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The People to People Way...

Empowerment and ownership: DAPP project staff and volunteers do not regard people as beneficiaries, but as active agents of change. The approach emphasises knowledge sharing and mutual encouragement so that individuals take charge of their own development, make informed decisions and follow them through. Communities are supported to organise themselves into local structures—such as Farmers' Clubs, Savings for Change groups, TRIO adherence groups and Village Action Groups—to design and implement local solutions.

Grassroots mobilization: Inspired by the door-to-door mobilisation strategies used during Southern Africa's liberation movements to engage citizens in shaping their future, we apply a similar people-centered approach. We use direct community engagement to raise awareness, stimulate dialogue and encourage collective action.

Community-driven development: DAPP promotes long-term, integrated solutions rather than isolated interventions. The model addresses poverty, health, education, human rights and environmental protection. It is grounded in the belief that sustainable change happens when people work "shoulder to shoulder" to mobilise their own potential. Field staff live within the communities they serve, ensuring deep contextual understanding and meaningful engagement.

Long-term commitment: Projects are designed, wherever possible, to run over several years to ensure sustainable and lasting impact.

Solidarity and connection: The "People to People" principle fosters solidarity between communities in the Global North and South. Development initiatives are partly funded through the collection and sale of second-hand clothes and shoes at affordable prices, creating a practical link between those who give and those in need.

Partnership and alignment: The approach prioritises close collaboration with local, national, and international partners, including government institutions, to align with national strategies and ensure scalability, sustainability and long-term impact.

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Our Vision

To see 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

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

86

Districts in all 10 provinces of Zambia

1.5m

People reached across projects in 2025

2,747

Staff worked in DAPP projects across 2025

DAPP Zambia Projects 2025



Health

- Total Control of the HIV and TB Epidemics (TCE)
- Total Control of HIV in the Zambia Defense Forces
- Total Control of Child Immunisation (TCCI)
- Community Led Monitoring (Malaria)

Clothes and Shoes Fundraising

- Clothes and Shoes Shops

Agriculture and Climate Change

- Farmers' Clubs Projects

Education

- Children's Town/ Youth Academy
- Mkushi College of Education

Integrated Community Development

- Child Aid Projects
- Human Rights in Correctional Facilities
- United for Africa Disability Protocol (UADP)

Managing Director's Welcome

This report offers a glimpse of how DAPP Zambia continued working shoulder to shoulder with people to fight poverty and improve health, education and the wellbeing of children, youth and adults.

The year 2025 was marked by global uncertainty and policy shifts, including funding cuts from major economies such as the United States of America. These changes affected millions of vulnerable people worldwide, many already facing the devastating impacts of climate change, conflict and instability.

Climate-related disasters alone caused an estimated US$224 billion in losses globally, leaving thousands dead and millions displaced. At a time when humanity should unite to address climate change, increasing resources are instead being directed toward wars and conflicts that cost lives and livelihoods.

DAPP Zambia stands firmly for humanity, human rights, dignity and prosperity for all.

Working together with communities, government and partners, we continue to pursue positive change. In this report, you will see examples of how more than 1.5 million people contributed to creating lasting development and impact.

We extend our sincere thanks to individuals, families, communities, the Government of Zambia, civil society organisations and national and international partners who made these achievements possible.

Enjoy the report.



Elise Soerensen,
Managing Director, DAPP Zambia.

Agriculture and Climate Change



Smallholder farmers organise themselves into groups to share knowledge, adopt climate-smart practices, improve production, market collectively, strengthen financial management and build resilient livelihoods to reduce poverty and withstand climate shocks.

Health



Across all DAPP health projects, people come first. Communities build knowledge, make informed health decisions and work together to prevent disease, strengthen wellbeing and create healthier futures for their families and society.

Education



In our education programmes, learners engage in lifelong learning that combines vocational skills, academic knowledge and life skills, equipping them to create jobs, promote inclusion and respond to climate related challenges.

Integrated Community Development



People organise in groups to drive their own development, identify local challenges and create lasting solutions. Through shared experience, they build confidence to act and find solutions within their communities with guidance and support from authorities.

Clothes and Shoes Project



Second Hand Clothes and Shoes retail creates direct and indirect jobs, contributes to a sustainable environment by reducing textile waste and carbon emissions and supports DAPP development projects countrywide.

Cross-cutting issues



DAPP integrates cross-cutting issues; gender equality, youth empowerment, human rights, environmental sustainability, rights of persons with disabilities, ensuring inclusive, rights-based and sustainable development interventions.

