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Development Aid from People to People, (DAPP Zambia)

Our Vision is seeing a Zambia where people live equitably, free from poverty and injustice, with access to health and education in a nation that protects, and sustains its natural resources.

Our Mission is to create development in communities **together with the people** by sharing necessary skills, knowledge and tools to fight poverty, illiteracy and disease.

To achieve our vision and mission, we implement projects throughout Zambia that harness peoples' own power to work for their own sustainable development, creating positive change individually and collectively, as well as to build resilience and capacities.

We carry out projects within the following thematic areas: **Agriculture and Climate Change, Health, Education, Integrated Community Development and Enterprises** for income generation. **Human Rights, Gender and Environment** are cross cutting in all projects.



82

districts in all
10 provinces of Zambia



1.2 million

people reached in 2023



2,457

staff countrywide in 2023

Health

- Total Control of the HIV/TB Epidemics (TCE)
- ◆ Total Control of Tuberculosis (TCTB)
- ★ Towards Malaria Elimination
- ▲ HOPE Youth HIV Prevention
- Community Led Monitoring

- Children's Town
- Mkushi College of Education

Farmers' Clubs

 Clothes and Shoes Shop

- Child Aid Projects
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project
- Self-Help Group Approach
- Human Rights in Correctional Facilities

Managing Director's Welcome

Dear Reader,

I welcome you to the DAPP 2023 Progress Report, which reflects the work carried out by DAPP in Zambia. A combined total of 7,000 staff and volunteers are implementing Health, Agriculture and Climate Change, Education and Community Development projects, working together with over 1.2 million people who are members and participants in our projects across Zambia.

We are proud to contribute towards the global agenda to improve the living conditions of millions of people living in poverty and to support the fight against global epidemics such as HIV, TB and Malaria, as well as supporting children with education as a necessary foundation for a progressive adulthood.

Globally, 2023 will be remembered for breaking records, such as the hottest day ever recorded, the highest number of people ever displaced and a growing number of people living in poverty to mention, but a few.

In 2023, 659 million people, equivalent to 8.5% of the global population, were living in extreme poverty, while 333 million people were facing acute food insecurity. These vulnerabilities continue to rise because of climate change,

internal conflicts and wars.

Working towards our vision of seeing a Zambia free from poverty, we organise smallholder farmers in Farmers' Clubs, unleashing their potential to increase sustainable agriculture production, improve their ability to market their produce and support each other to increase resilience in the face of the growing concern of climate uncertainty.

Towards our vision to see a nation in which people have access to health, we are working in over 1,200 health facilities, providing community health services.

In an effort to improve education in rural areas, we train teachers with the heart, will and skills to teach where the need is most dire. We also provide skills to vulnerable youths, such as street kids, to level the playing field of opportunities for their individual and collective development.

DAPP works across all sectors of life, with multiple partners including government, international and national organizations, communities and individuals among others.

We want to thank you for contributing towards making positive changes and development in Zambia and in the world.



Elise Soerensen,
Managing Director, DAPP Zambia.



Agriculture and Climate Change

Our agriculture projects **bring rural, smallholder farmers together** to share experiences, lessons and knowledge to improve their agriculture production, increase their crop marketing and financial capacities to uplift their living standards, fight poverty and remain resilient in the wake of climate change.

Health

DAPP Zambia's Health projects **start with the people**, and not the disease. We believe that strengthening people's capacity to make right health decisions is the best foundation for individuals, families and communities to be proactive and work together to improve their own health.



Education

Our educational projects focus on delivering **life-long learning** initiatives that combine the best of vocational and academic training with sustainable life skills. The emphasis is on education that provides answers to today's challenges, such as job creation, education for all and the fight for climate change resilience for a sustainable future.

Integrated Community Development

DAPP Zambia, through various projects, places the **people at the driving seat of their sustainable development**. We bring people together in groups to identify local challenges and navigate their way together to find local, lasting solutions. This way, experiences gained collectively with time empower them to look for answers within, with the support of authorities.



Clothes and Shoes Project

Our Second Hand Clothes and Shoes Project supports our developmental projects with the people of Zambia, contributes to government's job creation agenda and promotes the quest to reduce carbon emissions from the textile industry by prolonging the lifespan of clothes and shoes in the wake of global warming.

Agriculture and Climate Change

Farmers' Club members in Chibombo inspect their tomato garden for pests, while they learn from each other.



Smallholder farmers play an important role in ensuring sustainable food systems locally, fighting hunger and malnutrition in their communities.

Agriculture and Climate Change Projects

Our approach to supporting sustainable agriculture and environment puts farmers and their families at the centre of all activities.

Most parts of Zambia are feeling the devastating impact of climate change, which threatens the food security and economic growth of millions of agriculture-dependent smallholder farmers. Yet, adaptation interventions are few due to limited funding from countries that bear the major responsibility for these calamities.

Throughout the years, DAPP has worked with;

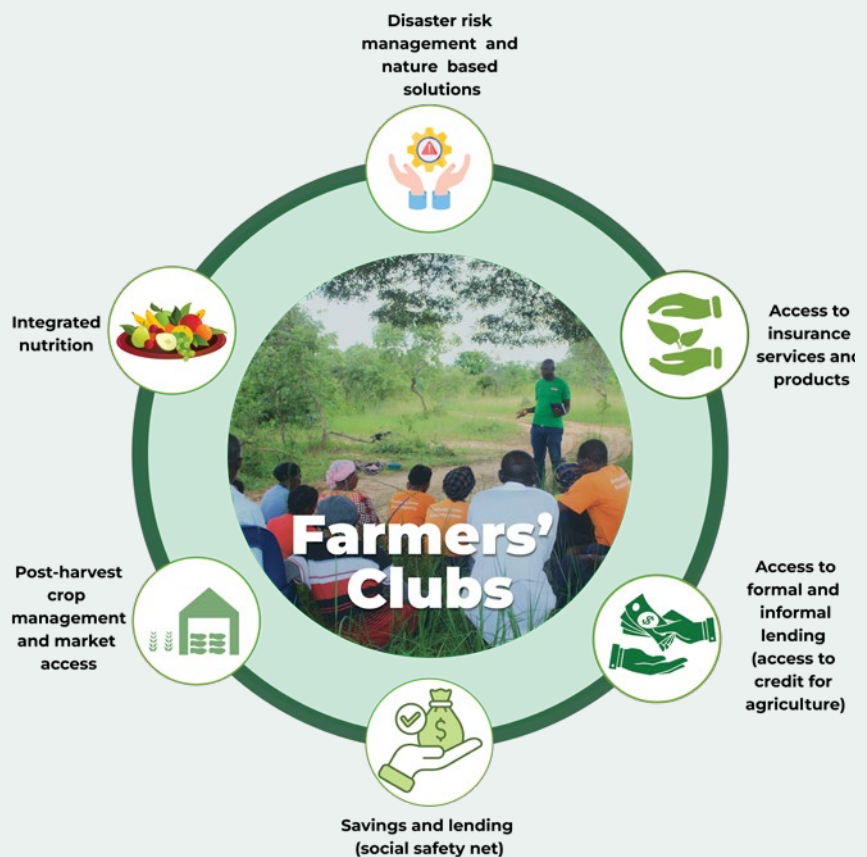
40,000

families to improve farming through Farmers' Clubs

120,000

families to improve farming through Village Action Groups

The Farmers' Clubs Model



In addition to climate change adaptation, there is an immense need for farmers to come together, to improve their marketing capacities and increase their financial muscle through internal savings and lending and access to credit from external financing.

For decades, DAPP has worked with rural farmers across Zambia to support their efforts to reduce poverty and increase resilience against climate shocks and hazards. Using initiatives such as Farmers' Clubs, Child Aid (integrated community development) among other agriculture projects, we remain unyielding in our aim to bring farmers — young and old,

together to improve knowledge sharing on agriculture production, marketing and finance to improve their resilience and adaptation.

We have also helped establish rural aggregation centers to ease farmers' access to markets and inputs. We have also established bio-diversity projects. Further, agriculture and climate change are cross cutting elements in most of our projects.

We work closely with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment as well as the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services.



Youths from Kanongobele Young Farmers' Club in Chibombo district's Solochi Village meet at Brian Walubita's house (far left) early in the morning to help him pack his harvest as part of their farmer-to-farmer support activities before heading to the market.

2023 Highlights: Agriculture and Climate Change

DAPP worked with over 30,000 small holder farmers to increase and diversify production, improve marketing and finance, improving rural resilience towards effects of Climate Change.

The Farmers' Clubs Project in Southern Province has continued to work with **10,393** rural farmers, focusing on diversifying crop production and improving marketing of crops. We trained **143 Micro-**

Aggregators who bought crops from farmers for further resale to commercial off-takers.

The Farmers' Service Centers in Southern Province scaled up their services throughout the year. By the end of the year, **72 centers** had serviced **19,760** farmers, providing agriculture inputs and marketing of crops, thus creating a ready market for rural farmers.

The Young Farmers' Clubs in Chibombo district of Central Province and Kalumbila district of Northwestern Province continued to support **750 young farmers** under the slogan "**Proud to be Rural**". This DAPP initiative, which started in 2016, has continued motivating passion and interest in young people to venture into agriculture to gain self-reliance. This in

turn contributes to youth job creation and reduces rural-urban migration of energetic youths who leave their homes in search of scarce white-collar jobs.

Additionally, the Climate Mitigation project in Monze worked with **60 Farmers' Clubs** to establish and demonstrate climate change mitigation methods, building on existing climate resilience best practices.

Key Partners: World Food Programme — WFP, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services and Humana People to People, (HPP) along with Private Sector partners.

Farmers' Clubs Projects

By working together in groups, sharing knowledge and experiences, rural farmers stand a better chance against challenges posed by climate change, limited access to crop markets and financing for their farming activities.

Our Farmers' Clubs serve as the foundation of our agricultural projects countrywide.

The farmers in the clubs, each comprising an average 50 members, support each other to learn, adapt to improved farming methods, carry out farmer to farmer support and start internal savings. They also engage with government and private sector players in the value chain, receive post harvest crop management training and are linked to microfinance and markets.



