



# Towards Malaria Elimination in North-Western Province



**T**he DAPP 'Towards Malaria Elimination' project, has since June 2021, been carrying out mitigation activities in North-Western Province of Zambia to reduce malaria cases which are life threatening especially to pregnant women and under five children.

Working with Community Health Workers, the project reaches out to people in households through door to door campaigns caring for and repairing bed mosquito nets and giving awareness to community members. They also test, treat, and give comprehensive health education on Malaria risks during pregnancy.

They also involve traditional leaders and Malaria Champions from all community structures to organize dialogue meetings. They have so far managed to clean up in 98 communities and buried 100 open ditches that were potential breeding areas for mosquitoes once they collect water.

"With our main partner Ministry of Health, we have reached 89,000 people with information on malaria prevention in which the communities have fully participated, and we have so far tested 5,400 and treated 1,300. We have distributed 7,600 flyers, brochures and posters on malaria prevention and treatment, and have also participated in radio discussion programmes," Project Leader, Fanwell Simata said.

According to the Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI), North-Western Province is among the areas with the highest prevalence rate of Malaria in the country.

"Currently new cases of Malaria have reduced. For instance in 9 clinics from which I have information as of now, they just record at least 1 case per week, unlike 15 cases they used to record per day in 2020," Fanwell Simata revealed.

The 'Towards Malaria Elimination' project is funded by Global Fund through Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ).

## Self-Help Groups

**D**APP Zambia has been awarded the responsibility to provide oversight on Self Help Group Approach (SHGA) implementation in Zambia. The programme is developed and funded by Kindernothilfe of Germany.

Implemented by 15 local Civil Society Organisations, the programme focuses on social, political and economic empowerment for marginalised women and children through group formation, training and mentoring.

The approach involves mobilizing women into Self Help groups of 15 to 20 members. In these groups women regularly meet to save, borrow for investment, and take action to address their social problems. Groups thereafter evolve to two more levels and structures which include the Cluster level association (CLA) and the Federation. The CLA works with duty bearers and other actors to facilitate community development while policy engagement is done by the Federation. The outcomes of this initiative are directly linked to improved quality of life for women and children.

By end of September 2021, cumulatively the program has reached 68,623 children, formed 1450 SHGs with membership of 25,575, 81 CLAs and 3 Federations. The SHG approach thrives on the principle that the hidden potential in the poor, can be unleashed if only a conducive environment is provided.

*We are dedicated to helping stop the spread of communicable diseases such as Malaria.*

# DAPP supports cooperatives to help former inmates

**T**he DAPP Human Rights in Correctional Facilities project supports 20 Cooperatives across the country to improve the socio-economic status of former inmates after their discharge from the facilities to help foster their smooth reintegration with their communities.

The project provides life skills, education and economically uplifting opportunities to the 555 members of whom 343 are former inmates.

"When someone is released from a Correctional facility, he is a new person. He is not the same person who went inside. We need to welcome him and work with him in our communities to develop together," Kazangula Cooperative secretary, Idah Ngosa remarks.

Based in Mkushi District of Central Province, Kazangula is one of the 20 Co-operatives with 22 members. The project supported it with start-up funds.

"The money we were given we bought agricultural seeds and farming tools. We also started rearing chickens because we saw it as being profitable," Idah explains.

The Project's initiative has improved the reintegration of inmates who create sustainable livelihood opportunities that reduce incidences of their reoffending.



*"We mobilise and equip people with the skills they need to improve their lives."*

## Martha for Conservation Agriculture



**M**artha Mayela, 69 has been farming for 54 years, but previously with low yields. From Namwala district, Martha spent most of her farming life using conventional methods taught by her parents.

"In the past 30 to 40 years, I observed a decline in my crop harvest. My yields were very low," Martha recalls.

She then started looking for a solution. Luckily enough, she heard about DAPP Farmers' Clubs that were training farmers in the district and she took a decision.

"I joined the DAPP Farmers' Club in 2018 and acquired a lot of knowledge on conservation farming and other lessons on crop diversification. These lessons changed my life for the better," Martha reveals. Through the lessons and linkages to various extension services, her yields started to improve.

"Despite the low rainfall experienced during 2018/2019 farming season, I was still able to harvest 50 x 50kg bags of Maize from the 1ha I cultivated under Conservation Agriculture," she says.

During the 2020/2021 season, in addition to Maize she also planted 20 Kg of Groundnuts.

"I have proved to my fellow farmers and community that indeed farming is a profitable business venture. The level of income from my crop yields has helped me send children to school, buy home necessities and savings too," she proudly says.