Agriculture and Climate Change



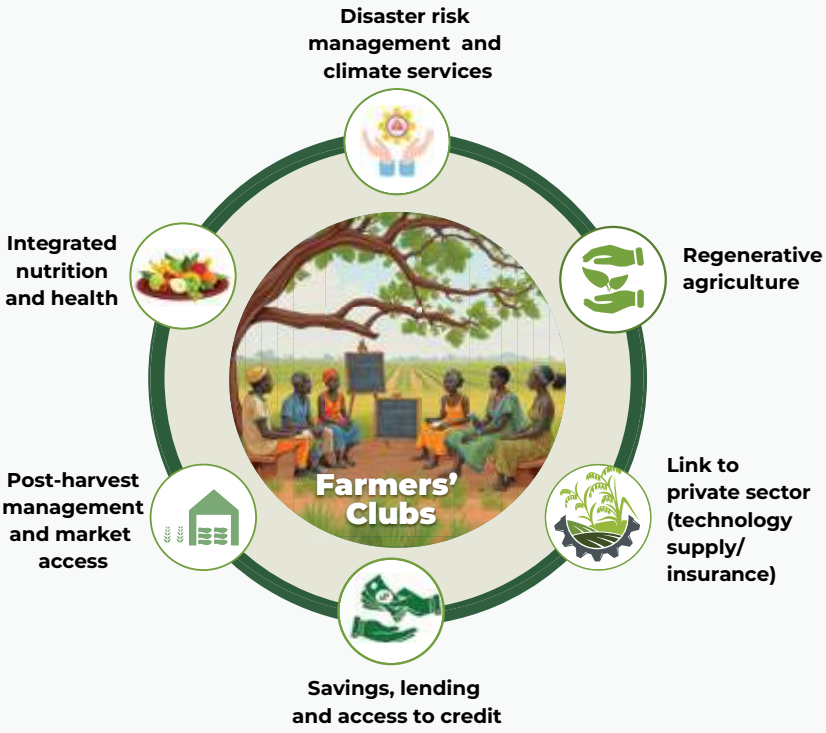
Farmers' Clubs are platforms for smallholder farmers' shared learning, collective action and improved access to inputs, markets and climate-smart practices.

Agriculture and Climate Change

Climate-smart, productive and market-oriented smallholder farmers are crucial to delivering Zambia's food security, rural development and poverty reduction.

Smallholders, who produce about 80-percent of the country's food, continue to face low yields, compounded by widespread soil degradation, post-harvest losses, weak market linkages and limited access to certified seed, fertiliser and extension services.

DAPP Zambia uses an integrated, community-driven Farmers' Clubs model that combines climate-smart agriculture, market access, financial inclusion, nutrition and natural resource management to address food insecurity and poverty in Zambia.



Our clubs bring rural farmers together to enhance farmer-to-farmer support, strengthening their resilience, productivity and livelihoods.

The model is linked to an efficient marketing model built on locally established Farmer Service Centers. The centres are linked to the private sector such as input suppliers and microfinance institutions. They also establish saving groups as subsidiary groups in the Farmers' Clubs to diversify incomes and enhance their resilience.

KEY FIGURES

63,185

Farmers in agricultural projects in 2025

1,183

Farmers' Clubs in 2025

Market access model



FARMERS' CLUBS

Practice climate smart diversified agriculture and farming as a business



FARMER SERVICE CENTRES

Local aggregation, processing, input and agricultural technologies supply, market access



INTERMEDIARY MARKET PLAYERS

Buy from aggregators/ farmers. Sell to commercial off-takers/ value addition



COMMERCIAL OFF-TAKERS

Provide national and regional markets

Highlights: Agriculture and Climate Change



Farmers' Clubs members demonstrate home-grown food preservation techniques.

In 2025, we scaled up our agriculture and climate change interventions, implemented across Southern, Eastern, Central and North-Western Provinces, strengthening climate resilience, food security and sustainable livelihoods among smallholder farmers.

Key Partners

- World Food Programme
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
- Ministry of Green Economy and Environment
- Ministry of Community Development and Social Services
- Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
- Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise Development
- Ministry of Education
- Humana People to People
- USAID through TetraTech
- FNB Foundation
- National Food and Nutrition Commission

Integrated Risk Management (R4) - Smallholder Support Programme: Implemented from 2015 to 31 May 2025, this programme reached about 10,385 farmers in 2025, strengthening farmers' climate risk management and resilience.