Look at me now! I am a proud, young rural farmer

"...Like many youths after completing school, I also wanted to leave my village to look for greener pastures in urban cities, but then I joined this Young Farmers' Club under DAPP and my mind changed completely," explains Brian Walubita in Chibombo district.

Walubita is the Secretary of Kanongobele Young Farmers' Club in Solochi Village.

"...At first, we received Groundnut seeds from DAPP, which we grew and passed on to fellow farmers. From one bag, some of our group members are harvesting up to 20 bags of groundnuts. We learnt about climate smart agriculture, hence we treat farming as a business. We plant early and diversify our farming. The Solar Pump from DAPP has also increased our vegetable garden for the club and we are supplying Lusaka, the Capital. Where I am, I harvested 400 x 50kilogrammes of maize. So far, I have been able to buy 10 Cows. I don't even think of leaving my village anymore," he explained.

In 2023, we worked with 10,393 farmers in 257 Farmers' Clubs in Pemba, Monze, Namwala and Gwembe of Southern Province. This is in addition to 750 youths in 30 Young Farmers' Clubs in Chibombo of Central Province and Kalumbila district, North Western Province. The farmers practiced conservation agriculture, diversifying their crop production for risk reduction and improved income.

Further, 10,548 farmers saved with 558 Savings Groups — accumulating a combined \$146,131 US Dollars. In addition, 224 savings groups received \$119,967.27 US Dollars worth of loans from external service providers, increasing their capacity to finance their agricultural activities individually ahead of the planting season.

"DAPP is one of our most active partners in supporting government efforts to diversify our economy using sustainable agricultural methods and improving our rural farmers' lives. There are many examples of their success in the district," Obey Habeenzu, Pemba District Commissioner.



Farmer Service Centres

Bringing markets closer through Farmer Service Centres, gives rural farmers a platform to access the market, learn crop marketing dynamics and improve their household incomes and livelihoods.

Rural farmers face challenges finding good markets for their crops and access to inputs during planting seasons. Long distances to markets, poor roads and limited knowledge of how markets work hinder rural farmers from fully benefitting off their work.

Our Farmer Service Centres are bridging this gap by bringing the market closer to farmers. Farmers with the required capacity were trained in the Market Access Model through the WFP

aggregation platform. These Farmer Service Centres serve as “one stop shops” for all the farmer’s needs. These centres are linked to input suppliers and get inputs — which they supply to farmers on flexible payment terms during the farming season. They also buy crops from farmers within the community for resale to offtakers.

“...nowadays, when I run out of seed while planting, I buy seed from our Farmer Service Centre and continue planting without losing much time and money going into town...”

Suzanne Muleya, Choma district.

Suzanne is one of 19,760 farmers who benefitted from 72 Farmer Service Centres established in Monze, Pemba and Choma districts of Southern Province in 2023. The farmers bought \$477,622 US Dollars worth of inputs from the centres — both through cash and the credit facility between July 2022 and June 2023, enabling them to secure inputs in good time for planting. The centres also bought crops worth \$142,273 US Dollars from farmers.



Working together unlocks opportunities for Choma and Namwala farmers

“The Saving for Change helped me to raise extra income and invest in expanding my farm production and business,” said Sibajene Sichaala, 49 – farmer and Crop Aggregator of Kaundula area in Namwala district of Southern Province.

She added; “after joining Kaundula Farmers’ Club. I started Saving with my fellow farmers and grew my savings from K5,000 to K14,446. With this money, I started buying crops and provided my fellow farmers a ready market after DAPP trained me as a Micro-aggregator. I now treat farming as a business.”

Elsewhere, Annette Mawawa’s Farmer Service Centre in rural Choma, is cutting down transport costs and time for farmers as they access inputs and crop markets closer to home.

“Our roads are very bad and town is far. When it rains, we are cut off from town. Nowadays, I buy seed from our Farmer Service Centre without losing much time and money going into town. It is easier to work with someone from our community who understands our needs,” said Suzanne Muleya of Choma.

Climate Change Mitigation

Climate change has shown its devastating impact on livelihoods. This global emergency, therefore, must be met with the urgency it deserves.

Monze in Southern Province and Chibombo in Central Province are among Zambia's many districts that have suffered massive deforestation, largely caused by charcoal production, as well as severe land degradation due to unsustainable farming methods leading to reduced agriculture production and resilience.

DAPP is integrating climate mitigation measures into the Farmers' Clubs in

Southern Province and the Young Farmers' Clubs in Chibombo. This includes the establishment of village nurseries, planting trees around homesteads and in the fields for Agro-forestry, as well as to reclaim degraded land.

Activities in 2023 included protection of the remaining vegetation, maintaining and improving soil fertility through the production and use of compost and Biochar, crop rotation, retaining crop residues, establishing of contours and more.

We further trained Stove Masons to construct firewood saving stoves to save energy, mitigate the cutting down of trees, reduce air pollution through smoke and cut down on the time used to collect firewood.

This is in addition to the promotion of the use of Bio Digesters and Solar Power as sources of energy.

2023 Agriculture and Climate Change Key Figures



11,143

Farmers organised in 287 Farmers' Clubs, as well as Young Farmers' Clubs



143

Micro-Aggregators trained in crop marketing



72

Farmer Service Centres



19,760

farmers sold 449.5 tonnes of crops to the Farmer Service Centres



61,153

Trees planted to restore vegetation in degraded lands



1,688

Firewood Stoves made by trained Stove Masons

Our Planet. Ours responsibility to protect...

Health

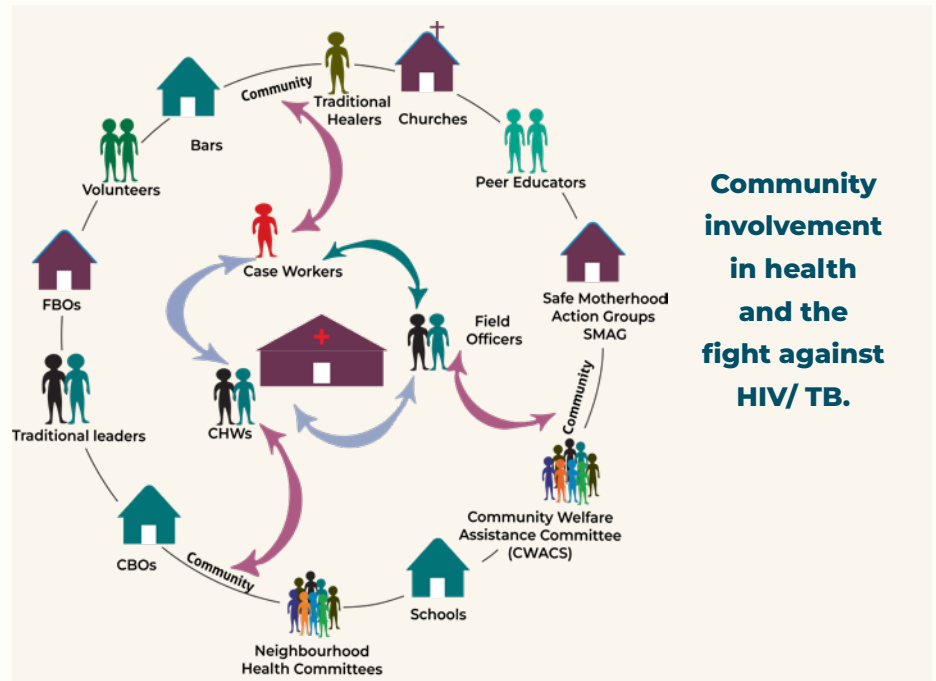
Peer Educator sensitising fellow youths about HIV prevention at Mtendere Clinic at the Youth Friendly Space.

A journey which began in 1990 has reached many millions of people in 33 years, saving lives and supporting people to live healthy lives.

DAPP Zambia's Health Projects

DAPP's Health projects build on people's active participation to gain control of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Covid-19, malnutrition and non-infectious diseases.

Our approach is community-centred. We organise, support and strengthen people's responsive capacities. It is people-to-people. We believe that starting with the people and not the disease, forms the foundation for communities to make the right choices to work together towards becoming and staying healthy. We, at the



Community involvement in health and the fight against HIV/ TB.

same time, keep an open mind to the most recent scientific and medical developments, both in terms of knowledge and access.

DAPP works closely with public health systems and strives to complement national health development strategies. We also collaborate with community leaders to bring people together, lead dialogue meetings and spearhead behavior change. Further, our passionate staff, volunteers and peer educators are drawn from the communities they serve, making it easier to work with the people to achieve long lasting health progress.

Our **Total Control of the HIV and TB Epidemics (TCE) Programme**, has since 2006 supported thousands of people to know their HIV/ TB statuses and to start lifesaving treatment to suppress their viral load. We work with over 1,000 Field Officers and volunteers linked to

more than 1,200 health facilities across Zambia to provide community health services. **The Sungani Bana Initiative** (support your child) under the TCE project focuses on individual Case Management to support HIV positive children.

The **Towards Malaria Eliminations Project** sensitized communities to seek early treatment for Malaria, prevent mosquito bites and reduce the number of mosquitoes in their areas.

Since 1996, our **HOPE Project** has been supporting people living with HIV. This approach mobilises voices against Gender Based Violence among other vices.

Maternal child health and nutrition are integrated in all of our DAPP projects such as the integrated community development projects under Child Aid.

In the fight against HIV Pandemic from 2006–2023



2,422,408

People reached with HIV/ TB prevention interventions



1,068,721

people tested for HIV



133,748

People tested positive for HIV



99,126

Treatment adherence support groups, Trios formed



Field Officer conducting

2023 Highlights: Health

DAPP scaled up its work in 2023 to contribute to ending HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria by 2030.

In October, we started carrying out the **Strengthening Department of Defence HIV Prevention program** in the Zambian Defence Force's camps nationwide as a community partner. With this project in our portfolio, we provided health services in 74 districts in all provinces.

We continued the **Total Control of the Epidemics (TCE) Programme** in all the 51 districts of Eastern, Lusaka, Southern and Western provinces with funding from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

DAPP provided technical support to the Ministry of Health in the same provinces

for the scaled up **Sungani Bana Initiative**. It is now operating in health facilities across 40 districts.

