


## WHV – Restoring the Archaeological ruins

### *Khami Ruins National Monument, Zimbabwe*

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1986

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 Khami Ruins National Monument is located to the west of the Khami River, 22 km from the City of Bulawayo. It is composed of a complex series of platforms of dry-stone walled structures, emulating a later development of Stone Age culture. The population lived in daga huts of cobwork, surrounded by a series of granite walls. These structures display a high standard of workmanship, a great number of narrow passageways and perambulatory galleries and impressive chevron and chequered wall decorations.



**Project objectives:** The project aims to restore the archaeological ruins of the Khami Monument, which have suffered from degradation during the last several decades due to natural causes such as temperature variations, ground water, tourism, and encroaching vegetation. It also aims to promote the site not only to deepen local population's understanding of the local culture and heritage but also to encourage them to be involved in continuous preservation of the site.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will be involved in the restoration activities of the Monument's walls and the improvement of the pathways around the site. They will conduct awareness raising events among the local communities about the importance of the local cultural heritage by using various media channels such as local journal and numerous social network services.

**Partners:** National Committee of UNESCO, Ministry of Rural Development, and Culture Heritage and Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality.