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# National Director's Foreword



**John Hasse** National Director World Vision Zambia Welcome to our first edition of the World Vision Zambia IMPACT Newsletter! It is my hope that the information in this newsletter will keep you updated and informed on the latest news and activities we are undertaking in transforming children's lives in over 55 districts across Zambia.

While the world is still grappling with COVID-19 and its effects, 2021 presented new opportunities for World Vision Zambia. We were able to complement government's efforts in the fight against the pandemic by partnering with other organisations and implement our various interventions in communities while adhering to health guidelines.

Our partners' dedication and response to work in this situation shows indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment to their work and office. With such collaborations, I am confident that we will surely attain more significant accomplishments as we strive to transform lives of the vulnerable children amid the pandemic.

I urge you to take time to read this bulletin to learn more about our interventions in the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2022 and summary of our 5-year Field Office Strategy.

#### Enjoy the read!

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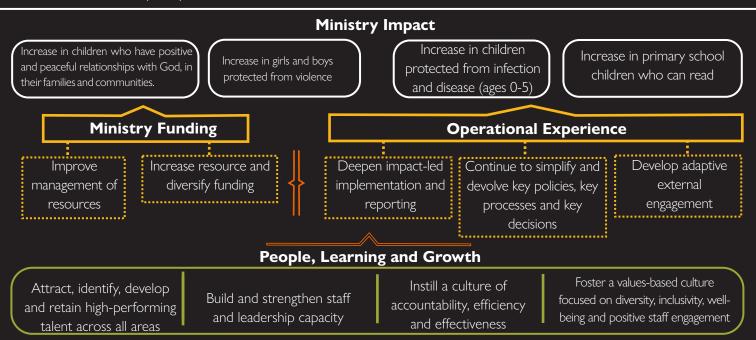
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#### **Strategic Goal**

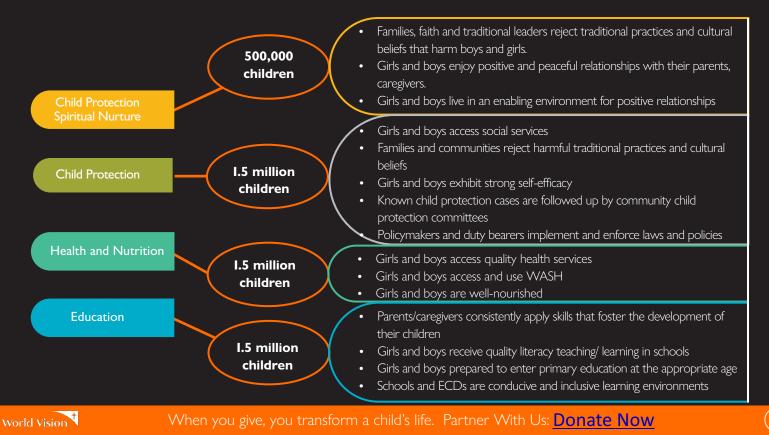
World Vision Zambia, through working with children, families, communities and partners, will contribute to the sustained well-being of 1,500,000 children, especially the most vulnerable.



Our strategic goal will be achieved through four objectives that focus on children having positive relationships with God, their parents, and their communities; being protected from violence; enjoying good health; and being literate.

Successful implementation of these objectives includes programming on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, and Economic Empowerment. Crosscutting issues that will be mainstreamed are Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Disability, and Spiritual Nurture. World Vision Zambia is committed to focusing on the Most Vulnerable Children in the areas of our operation.

#### **OUR PRIORITY SECTORS, TARGET BENEFICIARIES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**





#### MADISON GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY DONATES K65, 000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF A 1×2 CLASSROOM BLOCK AT MPANDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### By Kambani Phiri

Madison General Insurance Company Zambia Limited (MGen) has continued to support the community through its partnership with World Vision Zambia by donating K65,000 towards the rehabilitation of a 1×2 Classroom block at Mpande Primary School in Kafue District.

Back in 1997, World Vision Zambia identified a prematurely born child in Gwembe and MGen took him up and supported the child named 'Madison' until he completed his high school education. Over two decades today, MGen yet again rose to the occasion to partner with World Vision Zambia by supporting vulnerable communities.

Speaking at the handover event held at Madison House, MGen Managing Director Chabala Lumbwe said "MGen's survival and existence has been reliant on the fact that the community has continued to support us and it is only right for us to show gratitude by getting involved in activities which improve the quality of lives of the people living in these communities".

