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Update

The school closed on the 9th December and reopened after the Christmas break on the 9th January 2017. The opening of the school means that the new grade 4 has started and we welcome two new staff members Regina Chinyama and Masumba Chimwanga, one replacing an older teacher that retired. The new government have introduced changes to the curriculum which are caused some issues with text books that the school were using are now out of date, so new ones are required.



Outdated books



New books that are required

We have arranged for money to be sent out so that the new books can be purchased enabling the teachers to start on the new curriculum. The government has also introduced computer studies as a subject to be taught from grade 1. This will have some financial implications that will need to be looked into over the coming months.

Easter Appeal 2017

Easter is only 8 weeks away with Good Friday being on the 14th April 2017. I would love to launch this year's appeal now so that we have plenty of time for the appeal to raise funding so that we are able to bless the families of the school children with a bag of mealie meal and some other treats. To do this we are looking for donations of £10 to £15 to cover the cost of these items.

Poverty - Zambia

Over the past three decades, incomes in Zambia have fallen steadily. Poverty is widespread – 64% of the total population lives below the poverty line, rising to 80% in rural areas, meaning they do not have adequate income to meet their basic food requirements.

Such poverty automatically implies deprivation for children. The Living Conditions Monitoring Survey (2015) cites 65% of women in female-headed households choosing to reduce the number of family meals per day as their only coping mechanism, especially in the months of the hungry season before the harvest. Beyond the sensation of hunger, this lack of nourishment means children in such households are highly likely to have impaired physical and cognitive development.

School4kids ensure that all children that attend the school receive at least one meal per day.

Ten facts about Hunger in Zambia

1. 60% of people in Zambia live below the poverty line and 42% are considered to be extremely poor.
2. The prevalence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) among adults is 14.3%
3. The number of HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) orphans is estimated at 1.5 million which means that one in five children in the country is an orphan.
4. The prevalence of stunting in children – low growth for age – is 40%
5. The prevalence of anemia is 53% among children under five years of age and 30% among women of child-bearing age.
6. 15% of children in Zambia are underweight.
7. More than 350,000 people in the country are food insecure, i.e. they do not have access to a regular supply of healthy food.
8. The mortality rate among the under-fives is 75/1000 live births (a decline in recent years but still high in rural areas).
9. The infant mortality rate is 45/1000 live births (a decline in recent years but still high).
10. In both rural and urban households, poverty levels are the highest amongst female-headed households with extreme poverty levels of more than 60% in rural areas and 15% in urban areas.

Sources: Zambia Demographic Health Survey, Cost of Diet by the National Food and Nutrition Commission, World Bank, Country Analysis Report, 2013/14 Zambia Vulnerability Assessment Committee Report.