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DAPP is a friend that stays, PS Kawandami

...as she officially launches DAPP Zambia 2024 Progress Report in Lusaka

The government has commended Development Aid from People to People in Zambia (DAPP) for implementing sustainable, community-driven projects that align with national development.

"...DAPP has demonstrated that development is only effective and sustainable when carried out by the people, and not merely for them. With almost 40 years of working in Zambia, DAPP is a consistent and dependable partner that prioritises long-term impact over short-term relief. This commitment to lasting change is what sets DAPP apart," said Ministry of Community Development and Social Services Permanent Secretary, Ms. Angela Kawandami.

She explained DAPP's



(L to R) DAPP MD, Elise Soerensen, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services PS, Angela Kawandami and DAPP Negotiations Officer, Jabez Kanyanda at the 2024 DAPP Progress Report launch in Lusaka on 7 May 2025

partnership with her ministry to support the fight to end streetism.

"...the ministry's efforts are complemented by the incredible work DAPP Zambia is doing to support children who once lived on the streets. Through the Children's Town Youth Academy, these young

lives are being transformed from vulnerability to empowerment through rehabilitation, skills training, and reintegration into their communities," she added

Ms. Kawandami said this when she graced the launch of the 2024 DAPP Progress Report on 7 May 2025.

DAPP Zambia



86

districts in all
10 provinces of Zambia



1.1

million
people reached in 2024



2,457

staff countrywide in 2024

Together: Triumphant against TB in children



DAPP TCTB Field Officer interacts with Emely Tembo and her daughter during a support visit at their Matero home in Lusaka.

"I was hesitant at first when DAPP Field Officers visited me to offer a TB test for my ailing daughter. I always thought only adults who smoke were vulnerable to TB. Her health worsened, and she lost weight. The Field Officers persisted and shared information on TB. When they took a sample, she tested positive and was immediately linked to treatment. They then gave us nutritional support and even helped us start a backyard garden to aid in her recovery. Today, my daughter is TB-free, and I'm passionate about teaching others in my community about TB..." - **Emely Tembo (right), Lusaka (Matero)**

Over 73,000 people brought back to HIV care

As part of efforts to contribute to HIV and TB epidemic control, DAPP Zambia traced over 73,422 people that had interrupted their HIV treatment and helped them to restart treatment in 2024.

Through DAPP Total Control of the HIV and TB, TCE project, 26,359 people tested positive for HIV and 26,095 started treatment.

"Identifying people living with HIV who do not know their status is very important in achieving epidemic control. People can only suppress HIV viral load in their bodies when they know their

status and start treatment. This reduces chances of infecting others," said DAPP Partnerships Director, Anne Dorte Hoejrup in an interview.

To support treatment adherence, the project helps people on HIV treatment to form trios.

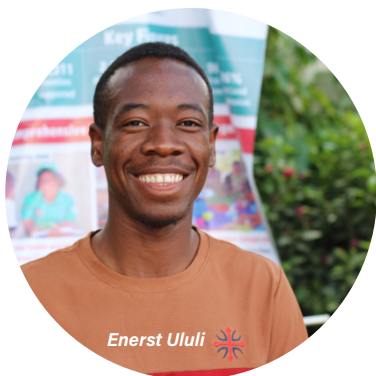
"A trio is a group of three people. One newly diagnosed with HIV and two buddies who care and support them on their journey on treatment. We helped form 24,611 trios, which have been effective because of being able to disclose to people they trust and support from buddies," she added.

Anne Dorte disclosed that the TCE project is working in 1,425 health facilities in all districts of Lusaka, Southern, Western and Eastern provinces of Zambia as well as all 60

camps under the Zambia Defense Force. The project is working with over 2,550 Field Officers drawn from the communities they serve.



DAPP TCE Field Officer visits a discordant couple in Petauke district to help form a treatment adherence support group called trio



Ernest Ululi

I now support friends who struggle taking HIV treatment...

"I used to wonder why my mother gave me treatment every day. As I grew older, she explained that the daily treatment keeps me healthy and strong—just like any life-saving medicine for other illnesses.

"For extra support, I was introduced to other children living with HIV through Teen Clubs, where I learned more about HIV. A DAPP case worker visited us every month and helped us form a trio. Since then, I've embraced my treatment and now encourage my friends who struggle with it," said Ernest Ululi of Mongu District.



Mweemba Malambo

These days I avoid trouble, I just focus on farming

"At 15, I was arrested for theft and sent to Nakambala Child Approved Centre, where I learned farming. A year later, I was discharged with a sprayer, garden seeds and a K566 earned from my garden. I started my own garden and diversified into goat and chicken rearing. Today, I avoid bad influences and focus on farming," said Chilala Lweendo of Monze District.

"We have all seen his transformation. He has gained the skills and discipline to stay on the right path and is now supporting our family," said his mother, Mweemba Malambo.

Climate-smart agriculture pays off for farmers

...DAPP supports over 46,000 rural farmers to build resilience amidst climate-related shocks

For Brenda Chimuka in Namwala's Ndema B Camp in Southern province, her seasonal agriculture activities just used to bring in money once in a year—during the marketing season.

"Our farming was limited to the rainy season. We did not even have enough to sell after harvesting. Life was hard. But after DAPP trained us in climate-smart agriculture, we diversify our crops. Off-season, we focus on gardening to continue earning an income even after the crop marketing season," explained Brenda.