Also speaking at the event, World Vision in Zambia National Director John Hasse brought to light that the goal for World Vision Zambia was to give 1.5 million children access to good education and the donation made by MGen would go a long way in attaining this goal.

"World Vision is happy that Madison General Insurance Company has once again responded to our call for help in the communities in which we operate. Early this year your organisation supported our ongoing efforts in the fight against COVID-19 by providing masks for vulnerable schools in Chongwe district," said Mr Hasse. "

It is through such partnerships and collaboration, like the one we are witnessing today, that the work we do as World Vision Zambia will achieve the desired impact and improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families. This partnership gives us hope that we will be able to achieve our bold targets set out in our five-year strategy to contribute to the wellbeing of 1.5 million vulnerable girls and boys in Zambia by the end of 2025."

Mphande Primary School established in 1995 requires rehabilitation of the existing  $1 \times 2$  classroom block to make it suitable and safe for learners to learn. This includes fixing the dilapidated floors and walls; painting the classrooms, and replacement of broken window panes.

### WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY: CHILDREN CALL ON ACTORS IN ZAMBIA TO END VIOLENCE

#### By Agatha Mali

November 20th was a joyful day as children from different parts of the world celebrated <u>'World Childrens Day</u>. From different schools and towns in Zambia's Northern Province, children did not let the day pass without joining the commemoration of the universal day. A colourful event organised by World Vision saw children participate and engage in different activities with Government officials, World Vision senior staff, traditional leaders, and parents.

On behalf of the children, 13-year-old, Esnart said she was excited and grateful to the organisers for bringing children from different parts of the province to celebrate their day.

"It is our day and as children, we have the right to celebrate such occasions. We want the world to know that children have rights; protection and education are some of the rights that we want our parents and guardians focus on so that we can have a bright future and bring change to the world", she said.

In her speech, Esnart also appealed to the Government for support with proper infrastructure such as classes, ablution blocks, and menstrual hygiene facilities for girls.

In a speech read on behalf of World Vision's National Director for Zambia, Associate Advocacy Director, Dr. Carol Mweemba, reiterated World Vision's commitment to advocacy for ending all forms of violence against children around the world.



She urged Government officials and parents to join the rest of the world to pull forces together and end violence against children in Zambia.

"I urge you all to join us as we commemorate this day. Let us join forces in ensuring that children are protected against all forms of violence, including trafficking, and all forms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. May we commit to the elimination of all harmful practices, such as child marriage, which is estimated to be at 44% here in Mungwi district", she said.

#### 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: WORLD VISION ZAMBIA NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S CALL FOR AN END TO GBV

World Vision's National Director for Zambia, John Hasse, urges all actors to take action against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). GBV is detrimental to household and community development, destroys families and weakens communities. It can also cause lifelong damage to girls and women.

"As we observe the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence this year, I want to thank you for your relentless efforts in ensuring that girls and women live an environment without violence", he says. "The time to act is now! Every girl and every woman deserves to live free of fear. This is only possible through actions that work to shift social norms, guide and educate communities - including men and boys - to help create a world where a future free of fear can be possible for all."





#### WORLD VISION HANDS OVER A MATERNITY ANNEX AND INCINERATOR AT KANYONGOLOKA HEALTH POST

#### By Kambani Phiri

World Vision has handed over a fully furnished maternity annex and incinerator valued at K872,000 (\$49,000) at Kanyogoloka Rural Health Centre to the Government through the Local Government Administration in Rufunsa District, Lusaka.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held at Kanyongoloka Rural Health post, Lusaka Province Minister Ms Sheal Mulyata, represented by Rufunsa District Commissioner Mr Mabena said the maternity annex is expected to contribute to the eradication of maternal deaths and promote good health-seeking behaviour by expectant mothers in the district.

"Government is pleased to have all-weather partners like World Vision Zambia. This infrastructure is a key development indicator that will help end maternal deaths, resulting in increased demand for maternal health services," he said.

And World Vision National Director John Hasse, represented by One Chongwe Cluster Acting Manager Bridget Nzanzi said, the organisation has prioritised the need for pregnant women and under-five children to enjoy good health, through increased access to quality health care services and adoption of positive health behaviours by households. "The Infrastructure, constructed with support from Golf fore Africa, will benefit over 2000 people with over 110 expected deliveries annually. It will improve the health status of pregnant women, lactating mothers and under-five children, thereby reducing maternal and infant mortality rates and improving their indicators in Rufunsa district and Zambia as a whole," said Mr Hasse.



