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Dealing with COVID

While much of the world was experiencing the rapid spread of COVID-19 in 2020, Zambia was fortunate to have had very few cases. However, now that the winter season is in full swing, the number of COVID-19 infections is rising rapidly.

This rapid rise prompted the Government to close all primary and secondary schools in June, including the community schools supported by LUKA and our donors.

We are hopeful that the schools at Kanyama and Livingstone will be able to re-open soon. There is a need for additional masks and sanitary hand washing stations. LUKA is raising funds to assist with these needs. Please help if you are able.



Before the government shutdown schools, the students at Kanyama Community School were able to be protected with masks provided by the LUKA Foundation. The recent rise in COVID-19 infections has created a need for additional masks.



Sanitation workers from the Ministry of Health inspect the facilities at Maanu Mbwami Community School in Livingstone. These inspections are required in order to re-open the school.

Community Schools Update

MAANU MBWAMI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

LUKA Project Manager, Daison Mbewe, reports "the school has continued to maintain a garden which is helping in raising funds to sustain the institution. Though it is a small scale, they are able to raise some funds to help in the operations of the school. They have also employed a qualified Agriculture science teacher who is running the garden as well as teaching agriculture science to the pupils."

With your support, LUKA has been able to provide quarterly disbursements to assist with the needs of the students at Maanu Mbwami Community School.



The school has continued to plant vegetables to support the school as well as offer pupils a chance to learn agriculture practices.



These students would not have been able to attend school without the presence of the Maanu Mbwami Community School. They have been able to get an education with the support of donors from around the world. LUKA is thankful for your support.

LUKA IS NOW A REGISTERED NGO IN ZAMBIA!

Back in 2019, the entire LUKA board of directors were able to travel to Lusaka Zambia as part of a team from OKC First Church of the Nazarene. While in Lusaka, the board applied to be recognized as a non-government organization (NGO).

With the persistence of our Project Manager Daison Mbewe, LUKA was finally awarded an NGO certificate on March 16, 2021.



Certificate No.
DRNGO 101/ 1479/2021

Why is it important to be an NGO in Zambia?

Being recognized by the government of Zambia is an important step. It carries with it a level of trust and allows us to increase our efforts to help the impoverished people of Zambia.

KANYAMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Kanyama is a heavily populated area of Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia. It is a very impoverished area where there is a very high number of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). As you can imagine, most of the children that reside in Kanyama are not able to attend the government schools since those schools require tuition.

Pastor Benson Mweetwa saw this need many years ago and decided to start a community school to educate the children in his community. LUKA is privileged to partner with Pastor Benson and Kanyama Community School.

Your donations have enabled LUKA to disburse funds to Kanyama quarterly. This support makes a significant impact on these vulnerable children.



These students at Kanyama are eager to learn and are very attentive.

**IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WE
WILL HIGHLIGHT HOW LUKA HELPS
COLLEGE STUDENTS IN ZAMBIA
WITH TUITION ASSISTANCE.**



Pastor Benson will make room for any child that is in need. This generosity has led to the school being over enrolled. There is not enough space to accommodate all of the pupils.

The needs and how you can help

With the recent surge in COVID-19 infections in Zambia there is a high demand for masks, sanitation stations, and crisis kits for the students in the community schools. There is also an ongoing need to fund education materials and food for these students. For many of these students the only meal they receive is at school.

Many of you are already regular donors. We are extremely grateful for your partnership. Your automatic recurring gifts are the life blood of support for the community schools. If your recurring gift has expired, you can easily re-enable it through our website. If you have not set up a recurring gift, would you consider setting one up today? We have found that every donation, no matter how large or small, makes the most impact if it is given on a regular recurring basis.

Supporting Community Schools Monthly

The following monthly plans are available:

- The Essentials \$10 / month
- Big Dreams \$25 / month
- Transformational \$50 / month
- Visionary \$100 / month

Set up your recurring support for community schools in Zambia on our website at <https://lukafoundation.org>



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