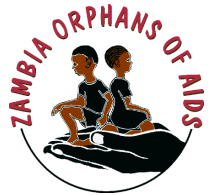




Zambia Orphans Aid Annual Report 2013



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ZOA US FUNDED PROJECTS 2013





ZOA US 2013 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 2013, we officially changed the name of the organization from Zambia Orphans of AIDS to Zambia Orphans Aid because AIDS continues to bear such stigma in Southern Africa. In addition, over the years, many of the projects ZOA supports assist both orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs).

Over the years, ZOA US has shifted from supporting numerous projects simultaneously to focusing on fewer institutions, to maximize their growth and their ability to become self-sustaining.

In 2013, ZOA US provided funds to five recurring projects. They were: (1) Angelina Tembo Girls School, Kabwe: ZOA continued to pay fees for a few girls in high school and tuition fees for five university students. The feeding program for 150 orphaned children was also supported. (2) Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre, Rufunsa District: ZOA continued to support their poultry and piggery initiatives to help their orphans and OVCs through school. (3) Mulele Mwana Youth Skills Training Centre, Lusaka: we continued to support a third cooperative for the center's tailoring graduates, as well as the feeding program for 165 children at the community school. (4) St. Anthony Children's Village, Ndola: we provided support for the care of 100 babies and children, some of them physically and mentally challenged. (5) Taonga Community Home Based Care, Kabwe: we continued our support to 67 children for their school requirements.

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; (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 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.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

- Zambia Orphans of AIDS (ZOA) formally adopted a new name: Zambia Orphans Aid because of the persistent stigma of AIDS in Southern Africa, and because many of the projects supported by ZOA assist both orphans and other vulnerable children.
- Mulele Mwana Skills Training Centre in Lusaka shared another graduate success story, that of Winfred Musenga, who graduated from Mulele Mwana Tailoring School in 2008. He runs a successful tailoring shop and has hired other Mulele Mwana tailoring graduates to work in his expanding business. *See Page 11 for details.*
- Mpanshya Orphan Farm in Rufunsa District adopts a new name: Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre, to honor Cardinal Mazombwe who recently died and who, as Archbishop of the Lusaka Diocese, secured the land and initiated the program.

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. At the start of 2013, St. Anthony Children's Village housed 100 children. The Village admitted 27 children, while 2 children were discharged to families (biological families and relatives), 5 joined another institution for further education, while 7 children died during the year. As of 31st December, there were 45 boys and 43 girls at the village. The fewer admissions and residents at the Village suggest the positive impact of ARVs, increased institutional capacity in tracing children's relatives, and the latter's growing willingness to accept the orphaned children. Generally, the health of the children greatly improved. The good care and nutrition has reduced hospital visits. The Village still cares for those with epilepsy, sickle cell anemia and mental disabilities.



The Special Care Unit: The cerebral palsy and physically challenged children continued to receive physiotherapy 5 days a week by a qualified physiotherapist. The care-givers continue 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.

In May 2013, St. Anthony Children's Village celebrated 10 years since it was established. The children had a party sponsored by well wishers and an Italian Association. "There was joy and the children enjoyed themselves to the full," wrote Sister Lucia Mucherenje, Programme Manager. "They had a jumping castle and jumped to their heart's content." In December 2013, a group of young working friends got together and prepared a Christmas party for the children. "May God bless and reward all who come to the plight of the children and remember them fondly," and in particular, "we express our gratitude to Zambia Orphans Aid for supporting our work with the vulnerable children in society this past year. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity. May God bless your work", wrote Sr. Lucia.

(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 breakfast and lunch 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, which have not only helped the school raise funds for school supplies, but have also provide protein and vitamin-rich foods for the orphans.

In 2013, ZOA continued to fund school and tuition fees for a few girls at Angelina Tembo, and five students at Nkrumah University of Education. The girls at university also received money to pay for internet connectivity and for research. Four of them graduated in 2013.

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 2013 included:

1. Pupils that passed to Grade 10 were able to remain in school, thanks to funding support. The students also continued with their education at Nkrumah University of Education, four of them graduating in that year. The feeding program sustained orphans and other vulnerable children.
2. A fish pond was constructed with funds provided by a benefactor in the UK. Initially the pond was stocked with 1000 fish, but unfortunately, only 460 were harvested. The fish is used to nourish the children and some are sold. The pond was restocked with 2000 fish, and it is hoped a good yield will be achieved by June 2014.
3. Toward the end of 2013, the piggery seemed to be doing well, except for a loss of eight piglets, who unfortunately were eaten by their mother. However, at the end of the year, there were three piglets, one male pig and four adult females, two of which were pregnant.