From May, we started supporting people with TB to screen and test their children and household members within Lusaka district and link those in need to care. DAPP also piloted a model for inmates in correctional facilities to take **Total Control of TB**. These two projects are funded by STOP TB Partnership.

The **Total Malaria Elimination project** in North Western Province was in the final year of its 3 years' duration. It was funded through the Churches Health Association of Zambia, (CHAZ) as part of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

We also carried out **Community Led Monitoring** which scaled up significantly in North Western province. This

was funded for the third year.

Child Health and Nutrition activities were also integrated into the Farmers' Clubs and Child Aid Projects in Southern, Central and North Western Provinces.

During the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), we published two abstracts to highlight our experiences and the unique design of our approaches, transforming people's lives.

Key Partners: Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services and Zambia, US Department of Defence, Global Fund through CHAZ, Stop TB Partnership, Child Welfare Fund and Humana People to People, (HPP).

Total Control of Tuberculosis (TC-TB)

Tuberculosis (TB) in children can be difficult to detect, and with every second that the health system struggles to find it, the child become more and more ill.

Tuberculosis (TB) is treatable, yet it was responsible for 5,300 deaths and close to 60,000 illness in Zambia in 2023. Most of TB deaths are linked to late diagnosis and treatment. DAPP has always integrated TB into the fight against HIV (see page 16).

Further, we have a dedicated approach — the **Total Control of TB (TCTB)** aimed at contributing towards ending TB by 2030 and ensuring no one is left behind, especially vulnerable populations such as inmates in correctional facilities and children.

The project works in Chawama, Matero and Chipata Compounds of Lusaka to

reduce TB cases and deaths among children. We are in communities finding children with TB or those who might have been exposed to TB. With funding from STOP TB Partnership, we helped upgrade radiology departments at Chawama and Chipata First Level Hospitals with two Digital X-Ray machines to improve TB detection for early treatment.

We trained nurses in the Under Five Clinics in TB screening and referral, while Community Health Workers visited TB household contacts. We also linked adults to TB treatment and continued fighting the harsh stigma that people with TB face in families, communities and at workplaces.

At Chipata and Katete Correctional Facilities in Eastern Province, our **TB in Correctional Facilities Programme** helps improve access to quality TB services for inmates, boosting TB screening, provision of care for inmates with TB and linking those at risk to TB prevention.

“When we came to the Katete Facility, only 2 people were diagnosed with TB. But after we supported the mass screening, we found 13 more inmates with TB and immediately linked them to treatment, provided them with nutritional support and established treatment adherence support groups,” recalls Project Leader, Praxedes Bukoko.



I am happy my grandchildren don't have TB anymore...

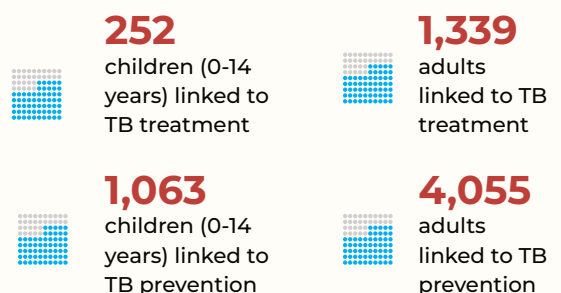
“For some time in 2023, I noticed my three grandchildren losing weight. One of the twins, aged 3 could not walk. Their older sibling, aged 5, was often ill. They had fever, were sweating at night and lost their appetite. I take care of the children when their mother is at work,” explains Ireen Chimumbwa of Mazyopa Compound in Lusaka district.

Two years earlier, Ireen had TB. She completed her treatment, but was unaware that she had exposed her grandchildren.

She explained; “After a while, a DAPP TB Officer working in our area advised that my entire family gets tested for TB and all three of my grandchildren tested positive. They were put on treatment and the rest of my family initiated TB prevention.”

“It has been over six months and I am now relieved that my grandchildren are well. The nutrition support that DAPP gives us helped the children to regain their weight and they are now playing with friends,” she adds.

2023 TCB KEY RESULTS



Total Control of the Epidemics, (TCE)

Total Control of the HIV/TB Epidemics builds on people's ability to decide and influence their own health outcomes. Communities must be provided with the knowledge and tools for them to fight HIV and TB.

Total Control of the HIV/TB Epidemics (TCE) is rooted in our motto; "Only the people can liberate themselves from the HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics". The success of our TCE program lies in the strong relationships that we build in the communities that we serve, our proven and tested methods and the passion of our well-trained staff and volunteers.

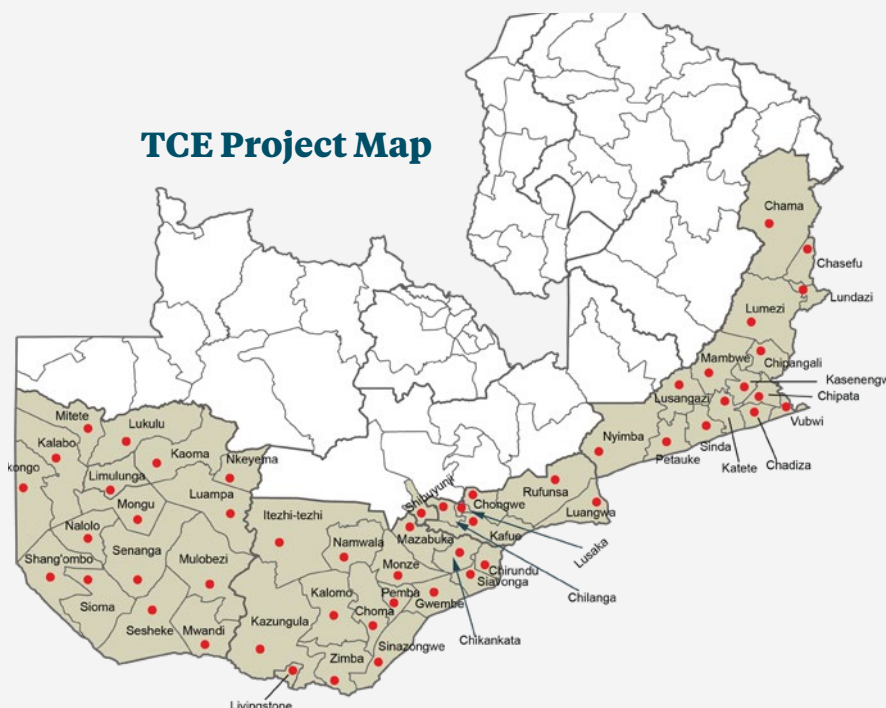
Our field staff are locals, known to people they support. They build community trust through engaging with local leaders and involving community members in identifying and choosing their solutions in the fight against HIV and TB.

We sensitise communities to play a key role in seeking medical services to know their own HIV/TB statuses. Thus, we help people to take their first and most important steps towards managing their health.

In 2023, TCE activities included; -

- Counselling and testing of sexual and social partners

TCE Project Map



of people living with HIV and assisting those newly diagnosed with HIV to start Anti-Retro Viral Treatment, (ART).

- Tracing and bringing back to care those who missed their ART refill appointments, as part of support for people living with HIV.
- Supporting those newly found with HIV/ TB and others in need, to form mini-treatment adherence groups (TRIOs) .
- Screening for TB and linking to TB treatment/ TB Preventive Therapy (TPT), especially for people living with HIV
- Linking women living with HIV to cervical cancer screening.

TCE helped people to access HIV prevention interventions including Condoms, Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC), Pre and Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP/PEP).

TCE 2023 RESULTS

278,679

People tested for HIV

28,381

People tested positive for HIV

28,343

Linked to HIV treatment (ART)

82,193

People brought back to care (treatment for HIV)

25,176

Small Treatment Adherence Support Groups (Trios) formed

131,227

Linked to TB Preventive Therapy (TPT)

Total Control of the Epidemics, (TCE)



“After finding out I had HIV in 2020, I was afraid of sharing my status. After I was counselled by a TCE Field Officer, I told my husband. The Field Officer later counselled us together and my husband too, got tested. He does not have HIV, but he is very supportive and is now on HIV prevention treatment (PrEP),” Clara Mweene, Monze district.



“In fighting against HIV and TB, we do not leave any one behind. In Correctional Facilities, we are creating a community of staff and inmates united to improve access to quality TB services, boosting TB screening for inmates upon admission, caring for persons with TB and supporting inmates at risk to access TB prevention,” Praxedes Bukoko, Project Leader, TB in Correctional Facilities—Katete district.



“I am passionate about sensitizing my fellow youths about HIV and how they can protect and care for themselves. At the Youth Friendly Spaces, young people are freer to discuss matters of sexuality and get answers to some of their burning questions. The knowledge we share makes us less vulnerable to contracting HIV because knowledge is power,” Grace Nkonjela, Peer Educator, Mtendere Health Facility.



I am taking control of HIV...

After completing her secondary school education in 2019, Mwansa Chileshe of Lusaka's Kanyama Compound succumbed to peer pressure and started frequenting bars and nightclubs.

“I was only 19 and used to live with my grandfather. Every time he was away at work, I sneaked out with my friends to drink alcohol. We also engaged in unprotected sex with different partners, both young and old, for money,” recalls Mwansa.

In 2023, Mwansa started experiencing frequent stomach pains, headaches, loss of weight and distressing rashes all over her body. In August, she tested positive for HIV.

“At first, I was afraid, but the DAPP Field Officer counselled me and helped me to form a Trio. My grandfather and my cousin are members of my Trio and they support me to take my treatment on time. I am free to discuss my health with them and this makes it easy for me to adhere to treatment,” she added.

Mwansa works closely with the DAPP TCE Field Officers to encourage the friends that she used to go out with and other peers to test for HIV.

“One of my friends also tested positive, while the others tested negative. My friend, like me, has started taking treatment. I encourage my other friends to use HIV prevention methods such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP),” she explains.

Sungani Bana Initiative

Sungani Bana, meaning, “Take Care of the Children” is a new innovative approach focusing on improving the health of HIV positive children and adolescents.

The Sungani Bana Initiative improves health outcomes amongst children and adolescents living with HIV, aged 0 to 19, through individualised, child-centered Case Management.