Inside the Maternity Annexe constructed by World Vision at Kanyongoloka

The maternity wing and Incinerator were constructed at the total cost of K616, 000 (\$35, 000) and has also been furnished with equipment valued at K256,200.00 (\$14,000).



# MOYO MINI HOSPITAL RECEIVES ELECTRICITY

#### By Kambani Phiri

Working with World Vision Zambia, the Zambian Government through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) has commissioned the Moyo Mini Solar Grid at Moyo Mini Hospital in Pemba District, Southern Province.

The Solar Grid was constructed to provide electricity at Moyo Mini Hospital, Moyo Primary School and the surrounding communities. The hospital services about 34000 people living around the area.

Speaking at the event, the Guest of Honour Minister of Energy Hon. Peter Kapala said the government of Zambia has a robust plan to electrify the rural areas with a target of reaching 51% of rural electrification by 2030.

"This event today is a demonstration of our efforts to take development to all parts of the country. Working with World Vision, we have invested about K6million (\$320,000) in the Solar Grid producing 45KW power supply at Moyo Mini Hospital, Moyo Primary School and surrounding communities," said Hon Kapala.

Speaking at the same event, His Royal Highness Chief Moyo urged community members to fully utilise the facility and take care of the equipment for it to benefit future generations.

"These infrastructures won't make any difference if we the owners do not change our negative behaviour of vandalism. Let us ensure we guard the infrastructures jealously for it to benefit our children's children," says Chief Moyo.

And World Vision Zambia National Director, John Hasse said the provision of electricity is a step forward in ensuring that children and their families live life in all its fullness.

"With this electricity, Moyo Mini Hospital will enhance the provision of quality health care services such as maternity, inpatient, pharmacy, mortuary, and the mother's shelter, which will benefit the Moyo community and surrounding areas." said Mr Hasse.

In 2018, World Vision and REA signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide electricity to infrastructures where World Vision operates in Zambia, to increase productivity and contribute to improved quality of life of the community in the health, education, livelihoods and water sectors.



World Vision Zambia National Director John Hasse, with REA Act CEO Mr. Clement Sasa at the installed Solar Grid.



James Lombe (middle) with his wife and THRIVE project Manager Moffat Mtonga

#### THRIVING BECAUSE OF THRIVE: JAMES' STORY OF TRANSFORMATION

#### By World Vision Zambia Communications Staffer

"From the time THRIVE was introduced, I have built a house, bought two vehicles, sent my children to better schools and diversified into chicken rearing," says 43-year-old, father-of-six, James Lombe.

World Vision Zambia, through the Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) initiative, is strengthening food production, resilience and access to markets and financial services so that farmers like James can produce more, better and more sustainable nutritious food for household consumption and marketing purposes.

James, a commercial farmer from Chief Chikwanda based in Mpika, is a beneficiary of the Farming God's Way and Empowered World View training sessions offered by World Vision Zambia under the THRIVE project for small-scale farmers in Mpika District. Lombe happily narrates that the THRIVE project helped him to consider farming as a business.

"Previously, I used to cultivate for home consumption only and was satisfied to have meals throughout the year; but we used to face so many challenges in terms of providing for my children's school fees and other basic needs," he says. "My real transformation started when I attended the Empowered World View training that was organised here in Mpika by THRIVE in 2016. I appreciate the skills and knowledge that the training imparted in me and many other farmers in the district. What I am producing now, is something that I could only have dreamt of [before]. My produce has grown over ten times what it was initially."

Lombe narrates that he used to make K2,000 to K3,000 (US\$115 to US\$175) annually as profit from selling his maize

produce. Today, he tells a different story of transformation brought by the partnership between World Vision and VisionFund Zambia.

"Before the coming of THRIVE, it was difficult for a poor farmer like me to access a loan from the lending institutions that were available in the district," shares James. "By the way, we did not have so many institutions and this gave the existing one monopoly to have high interest rates. But after undergoing the training in Empowered World View, World Vision through the THRIVE project linked us as small-scale farmers to VisionFund for group loans."

"The first loan was obtained as a group but I left the group to individual loans because the group share was not enough for my farming. My first individual loan was a K1500 (US\$85), and my produce began to increase, which also prompted me to increase the size of the farmland. Now I get loans as high as K20,000 (US\$1,170) and I pay back without any challenges," explains Mr. Lombe.



Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Hon. Garry Nkombo with VisionFund Zambia staff outside Radisson Blu.