Four of the five ZOA US supported former students of Angeline Tembo graduated with BA degrees in Education from Nkrumah Teachers University in November, 2013



THANK YOU FOR TOUCHING OUR LIVES

Your thoughtfulness has a way of touching lives and indeed you touched our lives in 2009 when you extended your help towards our education. It was because of your contribution that we were able to complete our course in September and fortunately enough, we were all deployed by the government in October. We are now in employment and we hope to render the same service to others just like you did for us. We thank Almighty God for making it possible that you came our way when we very much needed financial help.

We are so grateful for the special act of kindness you have given us. because you have not only helped us as individuals, but our families and other people who will come our way.

May Almighty God continue to bless you as you continue helping others. Thank you very much!

Linda

Linda Nyirenda

THANK YOU!





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.

Taonga experienced a number of issues in 2013, including late remittance of funds, inadequate funding to sharp increases in school fees, a rising number of pregnant girls, inability to pay for children who qualify for tertiary education, and lack of parental/guardian involvement in the schools.

However, the accomplishments of the Taonga programme in 2013 were notable:

1. Two Grade Twelve students achieved excellent school results. One of the two students, a girl, was nominated as School Head Girl in March 2013, and she was only one of two pupils from Central Province selected to attend a Commonwealth Day Celebrations under the Theme *"Opportunity Through Enterprise"*, under the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Zambia Branch which was held at Parliament Buildings in Lusaka. She was given a Certificate of Participation to certify that she participated in this very important event.
2. With support from ZOA US, Taonga managed to facilitate access to education by 67 orphans and other vulnerable children. There has been a steady rise in the number of OVCs supported since 2010. Barbara Phiri, Taonga's Executive Director, wrote "Our aim is to reach at least 100+ to have a reasonable impact on the community."



The Taonga Executive Director, community volunteers and school children supported by Taonga Home Based Care



One of 65 orphans Taonga cares for with assistance from ZOA US



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

Until 2013, the Centre was known as Mphashya Orphan Farm. Katondwe Mission Hospital backstops the management of the Centre, which 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 in 2013 included maize and vegetable growing, and poultry and pig rearing.

Support from ZOA US enabled the farm to establish a viable poultry project and a piggery, while ZOA UK facilitated funding for the vegetable garden. In addition, the orphans grew rain-fed crops such as maize, cassava and pumpkins.

The Centre experienced three ongoing challenges during 2013:

1. Insufficient educational support for the OVC at secondary and tertiary levels. Fees and tuition at these levels are too high for what the orphans are able to raise, given the limited productive capacity. The Centre hopes to increase the sale of vegetables, chicken and pork to raise funds for high school fees, college tuition and essentials, for some of the OVC.
2. Substandard housing facilities for the OVC who reside at the farm.
3. Inadequate farming skills. Basic small farming knowledge and skills are needed to increase productivity and the number of OVC whose educational needs the Centre can meet.

However, in his 2013 report, the Centre's coordinator Ricky Mukwita, identified the major achievements of the year:

1. Forty OVCs were supported during the year.
2. Three farming activities were successfully undertaken. The piggery raised 10 piglets. The Centre's goal is to invest in a 12-room pigsty to allow pigs to grow. Fully grown pigs raise a higher profit. Similarly, the sale of broiler chickens raised at the farm has been successful, allowing some of the OVC to be sponsored at college level.
3. Ten OVC were accepted into tertiary education, of whom three were enrolled in universities.
4. Eleven OVC from the Centre started working in various professions as a clinical officer, an environmental technician, an electrician, a secretary, teachers, nurses, carpenters and auto mechanics.

The Centre's supervision was enhanced by the inclusion of 3 part-time members: an AIDS Field Coordinator, an Income Generating Officer and Mwindwa Community AID's Facilitator, who work hand in hand with the on-premises caretaker. A team on the ground collects the academic records of the OVC.

III. Skills Training Centres



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

Mulele Mwana (“Look after the Child”) is one of two 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 church also runs a community school for 122 poor children from the community.

