Amalima New Dams 2014-19
From 2015-2019, Amalima communities constructed 18 new masonry dams in 4 districts of Matabeleland North and South.

Almost 4000 community members worked for over 1500 days on the dams and were compensated with cash ($271,950) or food (over 274 metric tons).

Additionally, Amalima supported the construction or rehabilitation of 106 additional community assets, including dam rehabilitations, cattle dip tanks, grazing land rehabilitation, and irrigation schemes.

Proposed dam sites were identified by communities and listed in ward and district level Disaster Risk Reduction plans.
New Dam Sites
Sites were then verified by Amalima and GoZ engineers for suitability, and designs prepared and approved for selected sites.

Community Labor was mobilized by Amalima. Depending on the season, workers were paid either $30 or an equivalent food basket per 15 4-hour workdays.

Over 60% of participants were women.

Community workers were supported by local-hired builders (masons) and supervised by Amalima engineers.
Some workers provided childcare
Communities frequently held celebrations after completion, inviting Amalima, USAID, GoZ...
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WELCOME TO LUNYIMBI DAM
Amalima

Nodzima Dam

Established by local community members supported by the USAID-funded Amalima programme
Some sites have solid stone foundations
Others have poor substrates and require additional works
Remedial Works (e.g. leveling spillway) conducted after first Year
Three levels of Mbuyane dam complex

Upper Mbuyane dam

Lower Mbuyane dam

Cattle drinking trough
Providing water for over 50,000 cattle in the driest seasons
And for Irrigation...
And even fishing!
All sites have catchment protection works to reduce siltation
Upstream catch dams
Gabions...
Stone pitching/gulley prevention