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Zambia Orphans Aid Supporter Newsletter



Twatasha is Open!

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We are delighted to announce the opening of the new accessible boarding house and Physiotherapy Centre at Twatasha School, Kafue.

The boarding house accommodates 40 children (20 boys and 20 girls) with toilet and shower facilities, plus a private shower annexe for other menstruating girls to use and a dedicated bedroom for the 'house mother'. Children will have access to indoor toilets for the first time.

A fully equipped kitchen allows staff to prepare nutritious meals for the children, which can be enjoyed in communal dining areas.

The new Physiotherapy Centre ensures the school's 250 disabled children (one third of its students) can access regular physiotherapy, making it easier for them to attend school.

Children like Mwiza, aged 17 (pictured above) who is studying in Grade 7 are benefiting. Mwiza who has no lower limbs and must use a wheelchair, told us, *"Thank you for building us a new boarding house and physio centre. Now we can do our exercises easily. You have helped us a lot."*

Cholera Update

Zambia has faced its worst cholera outbreak, with over 700 lives lost and 20,000 cases recorded by April. To reduce the risk of infection schools were forced to remain closed until 12 February and told they must keep children safe by improving hygiene standards. on reopening. Many teachers were concerned their schools might not be able to afford to open.

To help our community school partners ensure they are safe spaces for children, ZOA held an emergency appeal and with funds raised from generous supporters was able to provide soap, disinfectant, sprayers and foot baths to schools we work with. We also funded new outdoor taps at Chibolya School so the children could wash their hands more regularly and maintenance to the existing toilets at Twavwane School.



Chibolya pupil washing his hands at newly installed taps

**With your support,
we raised**

£6,138

Thank you!

Farewell Jim Potter

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Jim Potter (1944-2024), who was a founding trustee of ZOA-UK having a close personal relationship to the country. Jim served as our first treasurer, bringing huge amounts of enthusiasm and expertise until stepping down due to his declining health last year.

A natural entrepreneur, Jim (pictured left during one of his many visit to Zambia) also oversaw our projects, expanding our initiatives and benefiting thousands of vulnerable children. Jim will be missed but his legacy lives on in our work.



Photo credit: Sorch Barnes

Please Join ZOA for our **'Resilience'** Online Event

ZOA's Chairperson, **Garnet Mulomo**, will be joined by ZOA-Zambia CEO, **Grace Kanchea Nkhuwa**, for an online event marking **Africa Day**. The event will focus on ZOA's efforts to build resilience in Zambia's education system through:

- **psychosocial counselling;**
- **initiatives targeting marginalised groups;**
- **projects that are helping partners become more sustainable.**



**When: 6:00-8:00PM,
Wednesday 22 May**

Where: Online

To RSVP & receive link:

Email: **katy@zoa.org.uk**

Call: **01223 901006**

New **Website** & **Team** Changes

ZOA's website has been redesigned! Visit **www.zoa.org.uk** to see the new look. This project was ably overseen by Lily, our Digital & Communications Lead, who is sadly leaving ZOA.

Lily is handing over to **Rachel Veal** (pictured), who has been volunteering with ZOA since 2023, organising our social media and managing our volunteers. ZOA-Zambia also welcomes **Richard Foster** (pictured), their new Finance and Administration Officer, based in Lusaka.



CRISIS APPEAL

DROUGHT IN

ZAMBIA

In February, the President of Zambia declared a national disaster and state of emergency.

A 5-week drought has devastated crops. Half the nation's planted areas are destroyed **putting 6 million people (30% of the population)** at risk of:

- **food insecurity;**
- **acute malnutrition;**
- **disease.**

With less food available prices will rocket throughout the year putting ZOA's school feeding programmes at risk and leaving children unable to focus on learning.

We Need Your Help To Feed Hungry Children.

- **£13** could pay for a child's to have school meals for one year;
- **£25** could get 25kg of mealie meal & 5kg of beans to a hungry household;
- **£152** could fund a school kitchen for one week.

How hunger affects children - **Juliet**



"I live with my brother and sister. Only my mum is around because we lost our dad when I was eight.

I used to have [hunger] stomach pains which affected my academic performance, but I don't face challenges at school now because I receive a school meal and my uniform and my fees are being paid.

Having received help has helped me to start school, receive uniforms that mum couldn't afford and I'm able to have the correct meals at school. It can make someone like myself have a better life."

How To Donate

To donate:

- please visit www.zoa.org.uk to donate online
- send a cheque payable to 'Zambia Orphans Aid' to ZOA-UK, Lytchett House, 13 Freeland Park, Wareham Road, Poole, Dorset, BH16 6FA [Please note new address]
- alternatively, call Katy on **01223 901006** or email katy@zoa.org.uk

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