Our Case Workers visit these children and their caregivers monthly to provide treatment support such as appointment reminders, case conferencing, TB and nutrition status screening, disclosure counselling, family planning for adolescents in need, screening for Gender Based Violence (GBV) and linkage to other essential services. The Case Workers are extensively trained in Case Management

and inspired to build strong and trusting relationships with the children, adolescents and their caregivers.

Sungani Bana was developed and funded by CDC Zambia and DAPP has partnered with the Ministry of Health to implement the Initiative across Southern, Lusaka, Western and Eastern provinces.

As the Technical Assistance Partner, DAPP spearheads the design and standardisation of the Initiative and has supported its roll out since October 2022.



I had almost 4.5 million copies of HIV in my body! But now my HIV is undetectable...

“At the highest, my HIV viral load went close to 4.5-million copies in my blood. I was not taking my treatment accordingly. Sometimes, I did not have the means to get to the hospital to get my medicine. Hence, I struggled for many years with my health,” recalls Reagan Mwanza, now 19 of Eastern Province’s Chadiza district.

In 2023, Reagan was initiated on the Sungani Bana Initiative and paired with a Case Worker.

He added; “I received so much support. The case worker visited me regularly, helped me to form a treatment support group and now I take my treatment seriously. My viral load is undetectable.”



40

districts in Southern, Lusaka, Western and Eastern Provinces of Zambia



321

Health Facilities being covered in all the 40 districts.



8,241

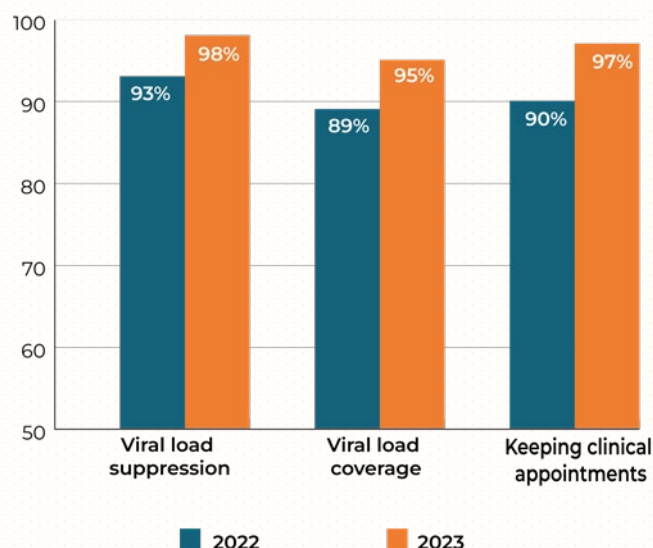
Children and Adolescents living with HIV



386

Case Workers working with families across the 40 districts.

Positive impact



Towards Malaria Elimination

Empowering communities: A holistic approach to Malaria prevention in North Western Province.

Although there have been strides in the fight against malaria, the disease is still a significant cause of sickness and death in Zambia with the Northern region recording the highest number of cases.

Between 2021 and 2023, DAPP — with funding from the Global Fund through the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ), carried out the Towards Malaria Elimination Project

in Kalumbila, Mwinilunga and Ikelenge districts of North Western Province.

“...the project was community driven using Malaria Action Groups. They were helped by Community Health Workers (CHWs) recruited by DAPP from the same communities,” says Project Leader, Fanwell Simataa — adding that allowing the community to take the lead in the fight is the only guarantee of sustaining any gains against Malaria.

Activities carried out in the fight against Malaria included;

- ▣ CHWs sensitising, testing and treating within communities, extending services to hard to reach places. We reached 150,568 people in the three districts with Malaria prevention, testing and treatment services between 2021 and 2023.
- ▣ Supporting people to establish more than 100 Malaria Action Groups to raise awareness and call for community actions for prevention. With the support of CHWs, communities were mobilised to slash grass, cover stagnant water points, hang up babies bed nets, and demonstrate how to burn leaves as mosquito repellants.

“The fight against malaria still needs more effort,” notes Simataa. “...farmers in this region usually move to fields far away from their homes during planting seasons. They don’t sleep under mosquito nets, exposing them to mosquito bites that cause malaria. Many families also can’t afford to buy bed nets or window screens”.

Dickson Mwewa, Malaria Elimination Officer in Kalumbila District Health Office stated; “I am happy that this people-centred approach to malaria prevention helped contribute towards overall behavioural change and the reduction in Malaria related illnesses and deaths in our district.”



Communities in North Western Province taking the lead in the fight against malaria...

“At six months pregnant, I started having a severe headache and pain in my lower waist. I did not know I had Malaria until my neighbor invited me to attend a community meeting at Muyashi organised by DAPP. I got tested and found that I had Malaria. I was immediately given medicine,” shared Rebecca Kasokota.

Rebecca is one of the community members who attended the mosquito net mounting demonstration, sensitisation and cleaning action at Muyashi, Kalumbila district.

The event was organised by the Muyashi Malaria Action Group with the support of the Community Health Workers who provide Malaria services within the community.

“...it is us who lose when we neglect the fight against Malaria. We end up spending huge sums of money on hospital bills. It is our duty to fight this disease. Sleep under a mosquito net, clean surroundings and complete treatment,” Melody Kangelesha — Subchief Shitonyi’s representative told the community members.

Education

Participatory learning builds confidence for problem solving. Learners, teachers and communities must all be active participants in the education process.



Teacher letting children interact with materials in their natural environment to aid effective learning at Children's Town school in Chibombo.

DAPP Zambia's Education Projects

Education is an equalizer and our institutions, along with various other projects we carry out outside of these institutions, support many marginalized children and those living in difficult conditions to have a chance of bettering their circumstances.

DAPP, has since inception 37 years ago, prioritised the education and training of children as well as adults with an aim of embracing lifelong learning.

Our educational activities have included the establishing of hundreds of rural community pre-schools, working together with the parents to promote early childhood development.

We have implemented primary education through in-service training of 2,321 teachers in 854 schools in 22 districts, and we improved infrastructure in over 200 Community Schools throughout Zambia

In 2012, DAPP opened



Mkushi College of Education to provide pre-service education for primary school teachers. The college seeks to mould youths to take up a devotion to serve in rural government schools with high quality and child centered teaching. Students further learn to engage in community work.

We train former street children in vocational skills. This is in addition to the two career pathway carried out in the DAPP Children's Town day school.

Training and education is a cross cutting element in all our development projects, such as supporting government's effort to provide vocational training in correctional facilities, courses conducted in Farmers' Clubs and Action Groups, in service training for staff, etcetera.

MAIN PROJECTS

- ▷ **Mkushi College of Education**
- ▷ **Children's Town Day School**
- ▷ **Children's Town Youth Academy** for former children on the move (street children)
- ▷ **Preschools** with focus on reception classes.
- ▷ **Primary Education** in community schools

Children's Town Youth Academy

Given equal opportunities, children on the move (street kids) are also capable of contributing positively to society.

Children's Town School supports government policy and efforts to remove children from the streets by providing them with an environment for growth, care and development through the Youth Academy initiative.

Working closely with the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, DAPP's Youth Academy initiative offers a 2-year Vocational Skills Training Programme targeting street children aged between 15 and 17 from the streets of Lusaka and Kabwe districts. We provide rehabilitation, vocation skills training and reintegrate the former street children as responsible members of society.

The programme comprises vocational skills in Tailoring and Designing, General Agriculture and Metal Fabrication. These skills are supplemented with literacy, numeracy and entrepreneurship training to ensure effective learning and subsequent practical application of their knowledge once reintegrated into society.

Eighteen students graduated from the skills training programmes in General Agriculture as well as Tailoring and Design in 2023. Additionally, 22 children started their journey towards a renewed life of purpose as new entrants at the centre. Each student receives individualised care management, including an assessment of their rehabilitation pathway and they choose their desired skill. Further, we initiate home tracing to prepare families for the reintegration processes.

Upon graduating, the students were given starter packs for them to start a production or business to earn livelihoods from the skills that they acquired from the project.



Former street kid, now certified tailor and designer

Emmanuel Kangwa clanks the pedal of his sewing machine to finish a piece of apparel for his client. In his eyes, razor sharp focus on each stitch, while his fingers nimbly guide the material along in a fine symmetrical manner.

The teenager of Lusaka's Kamanga Compound area is among 56 students, including former street kids that graduated from DAPP Children's Town after undergoing a 2-year Vocation Skills training. He did Tailoring, Cutting and Designing.

"DAPP gave me this sewing machine on our graduation. I now have a business which keeps me busy. Before my training, I did not stay at home. Nowadays, I would rather make a K20 from home sewing than going out to get into trouble on the streets. I don't want to be arrested again. Even if I don't have money today, I now have the patience to plan and work for it," said Emmanuel.

Five years earlier, this could have simply been a pipe-dream for this teenager. He used to scavenge on the streets of Lusaka, constantly high on toxic substances, especially the infamous, mind numbing drug called "Sticker or Glue."

"We no longer endure sleepless nights worrying about where he is sleeping at night. He is more respectful and responsible. He willingly contributes at home, like buying soap and some groceries. Not that he has to, but he helps. We support the tailoring business by advertising to friends," said Monica Zimba, Emmanuel's Auntie.

Pictures from Children's Town Youth Academy



Some students doing General Agriculture under the Youth Academy at Children's Town



Youth Academy 2023 Graduation Ceremony at Children's Town



A former student of Children's Town of Kabwe earning a living from the skills acquired in Metal Fabrication.



A former student of Children's Town of Kabwe earning a living from the tailoring skills acquired.

Children's Town Academic Education

Children from low-income households remain in learning poverty. Our school, with two career pathways, allows pupils to flourish in academic and vocational skills development.

The goal of this rural education project is to provide local, under-privileged children with a better chance to learn. The day school has over 500 pupils from Reception Class to Grade 10. The school is run based on the DAPP pedagogy.

The running of the school, library, animal and food production, including the maintenance of the school, involves all those who are there so that the pupils get the feel of many vocations beside the academic lessons. They thrive by function groups, teaching and visual materials, group work with assignments, afternoon Trio groups of three for help with home work, excursions, sports tournaments and other events where the cultural dance group and the steel band entertain.

