Zuva Petroleum donated $RTGS100 000 towards Cyclone Idai relief with the donation earmarked for five schools in the affected areas namely Tonhorai, Ndima, Hotsprings, Charleshood and Gwindingwi.

Speaking during the donation ceremony the Chief Executive Officer for ZUVA Petroleum, Mr Bethwell Gumbo, indicated that his organization was willing to partner Government for the betterment of the lives of the affected communities.

“As ZUVA Petroleum, we are delighted to partner with the Government of Zimbabwe, in this cause, after the devastating effects of Cyclone Idai.”

“As part of our corporate social responsibility, which is under our banner ‘ZUVA Cares’ not only do we care about the environment that we operate in; our priority is that we care for the people in the communities that we operate in,” he said.
In his acceptance speech, the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, Honourable July Moyo, noted that ZUVA had heeded the call by His Excellency for corporate organisations to adopt schools in the affected areas.

“The choice of the President to say the private sector, specifically, come and help us with schools is because if we don’t look at this generation which has been affected, which has scars that will be there for longer than us, then those scars become hindrances to development.”

“The President was very conscious that if we intervene in schools, if we can restore normalcy quickly in schools and build back better, then those scars will be eliminated,” said the Minister.

Meanwhile more than 100 schools were affected and the appeal document indicates that US$10 million is required to rehabilitate affected schools.

Construction of toilets has begun with latrines being constructed in 58 schools with a significant number now complete whilst the rest are at various stages of construction.