Enhancing Livelihoods and Smallholder Agricultural Markets (ELSAM): Worked with 14,500 farmers in Namwala, Itezhi-Tezhi, Mazabuka, Chirundu, Monze, Kalomo (Southern Province) and Serenje (Central Province) on regenerative agriculture and value chains.

Transformative Emergency Response for Nutrition Improvement in Zambia (TERNIZA): Reached 29,350 farmers in Kazungula, Gwembe and Namwala (Southern Province) focusing on drought recovery, through productive and climate smart agriculture as well as home-grown school feeding.

Enhancing Sustainable Inclusive Resilience and Nutrition (ESIRN): – Implemented in Nyimba and Lusangazi (Eastern Province) and Serenje (Central Province): Engaged 4,500 farmers on market development and improved nutrition.

Young Farmers' Clubs – "Proud to be Rural": Implemented in Chibombo (Central Province) and Kalumbila (North-Western Province); working with 1,500 young farmers to promote youth participation in agriculture

Alternatives to Charcoal (A2C): Implemented in Solwezi and Kalumbila (North-Western Province); supporting 1,500 farmers, including 600 former charcoal producers, promoting horticulture value chains.

Farmers' Clubs – Mpika: Reaching 1,000 farmers to build resilient farming communities in Mpika District in Muchinga Province.

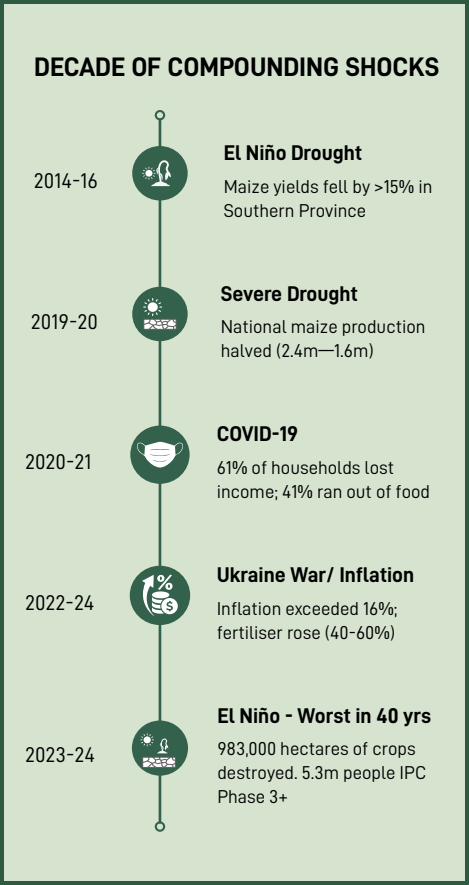
Sustainable agriculture in practice - R4

Climate risks can be managed when access to information, insurance and savings help farmers shift from coping to planning.

Between 2014 and 2025, DAPP Zambia, in cooperation with the World Food Programme and Government of Zambia, implemented the Rural Resilience (R4) Initiative in Gwembe, Monze, Pemba and Namwala districts of Southern Province.

Through DAPP's farmer-led Farmers' Clubs model, R4 demonstrated that resilience is built through integrated risk management— combining climate-smart and conservation agriculture, financial inclusion, agricultural insurance, climate information services, post-harvest management and structured market access into one coherent system.

A total of 16,600 farmers were reached throughout the project period.

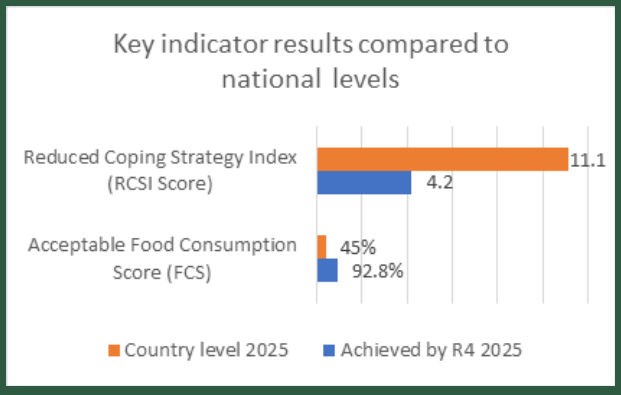


PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM THE FINAL EVALUATION BY TANA COPENHAGEN CONSULTANCY, COMMISSIONED BY WFP COUNTRY OFFICE

> *R4's integrated design was conceptually strong and widely recognised as relevant to the resilience needs of rural communities. All four R4 components were introduced across implementation areas, reflecting the programme's comprehensive approach to building resilience"* - Tana Copenhagen Consultancy

Increased resilience and food security were reflected in low coping needs (RSCI Score) and strong food consumption (FC Score) among farmers. This was driven by widespread adoption of conservation agriculture, diversified income sources, and participation in savings schemes. Access to climate information and Weather Index Insurance further strengthened resilience, with 48% of farmers paying insurance premiums in addition to those covered under FISP.