From Grade 7 to 9, pupils decide which vocation to pursue in the two career pathway. They specialise in either general farming or modern chef with daily lessons, practise periods and community actions.

Four teachers from the DAPP Teacher's Network, comprising teachers who graduated from Mkushi College of Education are working at Children's Town. They serve as role model teachers to implement participatory and inclusive teaching and learning. The school runs the DAPP pedagogy. 14 out of the 19 teachers for primary and junior secondary school are deployed by Ministry of Education.

We believe universal access to education is important for the development of a country. Hence, we work to increase the number of teachers working in rural communities and support our female teachers who encourage girls to stay in school and finish their studies.

DAPP Teacher Training

Poor teacher retention in rural schools continues to deprive children in rural Zambia of their right to education. With the nation already facing a teacher deficit in rural areas, we need to adopt strategies that prepare teachers for service in rural areas — where the need is desperate.

DAPP, working with the Ministry of Education and in close cooperation with local authorities, runs Mkushi College of Education. This is “Another kind of College”, providing broad education to build attitudes, capacities, general knowledge and practical skills for students to be teaching

professionals who strive to ensure no child is left behind. We support people to develop the vision and capacity to contribute to their personal, community and national development.

Our pedagogical principles and approach to education creates a healthy environment for student teachers to be drivers and navigators of their own training. We deliberately prepare teachers for the reality of service out there. Preparing students for rural settings makes them better placed to serve anywhere.

Our training combines the best practical and theoretical lessons. Our students take part in running of the college through function groups like agriculture production, kitchen and sports. They study individually and collectively in Core Groups and Trios. The students also go on an educational trip. They do their teaching practice in rural schools to gain rural experiences.

DAPP also supports a network of graduate teachers, offering in service training and peer support to primary school teachers.



Our children now look forward to school everyday

“It was hard for our children to walk over 10 kilometres to go to school, only to find there is no teacher to teach them. Some teachers did not even stay for a full month before asking for transfers to an urban school. They were not motivated to stay here,” explains Ruth Mweetwa, a parent of a child learning at Milele Primary School in rural Mkushi district.

She added; “when we received teacher Mercy here, it was immediately clear she was here to stay. She actively participated in community mobilisation activities along with her administration to push for the construction of better teacher houses at our school.”

Mercy Sikota, a Graduate of Mkushi College of Education is among the over 30,000 teachers that government deployed in September 2022 to serve in various parts of the country. She was sent to serve at Milele primary school.

“These are the things I learnt at Mkushi College of Education. Because I learnt agriculture production as a skill at school, it was easy for me to work with the pupils to start our school’s first garden. We have planted trees and flowers around the school to promote climate change mitigation among the learners,” said Mercy.

She added; “the environment is the best teacher, so I often take materials in my natural environment to teach my students. This has been effective in delivering lessons with a lasting impact on my learners.”

Education programmes need to be inclusive, engaging and participatory in their methods, relevant and purposeful in their content and build knowledge, understanding and agency in the students to address 21st century challenges as an ultimate impact (UNESCO 2022)

DAPP Education Pedagogy



DAPP pedagogy has evolved with us since 1986, be it in schools or with field staff studying and families learning in development projects.

Student • Teacher • Core group

In all our education programmes, we start with the student and give them the core group. Here individual and group goals are discussed, targets set, new knowledge conquered, tears shed and laughter rolling. It is a social, educational, productive and emotional space — a safe haven for the individual student in times of demand and chaos, which are an unavoidable and necessary parts of growing with one's education. Here, students and teachers hone their skills in cooperation and co-living.

production of more knowledge. Action of change must always have knowledge and understanding as foundation — but at the same time, the very action of change deepens our understanding and thirst for more knowledge. It becomes clear that the core group, including the teacher — is indeed core, as production of knowledge is a collective affair and so are understanding and taking action.

Open Future • Living Life Living • Human Development • Happiness • Production • Planet Protection

In the outer circle there are indications of areas of life that thrive as a result of the two first circles. The circle format fits well with the content — when writing about it, inevitably one element will be mentioned before the other. But that is not how it works. Human development, production, living life living, planet protection, happiness and open future are all intertwined. This is also how our lives are — they are not in straight lines, not in orderly sequence, but in lively, dynamic and dialectic processes. And like this, education should serve us in our lives.

Knowledge • Understanding • Actions of Change

Next comes the trinity of collective production of knowledge, understanding reality and actions of change. Trinity, because it is not one after the other; it is the three of them together. They influence each other. When we produce knowledge, it leads to better understanding of reality. When we understand reality, it leads to

Integrated Community Development

In our Community Development projects, we work with individuals, families and communities to increase their welfare and resilience with focus on the children.

A community member in Kalumbila district using a Tippy Tap to wash her hands with soap to promote good hygiene.

Our Community Development Projects place people at the forefront of driving their own development agenda using readily available resources within their communities.

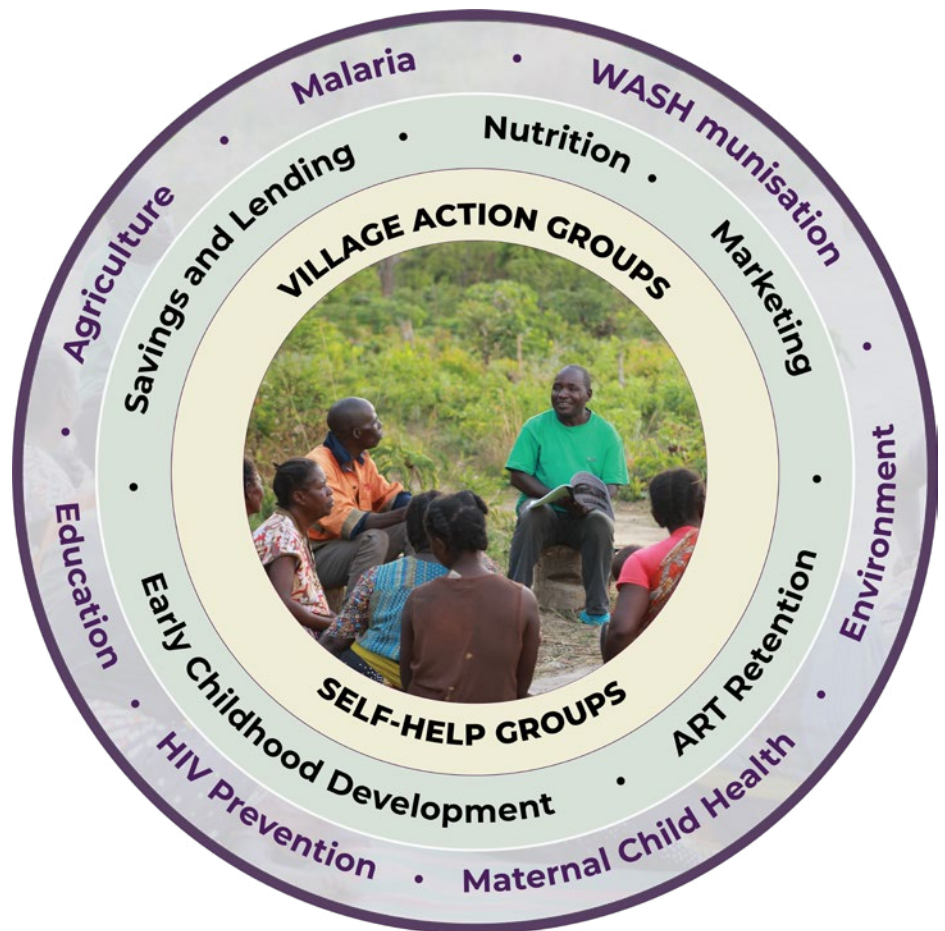
Established structures consisting of people with shared skills, knowledge, values and a shared vision within communities form the foundation of our Integrated Community Projects.

Community Action Groups, Self Help Groups and Youth Clubs are among the common structures through which we work with people to identify challenges and the matching, lasting solutions using resources within the community. ***We are people to people!***

Our Flagship Child Aid started in 1990 as a response to the UNICEF Report: The state of the World's Children which predicted that in the 1990s over 100 million children would die of preventable diseases while many more would grow up malnourished, unhealthy, unhappy and illiterate. From that time we have seen

DAPP Zambia's Community Development Projects

Our Community Development Model



significant improvements reducing the under five mortality rates in most countries, including Zambia.

DAPP Zambia has been part of these achievements through organizing thousands of families in Community Action Groups and other community structures to improve water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, food security, incomes, resilience, HIV care and prevention, maternal and child health and more.

Cross cutting in all the Community Development Projects are human rights,

gender equity and environment.

Throughout the years, DAPP has worked with;

180,000

families to improve their living conditions through Community Action Groups and Self Help Groups



Members of Longe Community Action Group in Kaoma district of Western Province in the OVC project sharing knowledge on improved nutrition through backyard gardening.

2023 Highlights: Community Development

We increased human rights awareness and self-reliance through effective community engagement

We worked with **36,521 vulnerable women organised in 2,054 Self-Help Groups** in four provinces. The women supported one another socially and economically, while the Cluster Level Associations took a leading role in community actions.

The Child Aid WASH project in North Western Province brought together **6,135 families working in 600 Village Action**

Groups to improve water, sanitation and hygiene behavior in households and communities including an element of self-supply that mobilised families to invest in improved WASH infrastructure .

In Western and Eastern Provinces, we carried out the **OVC Project** to improve health, welfare and living conditions of children and adolescents infected with or affected by HIV and to build resilience in their families.

In the spirit of leaving no one behind, our human rights project supported people in conflict with the law in rehabilitation and reintegration into society. We supported existing systems to equip inmates with skills and knowledge and established cooperatives for their economic activities to reduce reoffending.

We also worked with **1,500 young people** through the **Youth in Action project in Ndola**, focusing on harnessing their energy towards participating in community development as well as increasing their ability to sustain themselves through self employment.

The **Child Aid Kabwe Project** supported efforts to mitigate the effect of the toxic waste on children from former mining activities in the town.

