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Rural school carpenters to be trained

CARPENTERS from 26 primary schools in the Katerere Circuit of Nyanga North will participate in Zvakasimba Outreach Programme during the upcoming school holiday.

The local carpenters, one selected by each of the schools, will participate in a four-week workshop for building very durable all-timber school furniture using only hand tools.

Africa Self-help Assistance Program (ASAP), a Mutare based NGO, is working in collaboration with the Chiwarira School Development Fund, a community group in Nyanga North, to develop a sustainable method of providing durable and low cost

school furniture to rural areas.

The Solon Foundation has generously contributed over \$100 000 to fund the four-week training programme which includes a set of hand tools for each participant and the materials to build desks for 312 students.

The Zvakasimba programme has been on-going since the pilot workshop in February 1995, funded by Plan International. With the support and co-operation of Border Timbers, the Zvakasimba Outreach Programme provides skills training for rural carpenters so they can build much needed low cost and durable classroom furniture for schools throughout Zimbabwe.

Course for women

WOMEN involved in business in the informal sector have been invited to a business training workshop to be conducted by the A Self-help Assistance Program (ASAP) in the city this week.

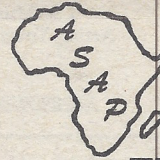
Mrs Elizabeth Bara of ASAP, said interested women's groups should send representatives to register for the course at the Tinovaka Training Centre on Monday.

The course will cover costing, pricing sales and record keeping as part of the organisation's micro enterprise training programme.

Mrs Bara said the course would be provided for free as her organisation, which has been working in Zimbabwe since 1994, was aimed at helping people in their efforts to improve their lives.

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A six month full-time intensive course in carpentry, including furniture production, machine operation and timber frame construction to emphasise hands-on skills.

Interested applicants must have some training or experience in woodworking.

Apply in person no later than Friday, 26 September.

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Carpenters complete course

Post Reporter

A TOTAL of 21 carpenters received certificates after completing an intensive training course using only hand tools at Chibwe Secondary School recently.

The Solon Foundation donated \$100 000 to fund the training where furniture to accommodate nearly 300 students was built. Each of

the 21 schools from Chibwe North Schools Development Association selected a carpenter to attend the workshop.

A complete set of hand tools was given to each participating school. The furniture and tools were handed to the Ministry of Education by Mr Tom Arsenault, director of Africa

Self-Help Assistance Programme, an NGO based in Mutare.

The regional director of Education for Manicaland, Mr Rogers Sisimayi, received the donation on behalf of the Ministry and also handed it to the schools.

Mr Sisimayi also presented the certificates to the carpenters.