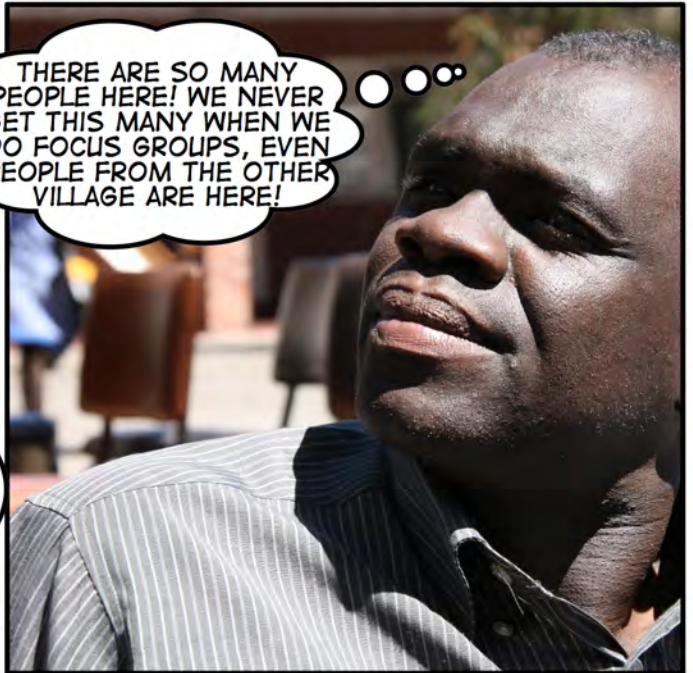
HMM, I DIDN'T KNOW MY NEIGHBOR WAS HAVING THIS PROBLEM...

AFTER THE SCREENING, WE DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.

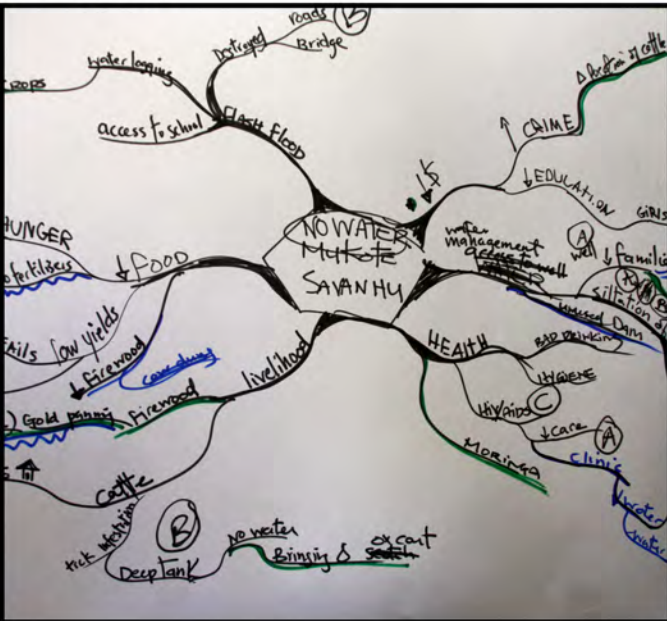


OUR TOP PRIORITY IS... (FOOD, WATER FOR CATTLE, A ROAD, ETC...

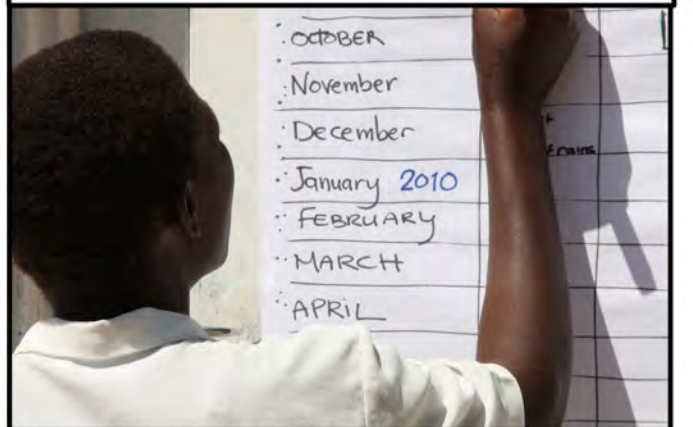
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE! WE NEVER GET THIS MANY WHEN WE DO FOCUS GROUPS, EVEN PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER VILLAGE ARE HERE!



AFTER RETURNING FROM THE VILLAGE, WE STARTED TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO KEEP DOCUMENTING THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ALSO WHAT KIND OF ADAPTATION STRATEGY THE PROJECT COULD SUPPORT THE VILLAGE WITH.



WE DOCUMENTED PERIODS DURING THE YEAR WHEN SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS HAPPENING, LIKE HARVESTS, RAINS, FLOODS, ETC. THIS WAY WE COULD PLAN WHEN AND WHAT WE WOULD FILM AGAIN. WE CALLED THIS DOCUMENT "THE MATRIX".



THE MATRIX IS BEING USED NOW, BUT IT'S NOT PERFECT YET! WE WERE OVERAMBITIOUS WITH THE NUMBER OF THINGS WE CAN FILM AND HOW OFTEN! WE NEED TO CUT IT DOWN SO WE CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE.





### IMPACTS...

- UP TO 8 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND 3 TO 4 NGO/CBO STAFF WERE TRAINED IN PARTICIPATORY VIDEO FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION PER COUNTRY
- THE VIDEOS WERE SHOWN TO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND OTHER DECISION MAKERS. FOR SOME, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY COULD SEE AND UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT OF THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THE FILMS MADE THEM REALISE THEY NEEDED TO DO MORE, RIGHT AWAY, TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE.
- THE KENYA AND ZIMBABWE FILM WERE SCREENED IN COPENHAGEN DURING COP 15
- THE PARTICIPANTS SAW A REAL BENEFIT TO KEEP BEING ABLE TO RECORD THEIR TRADITIONS AND SAW THAT THEY COULD ALSO MAKE FILMS THEMSELVES TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROJECTS



### IMPACTS CONTINUED

- THE TRAINEES DISCOVERED NEW FACTS AND GAINED A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE REALITIES AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP
- AN ADAPTATION STRATEGY WAS IDENTIFIED FOR EACH COMMUNITY AND IS BEING IMPLEMENTED

### WHO WAS INVOLVED:



### FOR MORE INFO:

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- THE EVENT ATTRACTED A VERY HIGH NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A WIDE DEBATE ON THE PRIORITIES OF EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE