



Zambia Orphans Aid—US Annual Report 2014



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ZOA-US FUNDED PROJECTS 2014





ZOA-US 2014 Projects

Zambia Orphans Aid in the United States of America (ZOA-US) is a private voluntary organization (PVO) that was registered in Washington D.C. in August, 2000 to assist institutions and community organizations in Zambia that care for the nearly 1 million orphans, the majority of whom had been orphaned by AIDS. ZOA has branches in Zambia (ZOA-Z), registered in 2003 as an NGO, and the United Kingdom (ZOA-UK), established in 2006 as a Charity. In 2014, the name of the organization changed from Zambia Orphans of AIDS to Zambia Orphans Aid because AIDS continues to bear such stigma in Southern Africa and, in addition, over the years, many of the projects ZOA supports assist both orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC).

In the past few years, ZOA-US has shifted from supporting numerous projects for short periods of time to focusing on fewer institutions to maximize their growth and have a greater socioeconomic impact on the communities they support.

In 2014, ZOA-US continued to support five projects. St Anthony Children's Village in Ndola provided nutrition and school tuition to 106 children and successfully managed to reintegrate 8 children into their families. ZOA-US continued to fund the feeding programme at Angelina Tembo irls School in Kabwe, providing one meal a day to 150 students during the school day. The fifth university student ZOA funded through school graduated and was placed as a teacher. In 2014, another five girls were supported by ZOA for their secondary education. Taonga Community Home Based Care provided school fees for 91 students from grade 1 through 12. With support from ZOA-US, Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre in Lusaka Province expanded its piggery initiative, placed one student at the Copperbelt University, and an additional five students at St. Luke's Nursing School. Mulele Mwana received continuing assistance from ZOA-US for its school feeding programme and for the tailoring cooperatives run by graduated students.

ZOA-US continues to support projects that fall into three broad categories: children's homes and schools; community outreach programs; and skills training. Funds are used to (i) provide seed capital for income-generating activities, thereby leading to project sustainability and extending the reach to more orphans and OVC; (ii) support community activities such as feeding infants, providing educational assistance, and facilitating HIV tests so that those identified as positive can access anti-retroviral treatment; and (iii) support skills training and capacity enhancement initiatives for orphans who are often heads of households.

Zambia Orphans Aid-US believes in empowering institutions and organizations until they are strong enough to work on their own or until the supported students have completed their education. This, of course, does not apply to institutions such as St. Anthony Children's Village that cares for babies, infants and young children, including the physically challenged.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- Zambia Orphans of AIDS formally adopted a new name: Zambia Orphans Aid because of the persistent stigma of AIDS in Zambia, and because many of the projects supported by ZOA assist both orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC).
- Five of our supporters from St. John Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia visited three of the projects ZOA-US assists: St. Anthony Children's Village, Mulele Mwana Skills Training Centre, and Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre. Their testimonials upon return convinced the Church to increase its donations to ZOA-US.
- In 2014, Mpanshya Orphan Farm changed its name to honor Cardinal Mazombwe, who acquired the land to establish a working farm to benefit orphans.

THANK YOU

- **St John The Beloved Catholic Church (McLean, Virginia), and The World Bank's Community Connections**, two of ZOA-US' major partners, for increasing your support .
- **The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Helping Hands** for your continued support.



Institutions Supported by ZOA-US

I. Children's Homes and Schools

(i) **St. Anthony Children's Village, Masala Compound, Ndola, Copperbelt Province**

St Anthony Children's Village is run by the Dominican sisters and opened its doors to HIV infected children in May, 2003. The Village provides both physical and emotional support to orphaned children in a family setting. For a number of years, the majority of the children at St. Anthony were HIV infected, their mothers having died from AIDS. However, with the availability of ARVs (anti-retroviral drugs) for adults and children, more mothers are able to live and care for their children longer, while extended families are more willing to accept responsibility for their relations. Thus, the Village has increased the number of other vulnerable children it accepts: those abandoned by families, those whose mothers are mentally ill, and physically challenged children, most of whom suffer from cerebral palsy.

Since 2003, ZOA-US has provided funding for nutrition and health needs, including HIV testing. Since 2004, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, has provided ZOA-US the funds needed to support St. Anthony.

The Special Care Unit: The cerebral palsy and physically and mentally challenged children continued to receive physiotherapy 5 days a week by a qualified physiotherapist. The care-givers continued with the exercises on the remaining 2 days. The children responded very well and they were happy and contented. During the year, St John the Beloved Catholic Church raised funds for St. Anthony to purchase physiotherapy equipment.

The village began the year with 88 OVCs, and admitted another 18. Subsequently, eight children were integrated into families, eight were transferred to Twapia Transient Home to attend the community school, six were sent to Buseko Home, a Pentecostal primary school, and three children died from AIDS. The physiotherapy equipment was not purchased because the cost proved to be exorbitant. There are no companies that manufacture the equipment in Zambia .

2014 achievements include:

- 8 children were re-integrated with families.
- An active pre-school is being operated in the Village.
- 13 children are in primary and basic schools, ZOA-US helped to fund the schools.
- Providing good nutrition and school fees to the 81 remaining children (47 boys and 34 girls) as part of early childhood learning. A balanced diet was given to all the children, which boosted health & reduced hospital visits.
- The Village continued to provide health care and physiotherapy to physically challenged children.

Plans for 2015 include:

- Establish a chicken rearing project.
- Hire a local carpenter to build some of the equipment needed for the special needs children.
- Conduct an early childhood learning programme, open to the public for a fee.
- Continue to reintegrate children with families in the community.





(ii) Angelina Tembo Girls School, Kabwe, Central Province

Run by the Sisters of Mary Immaculate, Angelina Tembo Girls School is located in Bwacha Township, Kabwe. The school has been in partnership with ZOA-US since 2006. ZOA-US has provided support to the feeding program for orphans who get one meal at school, funded school fees and other requisites for students at Angelina Tembo School, and supplied tuition fees for five former students who have graduated from Nkrumah University and are now teachers assigned to schools all over Zambia.. ZOA-US has also assisted the school with income-generating activities (IGA) -- poultry, piggery and vegetable-growing, as well as a new maize-growing venture, which have not only helped the school raise funds for school supplies, but have also provided protein and vitamin-rich foods for the orphans.

In 2014, ZOA-US continued to fund school and tuition fees for five high school girls at Angelina Tembo, and one at Nkrumah University of Education.

Feeding the orphans continued to be a challenge as their numbers increased. The gardening and farming projects have helped to sustain the feeding program, and the School hopes to improve the poultry project to further subsidize the nutrition requirements of its students.

Notable achievements in 2014 included:

- The fifth university student funded by ZOA-US completed her studies at Nkrumah university.
- 1800 fish were harvested in June. The school sold 800 and used the 1,000 remaining fish for its feeding programme.
- The school harvested 36 bags of maize in May, sold 16 and retained 20 for the feeding programme.
- 400 broilers for the chicken rearing project were purchased to help supplement the feeding programme. 100 broilers were sold, allowing the school to purchase vegetables and other necessities.
- With support from ZOA-US, 150 children from pre-school, primary and secondary school were given one meal per day during the school day.
- ZOA-US paid for school requisites and tuition for five girls at Angelina Tembo school.

Plans in 2015 include:

- The school stocked its fish pond with 3000 fingerlings which will be ready in fourth week of April 2015. The institution plans to sell 2000, to raise some money to buy some fingerlings, and reserve 1000 fish to support the feeding programme in quarter two. They will stock 1500 fingerlings in quarter two and 1500 in quarter four.
- The school's poultry operation will continue. The school plans to rear 300 chicks during quarters 2, 3 and 4, or 100 chicks per quarter.
- The school's piggery will be increased to hold 13 pigs.



II. Community Outreach Programs

(iii) Taonga Community Home Based Care Project, Lukanga Compound, Kabwe, Central Province

Taonga Community Home Based Care Project (CHBC), was established in 2004 to provide support services to people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in the community, and orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). Taonga runs HIV awareness and AIDS management programs, and trains community caregivers in basic home nursing and counseling skills. They provide additional training for psychosocial support for children and offer home-based care for HIV and AIDS patients and other vulnerable people, including the elderly and widows/widowers who have no reliable support. Child-headed households, or orphans living with relatives who are too poor to send the children to school, receive special attention. With many of its members being treated with anti-retroviral medications (ARVs), the organization helps train the patients to manage the disease more effectively. Taonga CHBC is an all-volunteer run organization, drawing care-givers from within the community.

ZOA-US partnered with Taonga CHBC in 2008 to provide financial assistance to support 50 to 65 children each year. The children the organization assists are spread over twelve schools in Kabwe. They attend primary and high schools, including Angelina Tembo. Since 2010, the ZOA-US grant has been steadily growing and in 2013, 67 children were supported.

During 2014, ZOA-US provided funds to Taonga CHBC to benefit 91 orphans and OVC. Funding continues to be a challenge as the number of OVC rises.

The Taonga programme is actively seeking funds to provide sweaters and shoes to children in time for Winter classes. Meanwhile, the work of the Programme has attracted the notice of the Zambian government, specifically the Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Community Development & Mother and Child Health. They recently sent email requesting Taonga CHBC to consider supporting 450 OVC with their educational requirements. To an extent, it demonstrates the effective support of ZOA-US for Taonga, but this request is overwhelming for the Programme and it has made an appeal for more funds. In addition, the Taonga CHBC has identified a need for a hostel for girls from distant locations who attend school in Kabwe.



Photos of the Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre



(iv) Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre, Rufunsa, Chongwe District, Lusaka Province

Until 2014, the Centre was known as Mphashya Orphan Farm. After the death of Cardinal Mazombwe, who originally acquired the land, the name was changed to Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre. The Centre was established to respond to the growing number of orphaned and other vulnerable children in this rural area, where the majority of families are very poor. Situated on 80 hectares of prime land donated by Chief Mphashya, the local chief, the Centre's farm allows orphans ranging in age from 10 to 21 years to cultivate food for their own consumption and to sell any surpluses to raise funds to put themselves through school and college. Activities at the farm have included maize, pumpkin and cassava production and pig rearing. In 2014, forty (40) students resided at the farm during school and college holidays, or at the end of one educational level. At any time during the year, there at least ten orphans resided at the farm. In 2014, the Lusaka Archdiocese took over management of the Centre.

Problems the project is addressing:

- Lack of adequate funding for school fees and school for tertiary education.
- Inadequate technical know-how, specifically in agricultural technology and animal husbandry.
 - ◆ Gardening is difficult due to the arid soil and inadequate, salty water, which stunts the crops.
 - ◆ Chicken feed was costly and the chickens died.
- Lack of equipment and machinery, particularly a tractor.
- Unacceptable accommodation for resident OVCs. The farmhouse has been dilapidated for a long time, causing huge health and security concerns for the OVC's. ZOA-US is funding improvements to the structure in 2015, and it will ultimately accommodate 20 OVC's.

Successes in 2014 included:

- The purchase of all poultry requirements and feed for the pigs and chickens.
- Managed to source funding for 1 youth at Copperbelt University and 1 at St Luke's Nursing School.
- Three of the ten pigs raised in 2014 were sold to help with educational support.
- Skills Training, funded by ZOA-US, was achieved through participation in the agricultural skills training workshop held at Kasisi Agriculture training centre. 5 OVC from the project attended. The main objective of the training workshop was to evaluate specific interventions in poverty reduction through sustainable agriculture. Participants were empowered with knowledge and skills in pest and insect prevention through usage of special plants and trees used to repel insects. Other information and skills acquired from the training were the farmer to farmer extension services, animal husbandry, exploration of potential agriculture markets and farm management.
- ZOA-US helped fund the tertiary education of six youth, as well as supporting students the Farm maintains in primary schools.

In 2015, the Project plans to continue its agricultural projects to support the orphans and OVC. It will also source funding for 11 young men and women to pursue a tertiary education at university.

III. Skills Training Centres

(v) Mulele Mwana Youth Skills Training Centre, Lusaka Province



Mulele Mwana (“Look after the Child”) is one of the projects that has benefited from the financial support ZOA-US receives from St John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia. Mulele Mwana is a skills training project of St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church in a depressed area of Lusaka. The Centre admits about 100 young men and women each year and trains them in a variety of skills, including carpentry, mechanics, electrical, and computer skills, sewing, knitting and food production (catering). The project also runs a community school for 150 poor children from the community.

Since 2002, ZOA-US has assisted Mulele Mwana by supporting youths enrolled in the food production and tailoring courses, and by providing funding for the feeding program at the community school. In 2011, ZOA-US extended its support to Mulele Mwana graduates who often find it difficult to start small businesses due to lack of seed capital. We agreed to support graduates to set up a small cooperative by providing them with funds to purchase sewing machines and other specified needs. The purpose of the program has been to empower these tailoring graduates to start small businesses, initially by working together, and learning to become successful business people, and eventually to stand on their own, able to employ future graduates. The cooperative was run by three newly graduated young women in 2014. They reported to US supporters who visited during the year that business was profitable and growing. As of the end of 2014, three of the original cooperative members had been able to establish their own successful tailoring operations.

In 2014, ZOA supported 160 pupils in Mulele Mwana’s school feeding programme. Children were fed nutritious meals such as kapenta, beans, eggs and vegetables with nshima for the afternoon session, and rice with sugar or soya porridge for morning sessions. Through our Zambian arm, ZOA-Z, funding was acquired from the Estelle Trust, UK for two additional teachers to teach IT at the community school.

Challenges during 2014 included:

- An overwhelming number of students, causing a budget overrun.
- A single cook for the school. When she was unable to work, there was no one to fill in for her.