Key Partners: Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, the Child Welfare Fund, Kindernothilfe, Sign of Hope and Humana People to People, HPP.

Child Aid WASH North Western Province

Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene is one of the determinants of community health, education and wellbeing.

The WASH project in Kalumbila, Mwinilunga and Kasempa districts of North Western Province improves the welfare of communities through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions. These activities address the huge water and sanitation challenges that lead to high incidences of waterborne diseases, resulting in increased under five child

mortality rates as well as school absenteeism.

In 2023, we focused on community response, denouncing open defecation, encouraging hand washing and improving sanitation infrastructure reaching 6,135 members.

Further, 11 water points were constructed and 39 repaired, leading to a reduction in women and children walking more than 30 minutes to fetch water from 82% to 7%. This resulted in more time being used for socio-economic activities, learning and parents spending more time with children.

The project promoted skills transfer of low cost technologies including Manual Drilling, Rope

Pumps and San-plates to local masons who produced and sold to interested households. Families increasingly embraced investment in improved water and sanitation facilities.

To increase sustainability, we continued to strengthening the 400 community change agents (WASH Champions), 150 Village Action Groups, 200 School Peer Educators, 100 Village-WASH Committees and 30 Area Pump Minders.



We no longer walk long distances to fetch water

Up until 2023, Dorcas Kanyembo and her family spent over two hours daily fetching water from a shallow well about a kilometer away.

The nearest water pump was over 5 kilometres away from their home in Sub Chief Kanyembo's area of Kalumbila, leaving the well as the closest and preferred choice.

"...many times, we would find dead frogs, slippers and other foreign objects in the well. The water was dirty and children often got diarrhoea, forcing us to spend a lot of time at the clinic. We also used a lot of time fetching water. The children would be tired when going to school," recalled Dorcas while pumping clean water from the newly installed hand pump.

DAPP working with the Community Action Group, with support from Sign of Hope, replaced the old shallow well with a water pump, giving locals access to water within walkable distances.

"Nowadays, diarrhoeal diseases have reduced because we have clean water at the pump, and we have learnt good hygiene, including safe water storage and use at our homes. It feels good to fetch water closer to our homes. As you can see, I am pregnant and pulling a bucket from the well would have been difficult for me," Dorcas said.

She added; "the borehole is ours and hence our responsibility to kept it well. We make small contributions meant for any repair of the water pump. We are happy to have a Pump Minder from our community trained to fix the pump."

“ ” *Assessment results show an increase in households accessing clean and safe drinking water from 63% in 2021 to 84% in 2023. For sanitation, latrines with handwashing facilities increased from 14% in 2021 to 87% in 2023, while families washing hands with soap rose from 14% to 84% in the project operation area within the same period.*

Orphans and Vulnerable Children, OVC Project

Sustaining treatment adherence and viral load suppression, especially in children is important to prevent further HIV infections and deaths among children and adolescents.

DAPP OVC project has worked with the health offices in five districts of Western Province since 2021 to improve the health and welfare of children living with and/or affected by HIV.

In October 2023, we extended the services to 3 districts of Eastern Province.

Our Case Workers are linked to health facilities and work in the communities using comprehensive family centred Case Management. They provide services tailored to the child's and

caregivers' needs. Family members are organised in Community Action Groups.

In 2023, we supported 32,844 children and adolescents to improve and sustain their health, education and protection. 5,339 of them were supported with educational materials, while 1,745 malnourished children got nutrition boosters.

The families in Action Groups supported each other, carried out community actions and learned together to increase care and support for their children and increase economic resilience through improved production, marketing and savings.

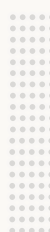
Further, 5,227 children and adolescents living with HIV were supported through monthly home visits from their assigned Case Workers. These interventions resulted in 98% viral load suppression among the children living with HIV.

2023 TCE OVC KEY RESULTS



32,844 children & adolescents enrolled of whom

5,227 were living with HIV



11,157 families members of organised in

1,745 Action Groups



I now understand the needs of my grandchild better...

Mary's father, Gershom (real name withheld) and mother divorced after he learnt that his wife had HIV. Unable to care for the child individually, they left the child in the village in custody of her grandmother, Grace.

"I had nobody to help me, as I felt uncomfortable sharing Mary's HIV status with anyone. At some point, her health got worse as she could not walk, had sores on her body and struggled to eat. Not knowing who to talk to about HIV was a big challenge," Mary's grandmother," Grace recalls.

However, becoming a member of the Bupilo Action Group under the DAPP Zambia's Orphaned and Vulnerable Children programme helped Grace find support and strength from other families facing the same situation.

"We meet twice every month to share experiences and learn from each other. We learn about the importance of viral load suppression, hygiene, preparing good meals and growing vegetables. I have confidence in taking care of my grandchild," said Grace, who is now the Coordinator of Bupilo Action Group.

"As an Action Group, we support each other. If one person faces a problem with their child, we put our heads together to address it. For example, if I have an emergency and need money, I can borrow from our Savings Group. That is the benefit of working together."

Human Rights in Correctional Facilities

Human rights for all can only be achieved when people in need are given tools, knowledge and support for them to take charge of their lives.

In 2023, we worked in two adult facilities (Kasama and Lwingu) and three Juvenile facilities (Nakambala, Insakwe and Katumbora) focusing on rehabilitation and reintegration through skills training and community outreach.

We also supported improved health for the inmates through water, sanitation and hygiene as well as TB and HIV activities. We engaged the facilities to improve gardening and advocated for good nutrition for inmates.



I am earning a living from the skills I got while incarcerated

"If you asked me over a year ago, I would never have imagined that I would be talking to you people today. When the judge sentenced me for the offense of theft by servant in Mansa in February 2022, I thought it was the end of the world for me. I was afraid I would forever be called a criminal," recalled Otridah.

Otridah is among thousands of inmates who has benefitted from DAPP Zambia's Human Rights in Correctional Facilities' project dubbed "Incarcerated Populations' Rights to a Productive Future is their Human Right."

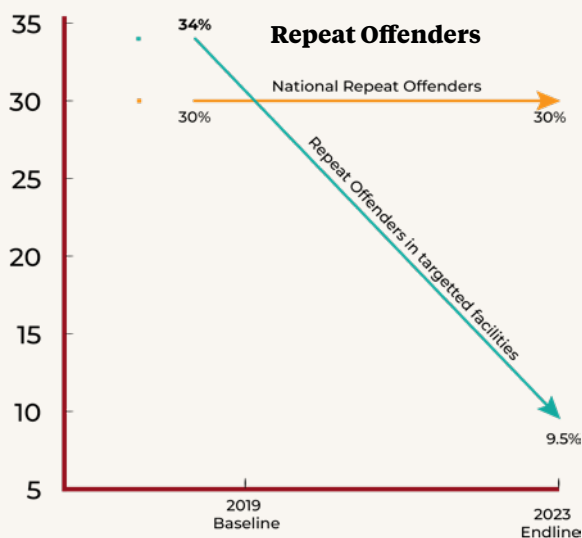
"...I am a qualified tailor and designer. I did not have this skill before. I learnt tailoring and designing inside the correctional facility with support from DAPP and now, I am earning money from tailoring in my community. I have engaged five youths who earn a living and who are also learning from me," narrated Otridah

According to Katelema Mapoma of MashMap Consulting Group, who carried out the final evaluation report "The project had a positive impact on the rehabilitation of inmates and juveniles in all the nine (9) facilities. The percentage of inmates released during the project making a living off the learnt skills one year after release surpassed the 60-percent target to 83-percent."

From 2019 to March 2023, DAPP in partnership with PANOS — with funding from the European Union (EU), carried out a project dubbed; "**Incarcerated Populations Rights to a Productive Future is their Human Right**" in 6 adult and 3 juvenile facilities reaching about 2,400 inmates each year.

The project improved systems for rehabilitative learning and pre-discharge preparations involving training, formation of peer support groups and family tracing to initiate reconciliation processes.

Reintegration facilitated social inclusion of former inmates. Community awareness against stigma and discrimination resulted in changed perception of ex-inmates by communities and families.



The graph shows the reduction in reoffending in targetted facilities compared to other correctional facilities between the baseline in 2019 and endline 2023.

Self-Help Groups Approach (SHGA)

Women, when they support each other, can unlock their potential and improve their living conditions and that of their children, while contributing to individual and social development.

Women and children remain the backbone and promise of a future of any functional society, limited only by the inequalities in access to opportunities, resources and skills for personal improvement.

DAPP has since July 2021 been coordinating the Self-Help Approach, working with thousands of women organised in Self-Help Groups across 21 districts of Southern, Eastern, Central and Lusaka Provinces.

The project, which is funded by Kindernothilfe, unlocks the potential of vulnerable women

to improve the welfare of their families and create change in their communities through working together to identify and address their social, political and economic challenges.

We are collaborating with 17 Promoting Organisations, out of which, we are sub-granting eight. These organisations are working directly with women in the communities.

The women in the Self-Help Groups (SHGs), continued to support one another to meet individual and family basic needs through internal savings and lending as well as provision of peer support among group members.

In 2023, we formed **277** new SHGs to increase the number of groups to **2,054** with a total membership of **36,521** women. The Cluster Level Associations, (CLAs) comprising two members from each SHG in a specific community increased to **124**. They carried out community actions and highlighted community challenges to push for lasting solutions. Further, representatives from the CLAs have formed **5** Federations.



"I am a single mother, but through the Self-Help Group I have increased my income and I'm able to support my children's education. Through the savings initiative, I am able to buy seed for my Sunflower field, which I sell for a profit," **Member of Tusole Self-Help Group in Monze.**



Chief Choongo commends Self Help Groups

"...I have seen the positive change among women working together in my chieftdom. Women are actively participating in the affairs of the family and community. They used to be intimidated to participate due to lack of resources. But now they are rising to the occasion through this initiative and are also taking part in decision making. Through the power of them working together they make a great impact in the community," said Chief Choongo of Monze district in Southern Province.

Reducing the Impact of Lead Contamination in Kabwe

Child Aid Kabwe works on increasing awareness about the danger of lead pollution and mobilising communities to take actions to reduce the effects of the contamination with a focus on children.

