



## Built my house reselling clothes

**F**or over a decade, Moffat Mwale (left), 34, has built his livelihood around selling clothes and shoes from DAPP Shop in Choma.

"I started with a capital of K300 around 2015, but as of 2025 my working capital is around K5,000. From this business, I support my family, send my children to school and I even built a house," he said.

Moffat sells his shoes from corridors and along the streets, while reinvesting daily.

"I spend between K400 and K1,000 and restock as needed. I hope DAPP continues supplying us with these quality shoes," he explained, while adding that he plans to open his own shop soon.



Moffat (left) with a DAPP staff while shopping for shoes to resell from a DAPP shop in Choma

### There is hope and life beyond HIV

In 2005, while pregnant and seriously ill, Melina Chuwa (centre) tested HIV positive. Overcome by fear, stigma and rejection, she refused treatment and hid her status for years as her health worsened.

"I was heartbroken and cried. I thought, 'HIV positive? How?' Even when I was given treatment, I refused to take it," she recalls.

Fear also strained her marriage. Her husband left for a period before later returning after receiving HIV counseling.

In 2022, with support from a DAPP Field Officer, her husband and a

church friend, Melina restarted treatment and committed to adherence. Her health improved, her viral load became suppressed, and she regained hope

"Today, I run small businesses to support my children's education and I openly share my status to fight stigma, encourage others to seek treatment.

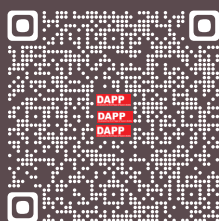
For 40 years, **DAPP** Zambia has partnered with communities to create lasting change through people-centred development

Working across agriculture & climate change, health, education and community development, DAPP empowers individuals and families to improve their livelihoods and shape their futures

This newsletter shares inspiring stories and collective actions from communities, partners and stakeholders working together to build resilient and thriving communities across Zambia.

### ENROL NOW!

**DAPP Mkushi College of Education is enrolling now for the January 2026. Don't be left out**



Melina (centre), a treatment supporter and TCE Field Officer (l) during a support visit at her home

**I SERVE WHERE CONDITIONS NEED ME, NOT WHERE THEY ARE PERFECT...**

**K**ampoko Primary School in Luano District was established in 2011 by parents who wanted education for their children closer to home. However, poor classrooms, lack of teacher housing, no water source and limited transport led to declining attendance.



In August 2025, Sydney Chisumo, a graduate of DAPP Mkushi College

of Education, was posted there as Head Teacher.

Despite warnings about harsh conditions, he embraced the assignment.

"We were taught that every child needs a teacher, wherever they live," he said.

When he arrived, class attendance was low and many learners were unable to read. Instead of giving up, he called a parents' meeting and urged unity.



"My district has really benefited from these teachers. They are learner-centered and driven by a mission to provide education regardless of the circumstances," says Victor Simufwi, Mkushi DEBS.

**Victor Simufwi- Mkushi DEBS**



"DAPP's initiatives have been vital in improving market access, increasing production, strengthening value chains and empowering smallholder farmers to build sustainable livelihoods. The dedication and collaborative spirit of the DAPP team in working closely with our staff have been central to the project's success and the positive impact achieved in farming communities."

**Justine Ngosa - Pemba District Agriculture Coordinator**

**DAPP'S INNOVATIVE TWO WEEK'S SALES CYCLE**



Our DAPP Shops use a two-week sales cycle to provide our customers flexible opportunities to buy clothes at times and prices that suit them. We drop prices each day over fourteen days, allowing customers to choose when and how much they spend.

**DAPP's community-driven nutrition care groups in action...**

At one year of age, Justice Michele's daughter weighed around 5.7kgs in March, well below the healthy weight-for-age range on the growth chart.

After joining the DAPP Farmers' Clubs in Kazungula District, Michele was introduced to a nutritional support group.

"Before joining the Farmers' Clubs, I just used to cook food without paying attention to the nutritional benefits of the meals. Through the group, I received six

nutrition lessons, and I participated in cooking demonstrations. I also benefited from regular household visits from volunteers," she disclosed.

In eight months, the weight of Michele's daughter had increased to 9.6kgs, placing her within a healthy range for her age.



Michele and her daughter after going for Under-five clinic