Successes in 2014 were:

- A 97% pass rate for grade 7 students, up from 65% in 2013.
- With the addition of two teachers, the school at Mulele Mwana has been able to expand its instruction from grades 1 through 4 to grades 1 through 7. Moreover, computer instruction was incorporated into the curriculum.
- Student health has improved and absenteeism has diminished.

Plans in 2015 include:

- Improving the feeding shelter by providing tables for the kids to eat from and also a sink to wash dishes and hands.
- Build 3 more classrooms so that all the pupils can have their classes in the morning.



Mulele Mwana graduating students



ZOA co-founder, Shimwaayi Muntemba, displays one of the dresses made by one of the tailoring cooperatives established with ZOA-US funding.



Mulele Mwana Tailoring Cooperative member



Organizational and Operational Structure

Zambia Orphans Aid is an international organization operating in three countries: USA, United Kingdom and Zambia. The three sister organizations all adhere to the same goal and objectives, but acknowledge that each organization is guided by the rules and regulations that govern NGOs in their respective countries and is independent of the other in terms of how it organizes itself, who sits on its board and how it raises funds, They share the same logo and are guided by a Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the respective chairpersons.

The two ZOA organizations in the UK and USA focus on raising funds to support the projects, selected and submitted to them by ZOA in Zambia (ZOA-Z). Generally, each of the funding organizations has a number of institutions and projects it supports. However, in principle, the two discuss the projects and step in to provide additional funding when necessary. Further, some of the projects have been jointly supported, usually as a result of the level of need.

Over the years, and in order to accomplish its goal of assisting orphans to become self-sufficient and able to sustain themselves, their siblings and families, ZOA has shifted its way of working with orphan-care organizations to a longer-term focus to ensure that the orphans are adequately empowered to care for themselves. Zambia Orphans Aid in Zambia (ZOA Z) monitors each organization we support twice per year to record progress, and where necessary identify challenges impeding success. If new needs arise, ZOA Z then solicits a new proposal for the additional funding that is shared with the relevant fund raiser in the USA or UK.

Zambia Orphans Aid US has a Board composed of members who work on a voluntary basis. ZOA-US is led by a Chairperson, with an alternate chair. We chose to take this route because most of the Board members have full-time employment that often involves work-related travel outside of the country. An alternate chair makes it possible for the organization not to depend on the presence of the Chair for key decisions that might need to be made and acted upon. Two other key offices are that of Secretary and Treasurer.

Because the main task is fund raising, ZOA-US endeavors to keep abreast of projects in Zambia in order to market its work effectively and to be accountable to our donors. Board members also undertake responsibility for communications and publicity, and for projects review.



Our Financial Support

In 2014, ZOA-US continued to build our partnership with the St John the Beloved Catholic Church, McLean, Virginia, through its St Peter Claver Society for African Orphans. The World Bank's Community Connections retained ZOA-US on the list of recipients of the beneficiaries of its annual Giving campaign. More staff members read about the results of World Bank contribution to ZOA-US efforts and increased their giving. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Helping Hands continued to support ZOA-US on a regular basis.

Donations from the World Bank and St John have increased, meeting the growing need for aid to orphans. We believe this is, in large measure, because the organizations we support are excellent at reporting and demonstrating how donations are utilized. In addition, ZOA-US Board members visit selected projects each year and report back to donors, increasing the confidence our donors have in ZOA. A number of St. John parishioners have visited the projects they support and provide a voice for us to others who are also encouraged to give. Finally, our organization on the ground, ZOA-Z, provides additional accountability by monitoring and evaluating the projects and obtaining the required project reports.

ZOA-US continues as a voluntary, non-profit organization.

The Embassy of Zambia has also remained our great supporter, opening its doors to ZOA-US for its functions and providing moral leadership and advocacy for the cause of alleviating the impact of HIV and AIDs in Zambia by assisting its orphans.



Financial Report

January 1-December 31, 2014

Opening Balance as at Jan 1, 2014		\$33,354
Income		
Craft Sales	8,129	
Donations from Individuals	5,790	
IMF Helping Hands	4,027	
St. Johns Catholic Church	33,030	
World Bank Community Connections	49,106	
Total Income		\$100,084
Operational Expenses		
Return Deposit	1,425	
Basic Business License	663	
ZOA-Z Executive Director's Salary	13,103	
ZOA-Z Monitoring & Evaluation	11,067	
Service Charges	312	
Total Expenses		(\$26,570)
Net Operating Income		73,514
Net Income (Loss)		\$73,514
Grants Awarded		
Mulele Mwana Youth Skills Training Center	8,871	
St. Anthony's Children's Village	22,364	
8	18,318	
Taonga Community Home Based Care	36,274	
Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural Centre	24,869	
Total Grants		(110,666)
Closing Balance as at December 31, 2014		(\$37,152)



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