*"we mobilise farmers to act together in improving production, supporting one another with finances for expansion, advance together towards common goals."*



# DAPP champions HIV fight among families in Mongu

**T**he DAPP Child-Aid Mongu project, begun in November 2020 aiming at improving the health, welfare and living conditions of vulnerable adolescents and children infected with or directly affected by HIV/AIDS in Western Province of Zambia.

The project builds capacity in guardians and caregivers to improve care and support of their children and adolescents. It also trained 811 buddies in TRIOs on how to give daily adherence support to children on ART.

The 'Trio' model, is a treatment support group consisting of three (3) people; a child who is HIV positive and 2 treatment supporters known as buddies; usually a guardian and a neighbor. Case workers make monthly visits to children and their families, including accompanying them to health centers if need be.

Through Teen Clubs, the project promotes teen peer-to-peer interaction, helping to improve acceptance of their condition. They participate in activities that promote awareness of positive and healthy living and help each other to adhere to treatment. All these interventions have contributed to 795 adolescents and children being virally suppressed.

The project further provides education bursaries to 126 Children and adolescents to get in schools, as an effective tool to reduce the social and economic vulnerabilities that often come with living with or being directly affected by HIV/AIDS. It supports a total of 3,544 children and adolescents living in 2,053 families. 1,055 of the children are living with HIV.

To improve the resilience of families, the project organizes families in Action Groups and trains them in various activities such as WASH, gardening, nutrition, saving clubs and pass on gifts of small livestock to promote basic economic security. It is funded by CDC through the Western Provincial Health Office.



## 'Vaccines Work' - President Hichilema



DAPP Zambia Managing Director taking a COVID 19 jab at UTH

**S**trong evidence reveals that COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. The vaccines work with the immune system for it to be ready to fight the virus if one is exposed to it.

It is for this reason, Zambia's President Hakainde Hichilema called on citizens to rise up and take full control of the Corona Virus.

"No one will do it for you. You have to do it for yourself, for your family. You have to do it for your community and those around you," President Hichilema emphasized when he launched the second phase of vaccinations against COVID-19 on October 7, 2021 in Lusaka. He said the debate on whether or not vaccines work was settled.

"Allow me to state that vaccines work. Vaccines work. Can we settle that debate from today onwards. Vaccines work. I urge you therefore to make that critical decision to be vaccinated," the President said, further revealing that himself, his wife and children were all vaccinated.

Evidence shows that getting the population vaccinated is so far the only sure way to stop the spread of the Corona Virus. Those infected can have it without any symptoms hence easily passing it on to others.

DAPP Zambia has shown a good gesture by allowing staff to get vaccinated. This is in a deliberate move to respond to the urgent need of preventing more variants of COVID-19 from infecting others by getting themselves and encouraging everyone else to be vaccinated.





# DAPP Clothes Trader earns sustained profits

“My name is Cecilia M Kalosa. I am 36 years old and stay in urban area of Solwezi. I have 3 children and am a widow. I started buying clothes and shoes from DAPP shops in 2016.

“I had been going to DAPP shops to buy clothes and shoes just for my family’s needs. After I lost my husband, I decided to start buying shoes and some little clothes for resale. I have introduced my child who also helps me during the holidays.

“After I understood their selling prices, which are reduced every day after opening their new stock and the system of having what they call happy hour every day, I made a decision. It gave me the courage that despite me having little capital I can still order some items that will help me and my family earn some income from them.

“The business has helped me to educate my children. My first-born daughter is now doing Nursing at Mukinge Nursing School. I also managed to build a house for my family. I am able to buy stock for K1, 000 and get a profit of K500 plus. There is no other shop that reduces prices like DAPP. So I thank DAPP for this system they have, which has helped me with these achievements.”

## FUNDRAISING BUSINESS

*The sale of second hand clothes and shoes provides revenue to support DAPP Zambia’s development projects which have been undertaken over the years.*

*The 37 shops further create work opportunities for 348 employees. As a way of promoting self-employment, innovative business traders also find an opportunity to buy clothes at reasonable prices for resale at a profit all across the country.*

*The project has maintained a 2-week cycle sales system, attaining revenue in the year.*

## Holistic Development of a child

The DAPP early childhood care and education program aims at the holistic development of a child’s social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. The program nurtures caring, capable and responsible future citizens.

The teaching focused on organised educational play and exploration as well as phonics and numeric basics such as numbers, letters and language concepts. The children are given fruitful early experiences to develop their skills to function in a group and freely express themselves by asking questions and letting their feelings known. The program builds a child’s confidence and ability to adapt quickly to the primary school formal and disciplined learning environment and demands.

