



ZOA NEWS

Zambia Orphans Aid supporter newsletter

COVID-19 impact on vulnerable children in Zambia

On 20 March 2020 travel and movement restrictions were introduced and all schools and colleges closed because of COVID-19. So far the number of recorded cases and deaths has been small compared to elsewhere, but Zambia's health service is chronically under-funded and lacks the capacity to deal with any escalation.

Schools, colleges and businesses are now partially reopening but we remain cautious about the long-term effects as the communities we work with have been badly affected. Many people have been unable to work, are isolated from vital support networks and are struggling to feed their families. Vulnerable children have been cut off from the safe space provided by schools and suffered from increased social isolation.

In response, ZOA is supporting hand washing demonstrations, health education and soap distribution

to reduce transmission and provided hungry households with food supplements of mealie meal and beans.

As communities try to return to some kind of 'new normal', whilst living with the continued threat of COVID-19, we will continue to support their evolving needs.

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Diana, 13, [pictured above] told us: *"I'm not happy because school closed due to COVID-19. At school we used to eat every day, now I'll not be able to eat three meals a day as my mother isn't working. The price of food has gone up so my mother isn't able to buy food. Even soap is a problem.*

I'm happy I received food and soap during this pandemic. Thank you very much for the support I really appreciate it."

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Empowering students with disabilities

Live Changa is a second-year student training to be a Clinical Officer at Agape Nursing School in Kabwe.

After three years of training he'll be able to diagnose and treat most of the common major diseases that present to district hospitals.

Live's parents are both dead and he and his younger sister are albino. There are more than 30,000 albinos in Zambia who face widespread social prejudice driven by harmful traditional beliefs.



"I wanted to study medicine because I want to serve my community by saving lives and contribute to the development of my country."
- Live Changa

Live receives a laptop from ZOA to help with his studies.

Black Lives Matter

The killing of George Floyd, a black man, in Minneapolis, USA, by a white police man and the global response challenges all of us who've been repulsed by this killing.

Floyd's brutal killing occurred in the USA where the Black Lives Matter movement originated in response to the centuries of injustices and violence black people have suffered. These injustices are not restricted to the USA. They're experienced and seen in countries around the world, including Britain.

Dr. Shimwaayi Muntemba, our founder, says, *"Zambia Orphans Aid UK wishes to reaffirm our commitment to*

breaking down social and economic inequality and injustice. We believe in the power inherent in each child, woman and man."

The way ZOA works is important. ZOA-UK works with ZOA-Zambia to identify indigenous partners committed to unleashing the potential of each vulnerable child. We solidify self-respecting relationships with our partners, providing financial inputs and other support needed for sustainable local capability building.

We're committed to reinforcing the way we work with our partners to demonstrate that their lives

and those of the vulnerable children they serve, matter for what they are – a part of the human family.

We believe that Floyd's death and the injustices it highlights, should push the NGO community to revisit the relationships we have with our grassroots partners.

Shimwaayi says, *"based on our knowledge of Africa and African people, let us redouble our efforts, and work together to ensure fair treatment of people of African descent and other ethnic minorities."*

[To read our full statement please visit \[zoa.org.uk/latest-news\]\(https://www.zoa.org.uk/latest-news\)](https://www.zoa.org.uk/latest-news)

Other news



Twavwane build

The upgrade of the toilets and wash facilities at Twavwane School is finished. It will provide accessible toilets, toilets for girls, a safe water supply and a secure perimeter fence. Thanks to the Charles Hayward Foundation and Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission for their support.

We support infrastructure projects that give pupils with disabilities, girls and vulnerable children equal access to school and learning, as any other child.



The Big Give

Thanks to your generosity our Big Give Christmas Appeal raised a fantastic

£32,916!



2.6 Challenge

ZOA took part in the 2.6 Challenge in April and raised **£1,535**. Shimwaayi, our founder, walked up and down 108 steps daily for 26 days, and Isla Mpande ran 2.6 km in her garden.



Changing the future for children

Right now 1.2 million orphans and vulnerable children are living in Zambia and don't have the support or family structure they need to thrive. Many live in granny or child-headed households, scraping by on less than £1.50 a day. Without access to school they face a lifetime of poverty.

We provide uniforms, books and tuition fees, fund nutritious school meals, help school leavers gain vocational qualifications, give mental health support to those that need it and provide girls with reusable sanitary pads to keep them in the classroom.

You can help us do whatever it takes to give orphans and vulnerable children the chance to go to school and reach their potential. Partnering with grassroots, community-based groups we find sustainable solutions.



New website

We've built a fantastic new website. Most of the work has been done by our very talented Communications & Digital Lead, Rachel.

Please check it out and let us know what you think – www.zoa.org.uk

Food crisis update

By early 2020 many people in Zambia were being seriously affected by the 2019 drought. To help affected households we provided mealie meal and beans to communities in Southern Province through our partners, Chibolya

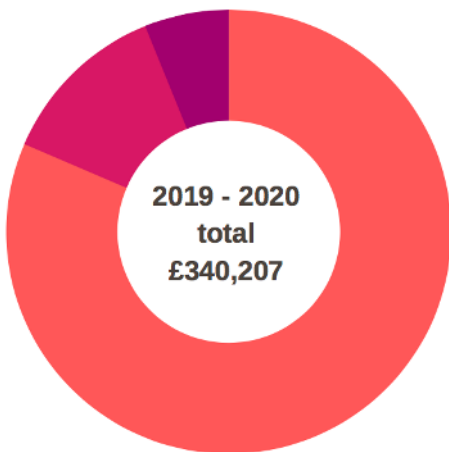
School and the Masele Widows Club.

Many areas also experienced a bad harvest in 2020 so we're allocating funds for sustainable food production in the affected communities.

The year in numbers

We've doubled our income in the last three years to £332,826 and increased our profile and support with the public, development sector and Government.

But more importantly we've seen an increasing number of children we started supporting ten years ago now qualify for tertiary education.



Expenditure	2020 £	%
Charitable activities	277,123	81.5
Fundraising	42,213	12.4
Governance	20,871	6.1
Total	340,207	

- 320 pupils in primary school
- 284 pupils in secondary school
- 92 students in tertiary education
- 1274 received nutritious school meals
- 1302 beneficiaries of emergency food during drought
- 1274 girls & boys educated about menstruation & puberty
- 874 menstruating girls received reusable sanitary pads
- 473 girls received washing demonstrations
- 675 family members/carers sensitised about menstruation & puberty
- 1084 boys & girls benefited from upgraded toilets at two schools
- 226 children & youths counselled
- 82 pupils with disabilities supported

Download our 2019-2020 Annual Report at zoa.org.uk/our-impact

Help ZOA survive the COVID-19 pandemic

Our income will be badly affected by COVID-19 as some of our supporters are no longer able to give. We're at risk of having to cut our services when Zambian children need our help more than ever. If you're able to continue to support us - whether you'd like to set up, or increase your existing regular gift, we'd be very grateful. **Thank you.**

- £1.25 a month could help feed a hungry child at school
- £6.50 a month could help send a child to primary school
- £10 a month could help us send a child to secondary school
- £85 a month could pay for a deprived student to train as a teacher or healthcare worker

If you'd like to make a further gift please donate by:

- visiting www.zoa.org.uk to donate on line
- sending a cheque for 'Zambia Orphans Aid UK' to ZOA-UK, 2A Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, Cambs, CB21 4ES.
- calling Katy to discuss other ways to help on 01223 890 162 or email katy@zoa.org.uk