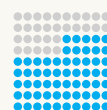
Kabwe is one of the most polluted towns in the world, with lead contamination of up to 15 times higher than recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a result of mining operations decades ago. Children are especially vulnerable to the contamination with many suffering mentally and physically.

Through the Child Aid Project, we sensitised communities to reduce dust in their homes and communities through producing and planting tree seedlings as well as reducing the children's contact

with dust and soil.

We further supported 288 children affected by lead contamination through home based care. 120 of these children received a 3 months nutrition booster pack.

Key Figures in 2023



1,269
families supported



22,823
tree seedlings
produced and planted

Unleashing Youths' Power to create Change

The Youth in Action in Ndola works in 3 townships, providing a platform for youths to come together and share their experiences, ideas as well as channel their energy in a productive and positive manner.

The project, which started in 2019, has contributed to significant changes for adolescents and youths in the targeted communities through community awareness campaigns carried out by their peers through the 85 Youth in Action Groups.

The members of the clubs have also received capacity building to start their own income generation activities, with 561 successfully engaged.

Activities carried out in 2023 by the Youth in Action included sports events and tree planting campaigns aimed at spearheading positive change.



PHOTO: A tussle for the ball during the 2023 Youth in Action Sports Gala in Ndola

Key Figures in 2023



2,208
Youths enrolled



85
Active Youth Clubs

Second Hand Clothes and Shoes Project



Thousands of traders buy clothes and shoes from DAPP Shops for resale to earn a living and improve their livelihoods.

DAPP's Second Hand Clothes and Shoes

Our Second-hand Clothes and Shoes Project supports efforts towards job creation, contributing towards efforts to mitigate climate change effects and raise funds to support DAPP's development projects across Zambia.

For 37 years, DAPP has been the source of affordable, decent and high quality clothes and shoes for Zambians from all walks of life, currently serving over 2 million Zambians.

Our Clothes and Shoes Project provides direct employment to hundreds of young people working in the 38 DAPP Shops in 26 districts across all 10 provinces of Zambia.

The project has also opened opportunities for thousands of women and men who buy clothes and shoes for resale, creating indirect jobs that sustain and uplift their living conditions.

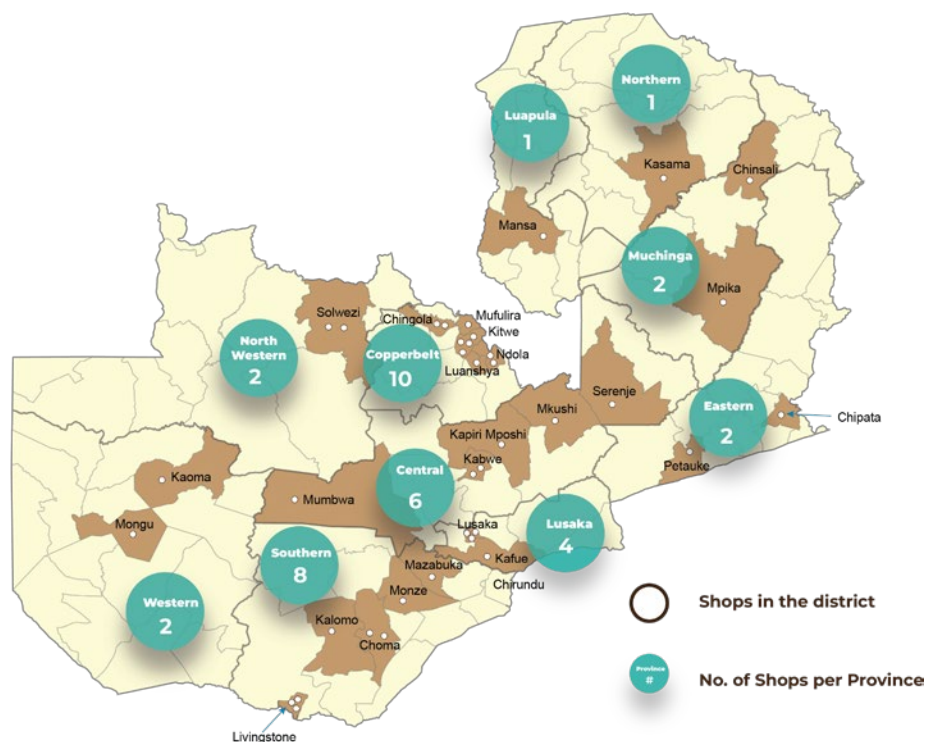
The textile industry globally is responsible for up to 10% of carbon emissions and 20% of global water pollution. The industry is also one of the major



consumers of water. Therefore, prolonging the lifespan of clothes and shoes, slows the demand for new ones, thereby contributing to local and global efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change caused by the industry.

Further, clothes that are not sold in our shops at the end of

the two weeks' sales cycle do not go to waste. They are, instead, given to DAPP development groups for income generation. These groups decide what to do with the clothes, including reselling the good ones. The rugs are recycled into new products such as doormats, mattress covers and bedspreads.





2023 Highlights: DAPP Clothes and Shoes

The DAPP Second Hand Clothes and Shoes system is a people to people system.

In 2023, we continued our unyielding determination to mobilise resources to undertake invaluable development works in Zambia, complementing government's private sector-led job creation policies and contributing towards efforts to mitigate the effects of global warming through our Clothes and Shoes Project.

In our efforts to continue reaching more people with affordable, high quality clothes and shoes, we launched two new shops in Petauke and Chipata districts of Eastern Province, increasing the number of shops countrywide to 38. Ultimately, our team of passionate, fashion-enthusiastic staff working in the DAPP Shops countrywide increased to 580 in 2023, compared to 510 in 2022.

To enhance our customer experience and

ensure the best service delivery in the 38 Shops, we conducted quarterly capacity building meetings for all Shop Managers, their assistants and senior sales assistants.

We sold 3,711 tons of clothes and shoes in 2023, an increase of 353-tons compared to 3,358-tons sold in 2022.

Using the Two Weeks' Cycle Sales System, we continue to provide an opportunity for everyone to buy their clothes at their convenient time and budget. This cycle entails that we reduce the price of our clothes and shoes on a daily basis for fourteen days. Our team has alternated the sales cycle for districts with more than one shop across Zambia so that customers can have a wide range of choices and improve efficiency.

Meanwhile, we supported 10 projects across the country with 21,800 kilogrammes of clothes and 60 kilogrammes of shoes that were not sold at the end of the cycle, reaching over 80 different clubs within DAPP projects for income generating activities.

DAPP's Second Hand Clothes and Shoes



"I feel good when people can afford good, decent clothes at their convenient time from our shops, regardless of their financial status. I am happy to help also because others are able to resell and earn an income from the same," Jennipher Kabuswe works at Chachacha DAPP Shop.



I USED TO DO LAUNDRY FOR OTHERS, NOW I SELL CLOTHES FOR A LIVING

"Before 2020, I used to do pieces of work such as laundry for people to sustain my family. We are 10 altogether. It was always a struggle to take my children to school and provide for my family," recalled Natalia Phiri, 34 of Marapodi Compound as she sorted through some clothes from Chachacha DAPP Shop in Lusaka.

It is closeout sales at the end of the two weeks' cycle and Natalia – like many other traders buying for resale is getting her clothes for as low as K10 per piece this Thursday, 29 February 2024. This is the thriving business that has sustained the mother of four and her family since 2020.

"It was in October I remember. I got paid a K50 from one of the families I washed clothes for. I then decided to buy clothes from DAPP for resale. At the shop where I first bought my clothes, it was at the end of the cycle and each piece cost me K3. I sold the clothes to my neighbours and I earned K100." she added.

That October decision marked the beginning of her journey into reselling clothes. Her capital has since grown from K50 to K6,000 over 3 years later and she does not plan to stop.

"This business has been life changing. I make a profit of up-to K2,500 per month. Together with friends doing the same business, we started a Savings Group, which helps to grow our income and save money for unforeseen expenses," explained Natalia.



"Durable, affordable, good quality and knowing that the money I spend here goes to support developmental projects. These are some of the reasons why I keep coming back to DAPP to buy my clothes and shoes," Melvin Mweemba, Chilanga.

Humana People to People, HPP

We are a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People (HPP) Movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.