#### VisionFund Zambia Launches Digital Savings Platform

#### By Justin NJovu

VisionFund Zambia launched its Digital Savings Product, for informal savings, under the institution's Accelerated Linkage of Informal Savings Mechanism (ALISM) and the Savings at The Frontier (SatF) project at Radisson Blu hotel in Lusaka Zambia.

The Institution has migrated savings from a traditional cash box to a digital platform that offers security whilst ensuring money is in circulation. The product will utilize a 3-pin (personal identification number) encryption facility, which will improve security and accountability on savings for low-income entrepreneurs.

The Savings at the Frontier Project is funded by MasterCard Foundation and Oxford Policy Management and is supported by the Rural Finance Expansion Programme (RUFEP) with regard to the mobile platforms, through which transactions will be conducted.

Speaking at the National Launch, guest of honour, the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Honorable Garry Nkombo was delighted by VisionFund's commitment to financial inclusion initiatives like the newly launched digital savings products and services.

"The product will boost confidence and security among savings groups because theft of savings boxes has been a threat to the going concern of such groups. The initiative is vital for the economy because it will keep money in circulation and estimates about 600 million kwacha being deposited back to circulation as a result of the initiative," says Hon. Nkombo.

The product will improve the efficacy of the Savings group by reducing transport costs and travel time to access banks and other financial services. It will further respond to novel global health demands of minimizing physical interactions in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Speaking at the event, VisionFund Zambia CEO, Mr. Simon Ziba, indicated that VisionFund's partnership with MasterCard Foundation, positions the organization for an opportunity to reach out to the most vulnerable, far and wide, through a state-of-the-art digital technology.

"If fully utilized, this product has the potential of substituting the 'brick and mortar' (Traditional) infrastructure needs in rural areas, such as cost of travel and safety of cash" said the CEO.

Meanwhile, Bank of Zambia Assistant Director Richard Chirwa, commended VisionFund for the initiative of creating linkages that will facilitate the transition to Digital Savings Platform.

"The product enables access to a wide range of affordable, and appropriate financial services to small-medium enterprises and households of varying income and demographics," he said.



#### Rabson 12, transitions from a cattle herder to a schoolboy.

#### By Agatha Mali

At the age of 6, Rabson herded cattle for his family and selected neighbours. And every time his mother tried to engage him in reading or school activities, Rabson expressed little interest.

"One of the traits one can easily spot about Rabson is his quietness and shyness especially when it comes to talking to people he barely knows," says Mukonda, Rabson's mother.

Mukonda says her dream is to educate her children and ensure that they have a bright future. But every time she initiated lessons with Rabson, her hopes were let down because Rabson showed signs of being a slow learner. "I felt like giving up many times but what kept on encouraging me is the dream I have to ensure that all my children receive a good education.

In 2019 World Vision introduced Unlock Literacy reading clubs(camps) in Nyimba District. 'Unlock Literacy' is an evidencebased and innovative approach that aims to improve teaching methods for teachers or community volunteers to engage with both in-school and out-of-school children in the most fun and entertaining way of reading.

So far, 68 reading camps have been formed with over 1700 children to encourage reading and literacy among children.

At the time when the reading camps were established, Mukonda received training from World Vision on how to use local and available resources and encourage children's participation in reading.

Seeing how her life was made easy, Mukonda was able to use the approaches she attained from the pieces of training she received to teach Rabson.

"I was caught by surprise when Rabson came to seek permission to go and attend lessons from a reading camp. And after a few lessons, I noticed a big difference in him as he could properly read and write a few words which was not the case in the past," says Mukonda.

Rabson 12, is passionate about education and dreams of becoming a doctor when he

completes school. Doing his third grade at one of the schools in Zambia's Nyimba District of the eastern province, Rabson also attends World Vision's reading camps during the weekends when he is away from school and home.

"I am grateful to World Vision for bringing the reading camps to my villages. it is because of that I know how to read and pass with good grades in class. My dream is to study hard so that I can become a doctor and have a better future," says Rabson

Despite being a cattle herder for 5 years, Rabson says it makes him sad to see children younger than him herd cattle instead of being in school.

The community volunteers also known as Reading Camp Facilitators have also played an important role in the community. It is through their commitment that most children have expressed interest in learning how to read.

#### **CHILD PARTICIPATION**

The President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema talking to 19-year-old Chipo, a member of the Young Journalist based in Southern Province.

#### A YOUNG JOURNALIST MEETS PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA

19-year-old Chipo, a Young Journalist under World Vision Zambia interacted with the Republican President of Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema during the commemoration of the Samu Lya Moomba ceremony of the Tonga Speaking people in Monze District of Southern Province, held on November 7, 2021.



