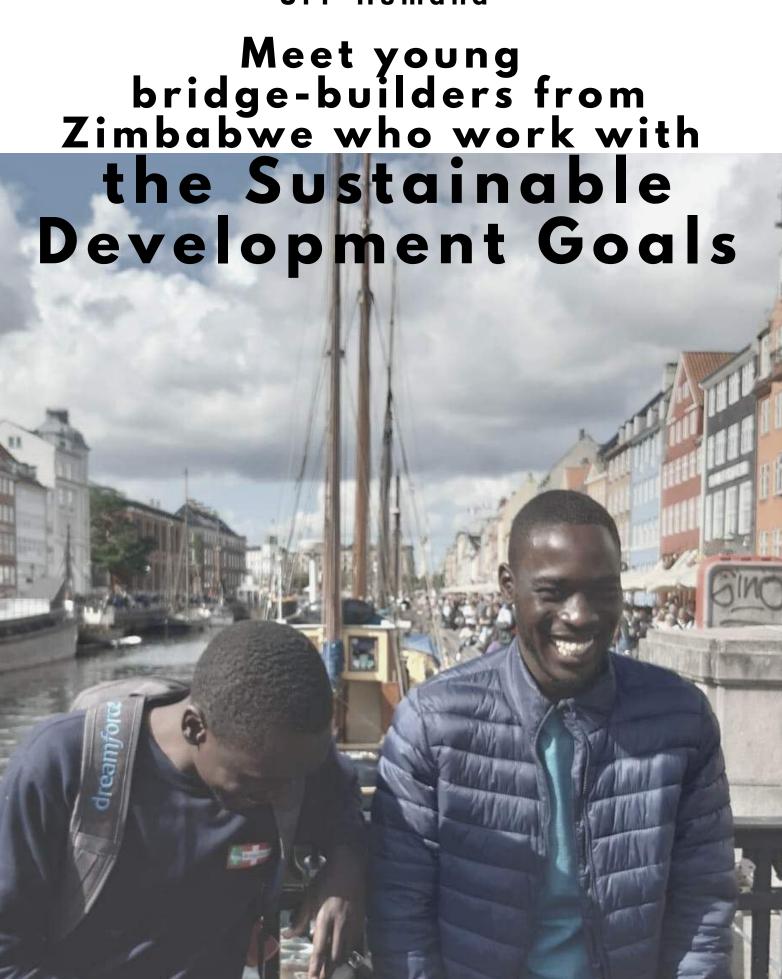
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UFF-Humana in partnership with CISU (Civil Society in Development) developed the project: "Meet young bridge-builders from Zimbabwe that work with the Sustainable Development Goals". This project was funded via the European Union fund FRAME, VOICE, REPORT! which main objective is to strengthen awareness and engagement among EU citizens in relation to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (the SDGs).

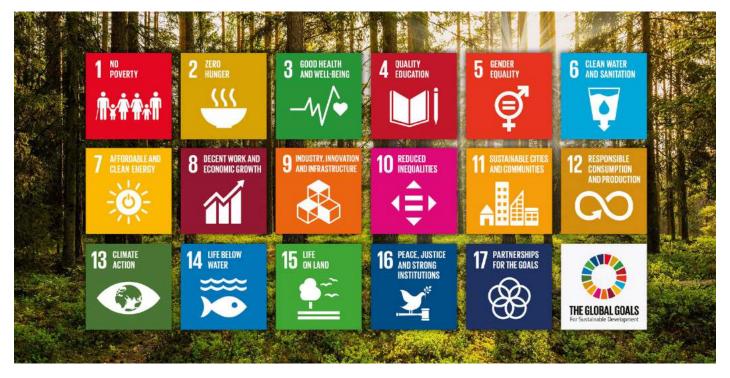
Two young activists, Tatenda Muchuwa and Ross Phiri, spent all of September month in Denmark visiting various educational institutions and presenting their work and life experiences in Zimbabwe.

# Supporting Danish youths' engagement in the Sustainable Development Goals

# Young people and the Sustainable Development Goals

During their stay Tatenda and Ross gave presentations and workshops to more than 470 people in Denmark. They exchanged knowledge and understanding about the SDGs, but most importantly both parties inspired each other in the work towards a better world.





# The youth are changing the world!

As young leaders of tomorrow, it is essential that young people are informed and engaged in the global vision for the future. Over the next upcoming years, young people will not only directly experience the outcome of the Sustainable Development Goals, but will also be the key drivers for their successful implementation.





In the summer 2019, I had a great opportunity to meet Tatenda and Ross in Zimbabwe. Together we took part in the HOPE project's field work: reaching out to HIV/AIDS positive communities in rural areas, making presentations in Bindura city, carrying out learning activities for children. All this experience was an amazing opportunity to see how active Zimbabwean youths are and it motivated us even more to develop our project. From youth to youth! "Meet young bridge-builders who work with the Global Sustainable Development Goals" became a platform for young people to exchange their knowledge, and to inspire and engage each other in the work for a better future.

Thank you to all the people, who were part of this project. Without you, it would not have been possible!

