

**CHAINDA CENTRE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN
AND WOMEN**

PROJECT PROFILE

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Chainda Centre for Underprivileged Children and Women is a non-profit making organisation established in the year 2000 and registered in Zambia under the Registrar of Societies. The project is run by a group of women and it is community based.

Chainda Compound is located East of Lusaka. It was born as a result of squatting. Later this area was upgraded from a squatter settlement into a compound. The area has inadequate water supply and poor sanitation.

Most of the people living in this area are domestic helpers, gardeners and labourers in the surrounding middle class homes and farms.

HIV/AIDS pandemic in Zambia continues to claim the lives of mothers and fathers leaving orphans in the care of their grandparents who have no source of income. Our main aim is to feed, cloth and educate the underprivileged children.

We are running a school. The children are enrolled from the age of 5. The school goes up to Grade 7. There are 150 children at the Centre, and 3 trained teachers.

We believe that one cannot send a hungry child to school. For this reason we introduced a feeding program. This runs from Mondays to Friday. On these days the children have breakfast of soya porridge or milk. For lunch they eat nshima (our staple maize meal thick porridge), cabbage, soya pieces, chicken or beef whenever its available.

We also look after 30 grandmothers to the children. They also come to our feeding program. On our premises we have classrooms, a kitchen, a library, an ablution block, a hummer mill where we grind our maize and a borehole where we get clean supply of water.

Currently we have support from a gentleman from the Netherlands who gives us K2, 100 per month. K500 out of this money is for one teacher. This support will come to an end in December because his wife who was a major fundraiser has fallen sick.

We also have support from UK from an organisation called Contesa who give K1, 900. Out of this money K500 is for another teacher.

This amount is not enough to feed 150 children and other running costs. From time to time we do our own fundraising by holding fetes and tea parties.

Success story

We have many boys and girls who have been through our school. They finished school and are now working and helping their siblings and grandparents.

A good example is Sharon Mtambo, she joined our school in 2001, we sent her to boarding school and she has completed her Teacher's Training Course. She decided to come back and teach at the same school which made her what she is.

We have also managed to reduce the levels of prostitution since the girl child is able to go to school.

The girl child is no longer forced into early marriage because she has food, clothing and can go to school. Children have been sensitized on the dangers of HIV and child abuse.

Challenges

Our government schools are not able to take on all the children. This is where we come in. We enrol these children into our school.

Government schools are free but the parents still need money to buy uniforms, shoes, books and school bags. These children's guardians are not able to pay for these things. That's why our school is one of those where they don't need to pay for anything.

When these children go to secondary school they have to pay school fees and this is another challenge. These children need sponsors in this area.

Feeding program

We would like to have more assistance with the feeding of children. Even to improve their diet. Another challenge is the Teacher's salaries.

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