Children explain their interventions on ending child violence in schools and communities.

Chipo advocated for the construction of more schools to create a conducive environment for learners.

She also appealed for the construction of Laboratories, and Inclusive child participation as well as acquisition of wheelchairs for children living with disabilities among other things.

#### Children taking lead on ending child violence

World Vision Zambia has been implementing a campaign to End Child Marriage in Zambia. Through the campaign, World Vision Zambia works with children and young people to end violence against children in communities

Children engage different stakeholders at community, district and national levels to talk about Child Protection issues.

Click the YouTube button (on the left) to watch Young Journalists and Dare to Discover members explain how they work with with different duty bearers to end violence against children in schools and communities.

# **GRANTS CORNER**

World Vision Zambia is a valued and trusted partner of governments, foundations, multi-laterals, corporations and other organisations striving to eradicate the root causes of poverty. This edition highlights two grants that we are currently implanting incollabooration with our partners.

## MALARIA-FREE ZAMBIA PROJECT

**Funded by:** The Rotary Foundation, World Vision USA and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

#### **Implementing Partner:** World Vision Zambia and Malaria, Partners Zambia in partnership with community representatives, local Rotary clubs in Zambia, the Zambian National Malaria Elimination Centre, PATH MACEPA

**Duration:** 2021 to 2023 **Amount:** \$6,000,000 **Location:** Muchinga and Central Provinces

#### Goal

The Malaria-Free Zambia program has an ambitious goal of helping reduce over time the incidence of malaria by 90% in ten target districts in the country.

#### **Objectives**

• The program will fund the recruitment and training of 2,500 new community health workers and support their integration into the Zambian health system, bringing effective malaria diagnosis and treatment to more than 1.3 million people in ten districts within the Central and Muchinga provinces.

Contact Information: Simeon Sikwiiya Malaria Project Manager simeon sikwiiya@wvi.org)

## **PREVENT!** Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Project

**Funded by:** The European Union **Implementing Partner:** Women and Law in Southern Africa, Sports in Action, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)

Duration: 2019 to 2023 Amount: 10.277.000 Euros Location: Luapula and Northern Provinces

#### **Project Goal**

The PREVENT! Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Prevention and Survivor Support Project aims to reduce levels of gender-based violence in Northern Province.

#### **Project Outcomes**

- 1. To prevent SGBV by challenging and changing beliefs, attitudes, and practices in Luapula Province.
- 2. To increase SGBV survivors' access and use of comprehensive support services in Luapula Province.

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# **Our COVID-19 Response**

World Vision Zambia through the COVID-19 response interventions, reached 1,281,993 people with messages on COVID-19 prevention bahaviours such as hand and respiratory hygiene and isolation. Below is the impact of the COVID-19 response in 2021.

1,490,287 people reached with COVID-19 interventions in FY21

# /e supported

#### medical personnel

with personal protective **clothing (PPEs)** to enhance protective measures against COVID-19

We supported 13.857 children

with child protection interventions (including registration, care protocols, prevention of separation, alternative care) during the COVID-19 pandemic

## 1,281,993 **people** reached with preventive

behaviour messaging (e.g. hand and respiratory hygiene; isolation WASH behaviours)

57,206 masks distributed

> (including to health facilities, health workers, learners and caregivers)

69,215 educational materials provided to enable and support remote literacy learning for pupils

\$60,585 provided for cash/voucher support

reaching 512 people

182

community-level public hand washing stations established or maintained

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Right to Left: World Vision Zambia National Director John Hasse with Minister of Energy Hon. Peter Kapala and Southern Province Minister Hon. Cornelious Mweetwa inspecting installed Solar panels and Moyo Mini Hospital in Pemba District of Southern Province.



World Vision staff during the commissioning of the Solar Grid at Moyo Hospital.



Regional Comms Director Pamela Chama with Southern Province Education Officer Florence Chikalekale washing hands at tap installed by World Vision at Simanje Primary School.



EU funded Urban and Rural Programme for Learners Inclusion, Foundation and Transformation (UPLIFT) staff at the EU exhibition



Government Delegates, and World Vision senior leaders next to the Solar Panels at Moyo Hospital.



Young Journalists and Dare2Discover participants with their chaperones and WV staffer Mathew



Madison General Insurance and World Vision Zambia representatives pose for a picture with a K65,000 donation dummy cheque by Madison.

# **Our Vision**

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness. Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

# **Our Mission Statement**

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.



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