Farming is a fulltime business now for Brenda.

"I am active all year round. I prepare my land early. Ripping promotes minimum tillage and soild disturbance which saves me time to focus on other agricultural activities. Ripping also keeps moisture in the soil longer so my crops do not die quickly



Farmers are diversifying from maize to other forms of agricultural production including horticulture and livestock...

even during prolonged dry spells," she added.

Brenda is now managing to raise money for farming inputs from her savings and lending group. She saves and borrows from her group, enabling her to access credit within her own community.

Meanwhile, DAPP Managing Director, Elise Soerensen, during the launch of the 2024 DAPP

Progress Report, disclosed that in 2024, DAPP supported 46,643 farmers in 529 Farmers' Clubs to improve production and build resilience against climate change.

"Unlike surrendering to climate misfortune, the farmers are diversifying not only to more types of crops, but they are also increasing irrigated

horticulture and small livestock management. They are increasingly using sustainable farming methods. The farmers are further involved in climate mitigation measures and started the restoration of 67 hectares of depleted land, built 948 firewood-saving stoves, and turned to regenerative farming," she said.

YOUNG FARMER DIVERSIFIES INCOME SOURCES...



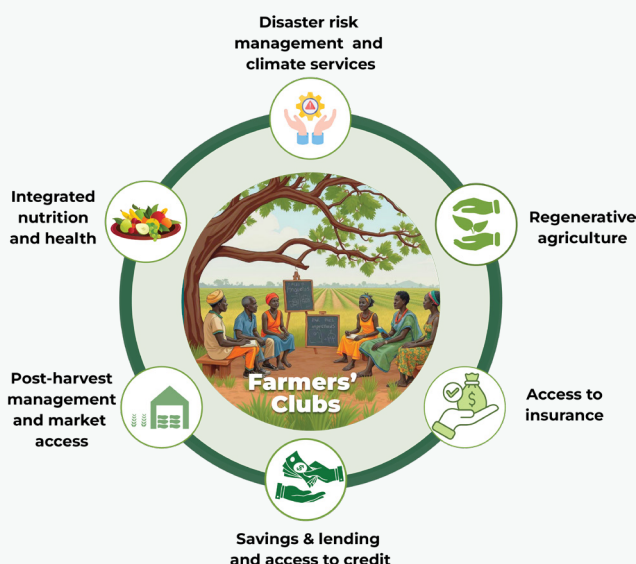
Memory Zulu

Memory Zulu, aged 25 from Chibombo district's Kafushi area has been a member of the Mwachimani Young Farmers' Club supported by DAPP Zambia since 2021.

"We received Okra seeds from DAPP which we planted at our garden. After selling our harvest, each

member got a K700. I bought a goat and invested the rest into my salon business. My goat gave birth to three kids within a single year. We have continued diversifying our agriculture to cushion ourselves from crop failure arising from the prolonged droughts," explained Memory.

Farmers' Clubs: Sustainable agriculture relies on farmers working together to overcome their local challenges, improve production and build resilience



From student to school administration...

Bristol Simooya, a 2014 graduate of DAPP Mkushi College of Education, credits his illustrious journey as an educator to the training model that taught him self-reliance, resilience, and valuable life skills.

"I was among the teachers recruited by government in 2016. At my first placement which was Lumba Primary School, I found only two teachers managing seven grades. As a result of my training at the college, I handled multiple responsibilities assigned to me at any time including being the Sports Coordinator, Preventive Maintenance Teacher, School Insert Coordinator, Production Unit Coordinator

and Examination Coordinator for the school," he explained.

In 2023, Bristol was informally assigned to act as Head Teacher at Mulangila Primary School in

Luano Valley, an area often shunned due to alleged witchcraft practices.

"It is easy for me to work here because the college prepared me for a rural area," he said.



Bristol Simooya



Memory Chanda (with a bag), 2nd Year Student at DAPP College of Education

"I thought college was all about learning how to teach, but at DAPP College of Education, I gained more than just the ability to teach well. I am equipped with knowledge and skills to inspire and become the solution to the challenges facing rural children in accessing education. I learnt sustainable agriculture and how to thrive."

From four pairs of shoes to seven shops

"When I bought my first four pairs of shoes from the DAPP Shop in 2006 for resale, I could not have imagined that I would own seven

shops today; reselling clothes, shoes and other assorted items. I have since employed seven youths who are helping to run the shops. I have diversified my business to selling other items as well, including household appliances. I have built a house and support my family. It all started with those four pairs and now I stock over 300 pairs of shoes" – **Wickon Muyuni**, Businessman, Mazabuka district



Wickon Muyuni

People and experiences along the way became my second teacher...

"When I first heard about bussing across the country with the school bus, I was thrilled about the trip and not the lessons that awaited me along the way. However, as we traveled through diverse communities and encountered various experiences, I learnt about people's struggles, the need to adapt and being resilient. The journey taught me invaluable problem-solving

skills and teamwork. I met children and youths, some of whom had dropped out of school because of various reasons, including the lack of teachers in rural areas. As a student teacher, I realised the responsibility to use my education to change another child's story for the better."

Grace Nyirenda (left), Student at DAPP Mkushi College of Education



Grace Nyirenda (l) with fellow students camping during a bussing tour.



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