

# Response Network Zambia

## Annual Report \_2020

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This report is a summary and update of RNZ activities.

### **Covid 19 / Socio-political Situation**

There are 15,549 cases reported in Zambia, out of which there so far we have had 345 deaths ( 114 direct Covid deaths and 222 associated deaths while 9 are unidentified). Out of the cumulative cases, 14,682 were total recoveries while 522 are current active cases.

Livingstone has remained safer with hardly any new cases being reported in the recent past. Schools have opened in full, following the opening of none examination classes on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Bars have also been opened but only from Friday to Sunday.

On the political scene, next year we shall have General elections and the mood is getting charged. The ruling party is intending to launch an inquiry into the privatization process. The opposition think its a way of incriminating Hakainde Hichilema of the UPND, the strongest opposition party so that he does not stand for the elections as he is a big threat to president Lungu.

Chishimba Kambwili who is a former Minister in the PF Government but now an opposition leader was jailed last week on allegations of forgery. This will deter him from standing as he may be in jail during elections if he losses his appeal.

Most citizens feel the PF is running a police state and intolerant to opposing views. The cost of living has skyrocketed more so because of Covid since borders are still closed with the neighboring countries.

### **Covid 19 measures at the office.**

Staff are still working up to 12:30 while in the afternoons staff are encouraged to work from home. We are strictly following the Health guidelines.

### **Tax Exemption Certificate**

The application is still with Ministry of Finance and have given ourselves as management deadline of up to end of March2021 to obtain the exemption. Meanwhile Toyota Gibrator are still in touch and ready to do business with us as soon as we are finalized with or without exemption.

### **Organizational Resource Mobilisation**

We missed out on the plot next to the Golf club as it has been taken up by somebody. We are revisiting the earlier proposal by Marriane to put up some accommodation quarters behind the office.

### **Program Activities**

#### **Village Sensitization/ Community Education**

This year and due to loss of the NAD funding which supported the village program, the program was supported with funds from Academic Work. The program therefore targeted 10 Academic Work supported community schools reaching out to 56 villages.

31 sensitisation meetings were conducted reaching out to 992 people (490f, 502 ) All the villages were sensitised on Covid 19 including traditional leaders. This was followed by capacity building for school committees on how to fund raise and extend the schools. This was coupled by motivation meetings for community clubs in the area on Income generating activities.

#### **Sports for Development**

Due to the Covid 19 situation, RN activities had to be realigned activities and focus on sensitizing communities on the pandemic. Some activities that would contravene the Institute of Zambia Public health guidelines had to be canceled/suspended. In view of the unanticipated break out of Covid 19, below are the key results based on the activities that were conducted;

we conducted awareness meetings on Covid 19 related gender based violence, HIV/AIDS and Covid-19 for sports Volunteers, coaches, village Headmen and sports administrators. As a result, 288(238m, 50f) participants were reached out. Sanitisation materials in form of face masks, buckets, soap, mentholated spirit and glycerin were distributed to the target communities. The communities were also trained in how to make home made alcohol Sanitisation liquid. This is affordable and easy to make especially for rural based communities.

11 teams have processed and acquired documentation for sports space facilities from the traditional leaders. This is against the target of 10 such facilities to be acquired. one sports project officer attended a meeting organized by the national Sports Council through which strategies were discussed on how teams can remain sound in the midst of Covid 19 pandemic and also strategies on how teams can train within the health guidelines. A coordination/Review meeting of 11(10m,1f) community based volunteers which included the outgoing YSEP Volunteers was conducted to enhance sustainability of sports activities and income generating activities..20 buckets and 60 hygiene materials were distributed to shops and market centers in the areas of Kasikili, Luyaba, Njabalombe, Siampondo, Musebela, Kanyanga and Sikalele in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and this resulted into people adhering to the government call of keeping good hygiene and proper sanitation. One volunteer who trained as a tailor under income generation was engaged by several communities to make face masks. He made good money out of this and this contributed to improved standard of living for his household and income generating club.

### **Community Schools Program.**

With support from Academic Work, 1 x 2Classroom block and teachers' house were constructed at Siapondo, two staff houses and one extension of a classroom block were also constructed in three community schools.

Since inception, RN has built 58 community Schools and 28 staff houses leading to about 12,000 pupils accessing primary education in the villages.

### **Sponsorship and Skills Training**

The sponsorship program currently has 611 pupils, 600 girls and 11 boys. All pupils are now in school. 7 girls are in tertiary institutions while 22 girls have been training in skills and 10 community members also were trained in skills.

### **Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Program**

This program supported by Norwegian Church Aid wound up on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The activities were implemented in 10 Schools and over 500 school going children were empowered with sexual reproductive health information. The linkages to access to reproductive health services were also strengthened especially for the rural girls.

Under the same program, NCA also supports the community schools project and this year a staff house at Simusunge is under construction and building materials were also delivered at Namasute and construction is on going.

### **Self Help groups/Zitukule Program**

Currently there are 129 SHGs which have been formed cumulatively with an average membership of 15 per group. 90% of these households are now affording at least two meals per day due to the impact of the save and borrow program. All the groups were sensitized on Covid 19 and are observing health guidelines. The program will be funded next year by Ekhaya.

### **Hope Project**

Based on the close out feed back from NOREC, the exchange program has in the meantime been close off. We wish to engage another partner probably from East Africa, Rwanda or Kenya but it will be after we have discussed with SMISO.

### **Youth Sport Exchange Program (YSEP)**

Due to the travel ban the exchange has been postponed until further notice due to Covid. Partner organisation are proposing internal exchange within countries.

### **Other Donors**

Its difficult to determine at the moment as this funding is dependent on individuals and its not clear how they have been affected by Covid 19.

### Students Placement Program.

This program has been suspended due to Covid 19.

### Advisory board in Zambia

We have identified potential members , the finalization of the final list has been halted due to Covid 19. Since the situation has improved we hope to have a board in place by March 2021.

### 2021 funding outlook

The below schedule shows confirmed funding for 2021

Donor	Type of Support	Currency	Amount	Rate	Total
Academic Work	Sponsorship	SEK	750,000	2	1,500,000
Academic Work	Community Schools	SEK	550,000	2	1,100,000
Academic Work	Community Education Prog	SEK	1,000,000	2	2,000,000
Academic Work	Skills Training	SEK	450,000	2	900,000
NIF	Sports Program	NOK	400,000	2	800,000
Judo	Judo	NOK	150,000	2	300,000
Zitukule	Save/Borrow	ZMW	100,000	1	100,000
Norwegian Church Aid	Girls Empowerment	NOK	-	0	-
NIF - Together Inclusive	Sports Disability	NOK	97,500	2	195,000

Total **6,895,000**