Since 2002, ZOA US has been assisting 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 small cooperatives, of 4 to 8, by providing them with funds to purchase sewing machines and other specified needs. Support would be given to a new cooperative each year until 2014. Twenty percent of the profits generated by the cooperatives are to replenish a revolving fund used to support new cooperatives. By 2014, the program is expected to be self-sustaining. Three cooperatives have been established since the inception of the program. 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.

Drawing lessons from the first cooperative, and in an attempt to make the program more effective and vibrant, the following measures were implemented:

1. For the first six months, the cooperators were given an allowance to motivate them as they waited for orders from schools and other customers.
2. Co-operatives 2 and 3 were merged.
3. The business was moved from the enclosed area of the Mulele Mwana Campus to the nearby market, where more people can access it.

In 2013, 140 pupils benefited from the feeding program, which ZOA supports. The program supplements the nutritional needs of the children. Pupils are given Soya Porridge at mid-morning to help them stay healthy and concentrate on their studies. For some children, this is the only meal they may have in the day.

The pass rate of Grade 7 continued to improve. In 2013, 18 of the 26 pupils who sat for exams made it into secondary school. This was a 67% pass rate, 3 percent better than the previous year.

Mulele Mwana Achievements in 2013 included:

1. Children moving from their community school into Government schools and colleges, thanks to the feeding programme that allowed them to remain in class.
2. Improvement in the Cooperative venture, as seen in each month's return. Furthermore, they were able to make enough to share among themselves and invest 10% of the profits made back into the Cooperative Fund at Mulele Mwana.
3. Individual graduates of Mulele Mwana's tailoring program have been able to open successful businesses of their own. Therefore, the support given has really helped the vulnerable move out of the poverty cycle. One such success story, that of Winfred Musenga, is profiled on page 11.



Mulele Mwana Project, Lusaka Province



Winfred Musenga graduated from the Tailoring class of 2008. Initially, he worked for two tailoring shops, one at the Evet Fashion Designs at Arcades Shopping mall in Lusaka. “And that was my last place to be employed by someone!” Winfred said. He decided to go into business on his own.

“In April 2013, I started my own fashion shop with a domestic machine. After three months, I managed to buy another extra industrial and domestic over-locking machine. I started my business with a working capital of K3000, and my client orders rapidly increased. I decided to buy (4) extra machines. I later employed three workers so that they can help me,” said Musenga.

“I have passion towards tailoring and am willing to share my skills with the young ones or anyone who is fresh from school. The four workers I now have, three women and one man, are fresh from school.”

“I thank Zambia Orphans AID for the support that they have rendered to me. May my God pour showers of blessings on you all. Without you, I wouldn't have been where I am today. Thank you very much once again!”





Our Financial Support

In 2013, ZOA continued to build our partnership with the St John the Beloved Catholic Church, McLean, Virginia, through its St Peter Claver Society for African Orphans, while some individual St John parishioners who visited Zambia donated most generously, in particular to St. Anthony Children's Village. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Helping Hands continued to support ZOA US on a regular basis. 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.

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 Directors 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,



Organizational and Operational Structure

Zambia Orphans AID is an international organization with branches in the 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 branches 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. For example, ZOA US funded the tertiary education of five graduates from Angelina Tembo Girls School. 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 of Directors 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. Through 2013, the organization worked on restructuring with the aim of sustainability and growth. The initial focus was on strengthening the organization, developing terms of reference for each position and assigning responsibility and tasks to each Director. This should make the organization more efficient and respond more effectively to the anticipated growth.



Financial Report

January 1-December 31, 2013

Opening Balance as at Jan 1, 2013		\$37,181
<i>Income</i>		
Craft Sales	1,214	
Donations	6,470	
IMF Donations	1,749	
Membership Dues	50	
St. Johns Catholic Church	20,000	
World Bank Community Connections	62,667	
Total Income		\$92,150
<i>Operational Expenses</i>		
Total Expenses		(6,839)
		\$ 6,839
Net Operating Income		85,311
<i>Net Income (Loss)</i>		\$85,311
<i>Grants Awarded</i>		
Mulele Mwana Youth Skills Training Center	11,308	
St. Anthony's Children's Village	16,000	
Angelina Tembo Girls High School	9,066	
Taonga Community Home Based Care	8,560	
Ipusukilo Street Women Rehabilitation Project	5,756	
Mphanshya Orphan Farm	1,267	
Total Grants		(51,957)
Closing Balance as at December 31, 2013		\$33,354



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