Gender equality and women's empowerment improved significantly, with women now holding 42% of leadership positions in Farmers' Clubs and savings groups (up from near-zero). Women also made up 33% of aggregators, while many households shifted from male-only to joint financial decision-making.



PROJECT IMPACT

99.1%	Adopted at least 1 conservation agriculture technique
66.8%	Enrolled in saving schemes
88%	Diversified income
71.9%	Access to climate information

Market -driven, climate-smart farming

When rural farmers respond to market demands, agriculture shifts from subsistence to a viable rural enterprise.

Across all agriculture and climate change projects, 500 crop aggregators were trained to provide reliable input supply and crop marketing.

Farmers' Clubs and Savings Groups strengthened collective marketing, improving bargaining power, price transparency and reducing post-harvest losses.

Aggregators established Farmer Service Centres (FSCs), supplying inputs and purchasing crops, enabling small-scale farmers to access predictable markets, increase sales prices and lower transport costs.

Private sector linkages improved access to certified seed and quality inputs while unlocking working capital through savings groups and microfinance. They also enhanced quality control, storage and digital marketing, increasing efficiency and reducing transaction costs.

With higher incomes and participation in internal saving and lending groups, farmers reinvested in irrigation, mechanisation, livestock and value addition. Market-driven systems not only increase sales — they also build entrepreneurship, financial literacy and resilient rural economies.



Locally selected and trained aggregators providing ready crop and input markets for fellow farmers within communities.

KEY FIGURES IN 2025

20,113
Farmers selling crops to aggregators across agriculture projects

1,478
Cumm. tonnes of crops aggregated across agriculture projects

K15.9m
(USD 813,000) Value of crops aggregated across agriculture projects

Community-driven climate mitigation action

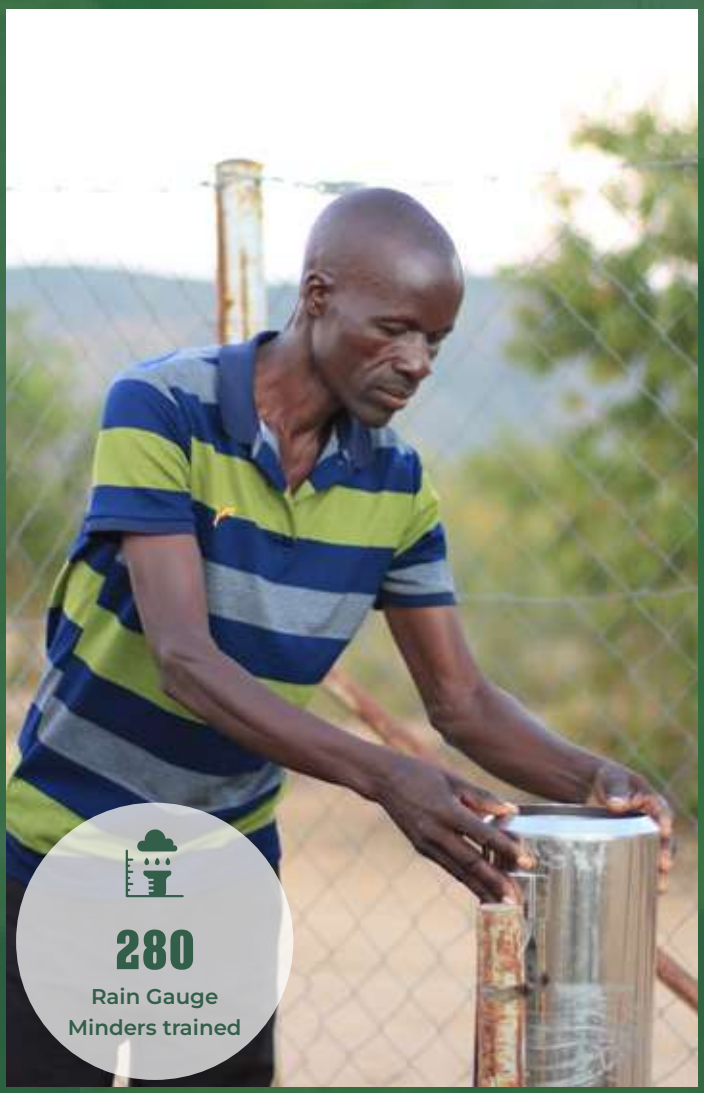
Local mitigation actions contribute to national climate and food security goals.

