



KUFUNDA Feb-Mar

We have been enjoying the good rains and the summer spirit over the last few months. It being the rainy season we have been working together every Wednesday in the fields. Last week we finally began to harvest. We have millet, beans, sweet potatoes and more goodness coming out of the soil.

We have enjoyed all the many new Kufunda children who have joined the new class at Nyeredzi, this year. We continue after school and weekend programmes for the older children. All in all it seems like the children are really finding and taking their place in the life of the village. We look forward to our second intergenerational retreat this April to reconnect, celebrate, and imagine together.

Several of our facilitators journeyed to the communities to spread word of the next Leadership Programme, and

to evaluate the impact of the last programmes. In communities where there was capacity to support the young people in returning there was a very clear positive impact. Elders trusting these young people to step into the leadership they had been deepening at Kufunda. Where this was lacking many of the returnees struggled to create their own space and platform to apply lessons learnt. This year an intergenerational learning session in each community will support the young leaders in bringing their leadership back home. Irvine, one of our alumni, continues to inspire, during his year of learning in Europe.

Photos Clock wise from Top Left: Tsitsi and Ticha in the fields cutting Sunnhemp, Community women at Nyeredzi teacher learning session; Chido launching her initiative The Future of Hope at Kufunda; Kudzi proudly displaying his bag that he knitted himself as part of the afterschool programme; parents preparing Nyeredzi veggie garden, Thomas Ambali co-hosting a flowgame for the local AoH community; Irvine as part of the ALIA harvesting