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## Teachers Call for Representation.

BY DAISY ZAMBUKO

Educators in Zimbabwe have said, that they are deeply appalled by the lack of compassion and continued disregard of their economic and social welfare as recently displayed or acknowledged by the Chief Accounting Officer in the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Mrs. Tumisang Thabela.



Teacher in a public school

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"As a supervisor, in the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, teachers expect the Secretary, Tumisang Thabela, to represent issues in a more serious way and advocate for the welfare of her subordinates. It is a universally acknowledged truth that motivated employees perform better than unhappy or disgruntled ones" Zimta President wrote in statement from the union.

In a statement which largely responded to the Permanent Secretary's remarks made to the cabinet sitting on , 07 September 2021, Mr. Gundane said, "the lack of concern and careless attitude displayed by the secretary of a very large ministry such as Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education in Zimbabwe leaves a lot to be desired. It's clearer now than before that, the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education does not hold teachers in high regard, neither do they care about their welfare. This is more than sad. It is a misrepresentation of issues and facts, and a display of arrogant attitude in the education sector in Zimbabwe, an element which is undesirable."

"Education is the Most Powerful Weapon Which You Can Use to Change the World."

Nelson Mandela  
FORMER S.A PRESIDENT

TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL



## *Teachers Appalled*

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The remarks by the Zimta president were done on the backdrop of some remarks that were made by the permanent secretary Tumisang Thabela which seemed to suggest that teachers needed to borrow money in order to return back to work.

Teachers were particularly appalled because the very ministry that was supposed to represent and plead on their behalf to the employer showed little concern for the existing problem.

The teachers expressed further disgruntlement saying that they were not supposed to subsidize the employer but rather the employer was supposed to ensure that their transport needs and other welfare issues were taken care of.

## Teacher and his class in a government school





# ***ZIMTA donates shelter to Distressed Teachers***

By Virginia Zifesho

Zimbabwe Teachers' Association (ZIMTA) has donated temporary structures for accommodation to teachers, who were left homeless, after a veld fire ravaged staff quarters at St Michaels Tsangadzi primary school on 26 September 2021.

Three wooden cabins with two compartments each were handed over to the school to ensure that the affected teachers are not exposed to whether conditions and that their dignity is maintained..

"As ZIMTA, we are after the welfare of teachers. After receiving an SOS from our members, we moved in quickly to give a solution and we came up with the idea of wooden cabins so that we can house our members in the interim." Said a Union Representative, Colleta Ruzvidzo.

Levison Chenjerai, a beneficiary of the accommodation donation said ZIMTA had shown that it is not only concerned with salary issues but also the general wellbeing of the teacher

" " I am proud to be a member of ZIMTA," he said. "I lost everything in that fire. Property all my documents and other valuables. This donation of cabins even though it's temporary, will go a long way in giving me a starting point. It is very expensive for me to commute to and from Karoi, so I am very grateful for this gesture," he added.

***"I am very very Grateful to ZIMTA for this Gesture , Together we can achieve anything!"***

Joseph Mazarura , one of the affected teachers also expressed his gratitude towards the donation. "I would like to thank ZIMTA for this responsible gesture. I now have a home where I can start the rebuilding exercise. This is a clear testimony of the power of unionism," he said.

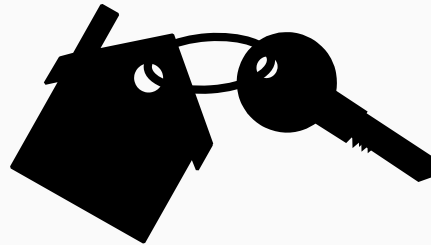
## **Donated Shelter for Teachers**



## ***Distressed teachers get Reprieve***

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The veld fire destroyed a dilapidated farmhouse on 26 September 2021 which was occupied by three teachers, namely Levison Chenjerai, Joseph Mazarura and Isiah Zanashe Musiiwa. The three lost all their property and other valuables. Sadly, Mr Musiiwa also lost his two daughters in the fire after failed rescue attempts by villagers and fellow teachers.



## **Teachers attending the Donation Ceremony in Karoi**

