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## Zimbabwe African National Union

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ZIMBABWE

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Mocambique

The Government of Switzerland.  
c/o The Swiss Embassy,  
Maputo.  
Mocambique.

Dear Sirs,

An Urgent Appeal for Funds.

Our revolutionary situation demands that I make this formal and urgent appeal to you for funds to use in the ever-widening area of humanitarian needs created by the fact of our just war being waged in defence of our just cause. I direct the appeal to you in the full belief that you understand and sympathise with us in our present situation.

As you are aware, we have, for several years, been waging a bitter struggle against the settler regime and its forces in most rural areas of Rhodesia where 6 million of the African population of 7 million lives. Our operations now extend to over 80 per cent of the total land area of the country. Although the ultimate objective of our national struggle is the overthrow of the illegitimate regime, and the attainment of national independence, we have found it necessary in the process of our war to dismantle all such civil and military institutions and establishments as had become effective instruments for the oppression and suppression of our people by the enemy. Accordingly, we have, over the past twelve months been carrying out a concerted campaign of destroying all "keeps" or so-called "protected villages" used as concentration camps. After we had destroyed more than half the "keeps", the enemy then decided to abandon the rest of all those "keeps" he could not defend. The effect of this has been to release all the people concerned into our care.

Our present situation is that in addition to over 80,000 Zimbabweans we cater for in Mocambique, most of whom are in

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Refugee Camps, there is now a vast population of needy people in the rural areas affected by the war. We give hereunder an estimate of the population requiring aid directly from us:-

Camps in Mocambique	-	80,000
Liberated Zones	-	1,300,000
Operational areas under martial law	-	<u>3,500,000</u>
TOTAL	-	<u><u>4,880,000</u></u>

There is currently a serious situation in the rural areas in Zimbabwe. The recent proclamation of martial law by the settler regime has, in the zones not yet liberated, introduced further stringent measures and severe harassment by the regime's forces. Our bounden duty and obligation is to protect, feed and serve our people. We cannot shirk this responsibility.

Our present endeavours are being directed towards the amelioration of the following pressing areas of need:-

- a. Food, clothing.
- b. Medicaments and equipment for our self-reliance medical services.
- c. Transport vehicles and running costs.
- d. Agricultural equipment for self-reliance farming projects.
- e. Educational equipment for self-reliance schooling programmes.

We shall require a total of US\$20,000,000 for these basic needs over the next six months, but immediately we need US\$5,000,000 to help us meet the pressing food, clothing, medical and transport requirements.

I trust, dear friends, that you will assist us in promoting the welfare of the victims of the prevailing unjust and undemocratic system in our country. Since our quest for justice has the support of the freedom-loving world, we trust it has also your fullest support.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

*R. G. Mugabe*  
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President.



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