Sincerely,

Greta Simonaviciute

# The HOPE Project, Zimbabwe

HIV/AIDS

HOPE Zimbabwe has existed since 1998 in order to reduce the rate of transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases targeting the entire community.

The HOPE project encourages people to get tested for HIV, forms support groups and fights for survival through engaging in healthy living practices and viable economic practices.







Tatenda and Ross are activists who are working in the HOPE project. Their responsibilities are to reach as many people as possible and inform them about the HIV/AIDS prevention possibilities. Additionally, Tatenda teaches computer literacy.

#### DRH Lindersvold

Tatenda and Ross visited DRH Lindersvold that is an international learning centre that facilitates courses in community development.

The centre provides an opportunity to learn about the big issues of our time. DRH offers International Development Programs.

#### **UFF-Humana**

UFF-Humana became both an office and a place for Tatenda and Ross to prepare before they went to visit various educational institutions.

Their first presentation was evaluated and commented by the UFF-Humana staff and improved presentations were made at UFF-Humana's two open house evenings at the office in Havdrup.

# The School Center in Boserup

One of the first schools to warmly invite our guests from Zimbabwe.

After Ross and Tatenda's presentation, they received good advice from the teachers to improve the presentation.









# The Necessary Teacher Training College

The Necessary Teacher Training College (NTTC) has students from all around Europe. Tatenda and Ross were happy to share their Zimbabwean culture with the students and to receive so much from many other cultures at the same time. There was very good interaction between the Zimbabweans and the NTTC-students during the discussions about the current situation of the world.

#### Gram School



The students at Gram School participate in many activities discussing UN's 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): from class activities to participation in 'People's meeting' on Bornholm, Gram School spreads awareness of the SDGs.

Tatenda and Ross were warmly welcomed by the school's teachers and students. Together they shared their understanding of why it is important to implement the SDGs. At the same time, Gram School gained new knowledge about life in Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwean way to improve the lives of people and the health of the planet.







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### Filstedvejens School

Many students from Filstedvejens School met with Tatenda and Ross to listen to their experience of working at the HOPE project.

It was a great experience for Tatenda and Ross to be listened to by so many youngsters.







## The Computer Group in Holbæk & Danish Relief Group in Næstved



The Computer Group and the Danish Relief Group are two organisations working with development projects in Zimbabwe by sending used equipment to those in need. The HOPE project is one of the receivers of these donations. The Computer Group has donated repaired second-hand computers, while the Danish Relief Group has supported the HOPE project by collecting, repairing and packing furniture, bicycles, hospital equipment and much more to Zimbabwe.





### Roskilde University

Students from Roskilde University gathered to spend an evening together with Ross and Tatenda. First, the students were invited to taste traditional Zimbabwean foodsadza, prepared by the two activists. Secondly, they were invited to listen to and discuss the worldwide implementation of the SDGs.









# The World's Best News

World's Best News is an amazing platform, where news about progress and solutions to the world's challenges are published.

### A new view of the world



In 2019, UFF-Humana celebrated long lasting relations of being a part in handing out the good news to people living in Denmark. This year we had the pleasure to invite our two Zimbabwean guests to join in this action.

Our guests were inspired and impressed about such idea of bringing good news to the people. "We would like to bring it back home to Zimbabwe", said Tatenda and Ross.









# Every new friend is a new adventure

September was dedicated to Tatenda and Ross's journey in Denmark. From Jylland, followed by Fyn and Sjælland, our two guests travelled the country. They gained a lot of new friends, as well as knowledge and valuable experience that will be used in their work and everyday life back home in Zimbabwe.

For Tatenda and Ross the journey to Denmark was the first air flight, first time to leave the African Continent and even the first time to leave Zimbabwe. "The world is so big and colourful", they say.

They met many wonderful people who laughed, danced and discussed the future of our big world with them. It was a true adventure!





Every presentation started with "Zimbabwean warming up" activities such as dancing and singing. Nordfyns Folk High School's students created a very positive atmosphere. Ross and Tatenda could not have been happier with the outcome of their meeting.





### Flyvesandet Boarding School





We ask, you vote! Is climate change the most important goal? Do we need to fight poverty? Should girls stay at home instead of going to school? Is education the answer to poverty?

All those and more questions were raised by Tatenda and Ross to interact with youngsters in Denmark. It helped to open the discussions and draw attention to their further presentation.

#### Greetings from Zimbabwe

After finishing our project, Ross and Tatenda returned safely home to Zimbabwe. They send all their best greetings to their new friends in Denmark.

Tatenda and Ross gave presentations to their colleagues and communities about their travel to Denmark. Everybody was happy to hear and see how much this experience has changed their way of seeing the world.

The leader of the HOPE project,
Rebecca Njopera pointed out that it "was a good experience as you have learnt to travel and you have also travelled to learn so that your contribution will raise the flag of HOPE, of DAPP Zimbabwe, the country of Zimbabwe, and of another level in the contribution towards SDGs fight".







### The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Nelson Mandela



UFF-Humana expresses our thanks to everyone who wanted to "go far together". Thanks to all partners, employees and visitors from Zimbabwe who supported and worked with us on this project. Special thanks to all the educational institutions who warmly welcomed Tatenda and Ross.