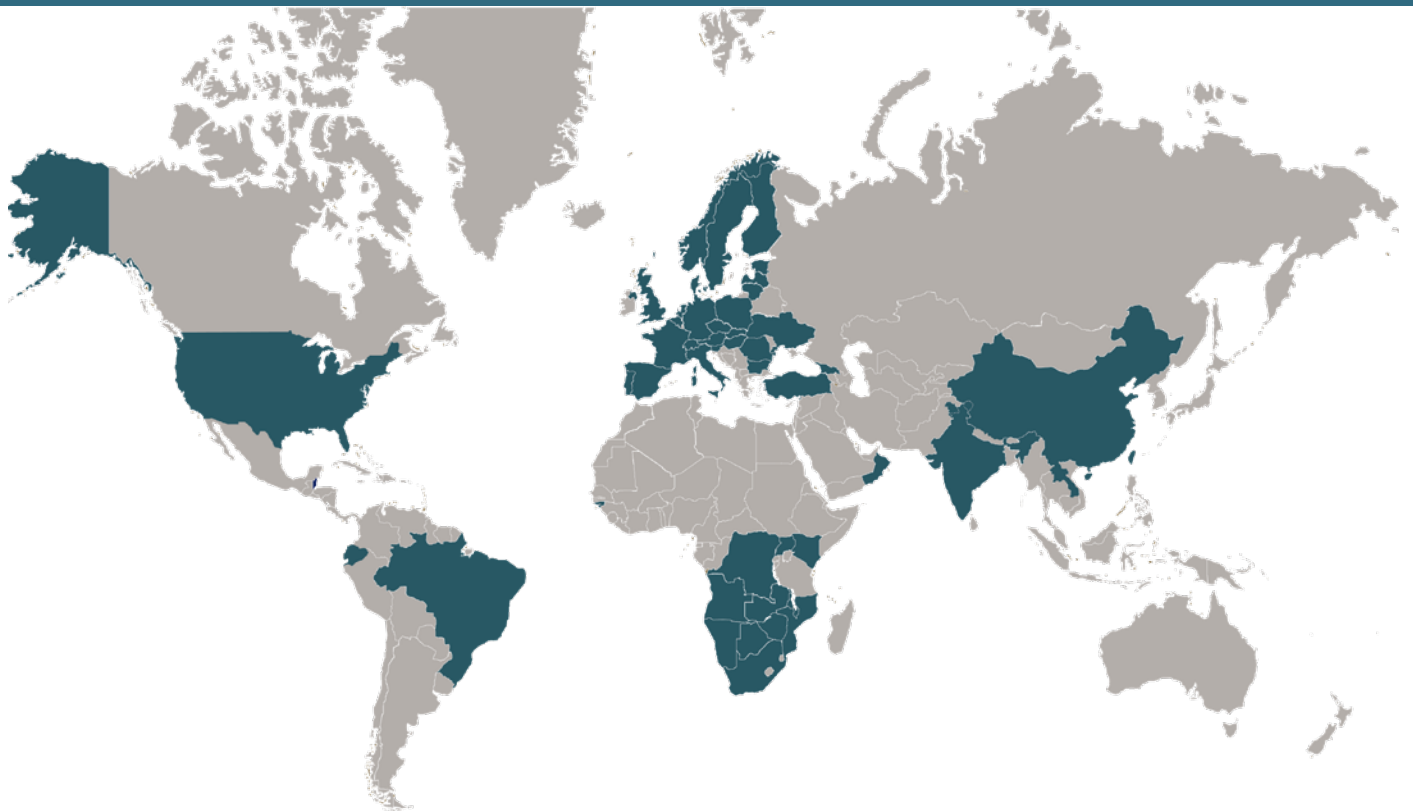
Our common agenda is to protect

the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The Federation supports its members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. This support includes programme development, project

management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Together with the people in the communities and numerous partners, HPP continues to stand by member organisations as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.



Governance and Networking

Our work, as a community partner, relies heavily on sound relationships and networks of like-minded, local, international and government agencies, working to find sustainable and tangible solutions to today's challenges.

DAPP has over time evolved and gained competitive edge in implementing projects funded by diverse cooperating partners. It has excellent systems, policies and procedures that ensure value for money through transparent and accountability measures in project implementation and use of partner funds and resources. In 2023, we worked with 13 cooperating partners supporting different sizes of projects across the key thematic areas.

DAPP follows internationally recognized finance and procurement management procedures. DAPP is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of all projects in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This responsibility includes maintaining the integrity and objectivity of financial records, protection of the association's assets, and compliance with donor requirements.

Partners Subgranted

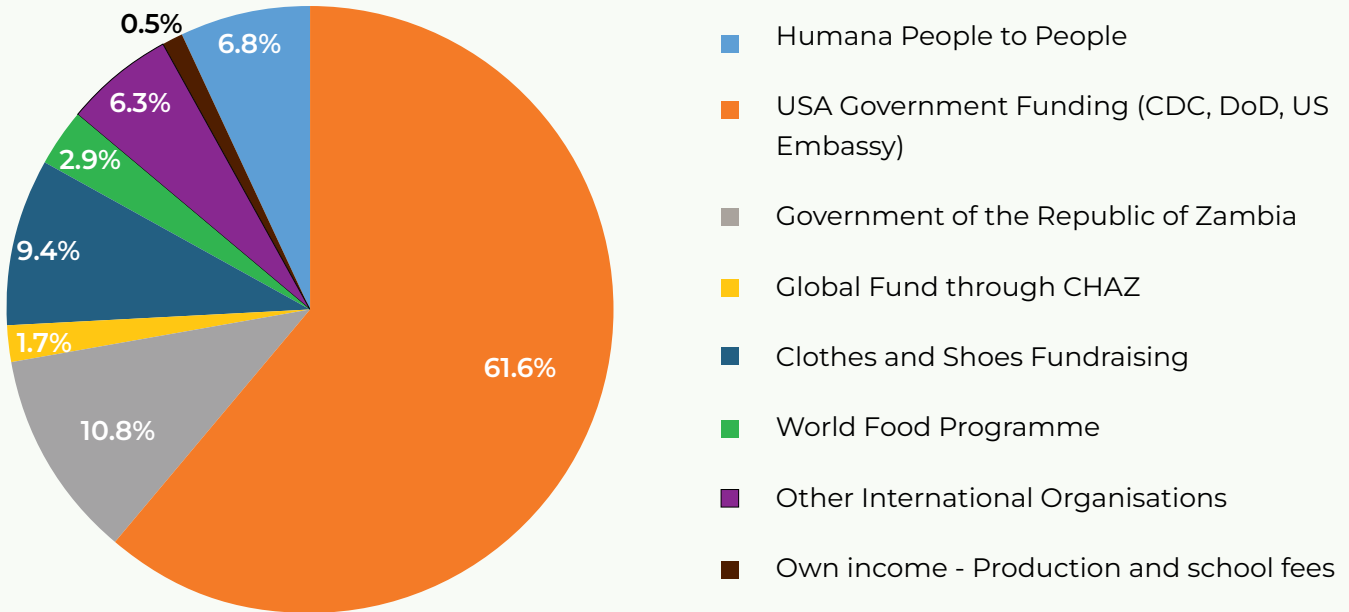
- ▣ **Young Women's Christian Association, (YWCA)** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Kasama
- ▣ **Kawama Widows and Orphans Project** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Ndola
- ▣ **Sala Future Hope Centre** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Shibuyunji
- ▣ **Youth Alive Zambia** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Solwezi
- ▣ **Sesha Life Savers Organisation** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Senanga
- ▣ **Adolescent Reproductive Health Advocates, (ARHA)** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Mongu
- ▣ **Buyantanshi Women's Support Club** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Mufulira
- ▣ **Ibenga Area Gender Association** - Hope Youth HIV Prevention, Mpongwe
- ▣ **Community Oriented Development Program (CODEP)** - Self Help Group Approach, Kasenengwa, Mambwe & Sinda
- ▣ **Kachere Development Program-KDP** - Self Help Group Approach, Chipata and Chipangali
- ▣ **Hope of Africa International (HOFAI)** - Self Help Group Approach, Chilanga
- ▣ **Chikondi Foundation** - Self Help Group Approach, Rufunsa
- ▣ **Response Network** - Self Help Group Approach,imba
- ▣ **Ndekeleni Development Foundation** - Self Help Group Approach, Monze
- ▣ **Monze District Development Women Association** - Self Help Group Approach, Monze
- ▣ **Tubombelepamo PMTCT** - Self Help Group Approach, Kapiri Mposhi



Accountability

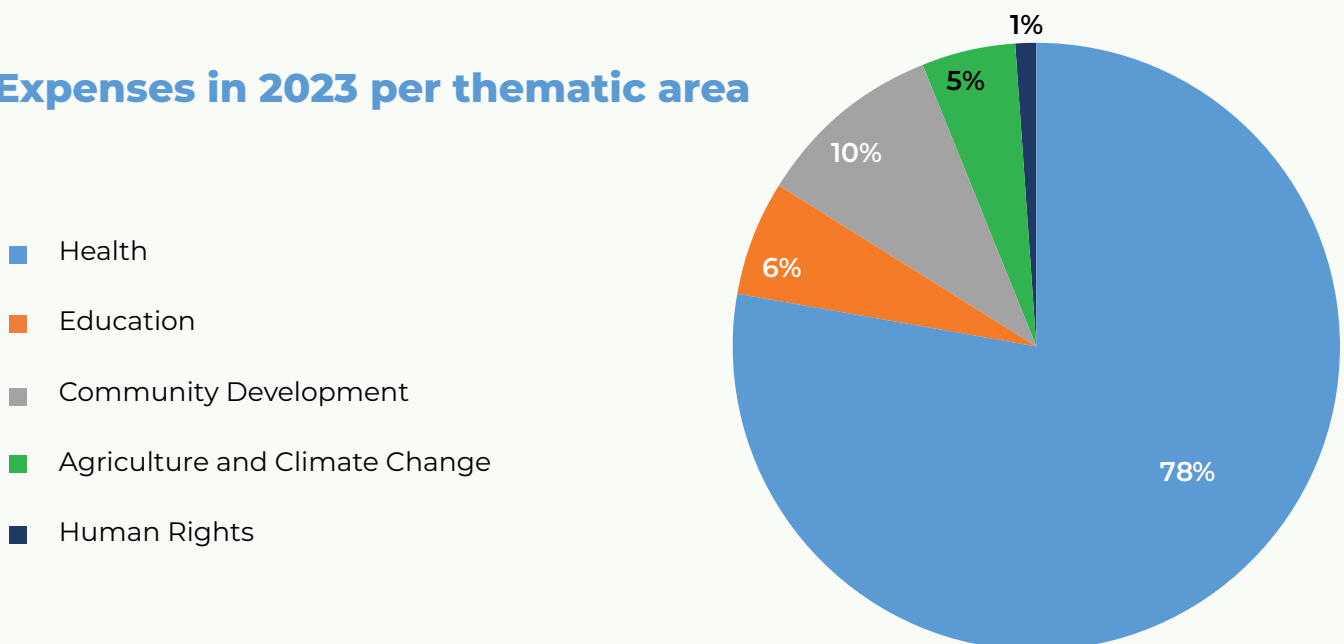
Income raised through development partnerships constituted the majority of our total income, while other income was from the Government of Zambia, from the sale of second-hand clothes and a smaller amount was raised in the projects through productions and school fees.

Income sources in 2023



In 2023, DAPP Zambia spent approximately 293 million Kwacha (US\$14.5 million) on health, education, community development, agriculture and climate change adaptation, as well as Human Rights projects.

Expenses in 2023 per thematic area



Partnerships

Our partners play a vital role in the work we do. They provide symbiotic relationships that help projects prosper. While a partner provides the necessary funding for a project, we provide the ideas, energy, experience and resources to make things happen, with tried and trusted project concepts and processes.

DAPP Zambia is very grateful to all the partners for their commitment and drive to make our communities the best places to live in.

DAPP 2023 main funding partners



Private Partnerships



DAPP Zambia works to support Zambia achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



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