

Letter from David Ngombu to Myf Hodkin dated 13 January 1997

As you were informed, the rebel war has finally come to an end. Mr. Tony Sheriff must have given you people details as he was on the ground and found out quite a lot for your information. A lot of people have gone back to their various destroyed villages. A team of OWL members, Bo Committee, have visited some of the villages to see how people are trying to resettle. As was found out, this will take some time as the destruction on the villages was too much. Most of the houses were burnt down and it will take time for erection of houses to be completed. For now, temporal shelters covered with thatch have been erected. The most important things these people (returnees) need at the moment are domestic materials - buckets, cooking pots, hurricane lamps, cups, blankets, plates and second hand clothing. All of these things were lost during the war.

In addition to the above, housing is another very important problem faced by the people at the moment. OWL executive have decided to help the people around the district into working groups to undertake community work to ease the housing problem by making mud bricks and preparing timber to put up community buildings like schools, markets, health centres, churches, mosques, etc....