In 2025, we scaled up community-driven climate mitigation activities involving all smallholder farmers under our agriculture and climate change projects.

Across the projects, farmers accessed climate change awareness and early warning from locally selected and trained Rain Gauge Minders, increasing the use of climate information.

Communities protected 41 hectares of land and planted 14,978 trees, strengthening the capturing of carbon and biodiversity.

Additionally, the farmers installed 2,100 energy-saving stoves, reducing pressure on forests. They utilised conservation agriculture on an average of 1.5 ha each, practiced agro-forestry, improving land quality through compost and biochar







Multisectoral approach in strengthening climate adaptation

Collaboration with government, local leaders and the private sector ensures that farmers receive technical support, finance and market access

DAPP Zambia applies a multisectoral approach to climate adaptation, integrating climate-smart agriculture, nutrition, financial inclusion and market access to strengthen resilience and sustainable livelihoods among smallholder farmers.

Collaboration with private sector players is critical in expanding access to productive assets and market opportunities.

For example, farmers accessed high-quality, low-cost solar irrigation pumps from partners like Jacana.

A total of 60 pumps were sold through Farmer Service Centres (community crop aggregators), enabling farmers to expand into year-round horticulture production.

Another example is Mr. Watson Hamaambo. He joined the Musulumba Farmers' Club in Chirundu in October 2024.

Before joining the club, he mainly supported his household through vegetable sales. In May 2025, he was linked to AgLease Co.

He acquired two hammer mills worth K182,487.16 in August 2025 after making a down payment of K44,000, increasing both his income opportunities and local agro-processing services.



"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

Private sector players

- **Off-takers**: Mt Meru, Choma Milling, Maina Chabota, Good Nature Agro (GNA), Melisa, COMACO, Teddy Chilala, FRA, Boarding Schools, WFP and Griffins.
- **Agro Stockist**: Farm Serve, Vitalite, Jacana Foundation, and AgLeaseCo
- **Seed Companies:** Zamseed, Lake agriculture, Corteva, Good Nature Agro, Seedco and Afriseed.
- **Financial Institutions**: Vision Fund and Agora
- I**nsurance Companies**: Mayfair Insurance
- I**mplementing Organisations**: World Food Programme

Setback into opportunity; Edna turns challenge into value...



Edinah Sambo, 45, of Simungo Farmers' Club in Mukuni Agricultural Camp, Kazungula District, faced repeated crop losses due to human–animal conflict and low rainfall.

"The Farmers' Clubs project supported me with seeds for maize, cowpeas, rape, onions, tomatoes, amaranths and sweet potato vines. I planted them all, but animals destroyed my fields," she said.

After training in food processing and value addition, Edinah shifted to producing Millet Maheu (Chibwantu) and Peanut Butter (Coonde).

"I packaged and branded Edinah's Maheu and Edinah's Peanut Butter. I now work with local marketers to sell my products. I want certification from the Zambia Bureau of Standards so I can reach bigger shops. I have also started keeping small livestock to diversify our agricultural activities. I currently own 11 chickens and I will soon start buying goats," she revealed."

Nutritional support in care groups working...

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.



Edna Sokwe, a Community Based Volunteer trained under the project in Sikumba Village of Kazungula District identified Michele and introduced her to the Care Group, a nutritional support group under the Farmers' Clubs.

"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.

By November 2025, the impact was clear, the weight of Michele's daughter had increased to 9.6kgs, placing her within a healthy range for her age.

The steady improvement reflects strengthened child feeding practices and consistent follow-up support through the care group model.

Health



Field Officers drawn from within communities provide trusted, accessible support and strengthen local ownership of HIV, TB and malaria interventions

2025 KEY FIGURES

407,598

People reached with HIV prevention, treatment and care interventions

19,554

Persons newly diagnosed with HIV linked to treatment and care

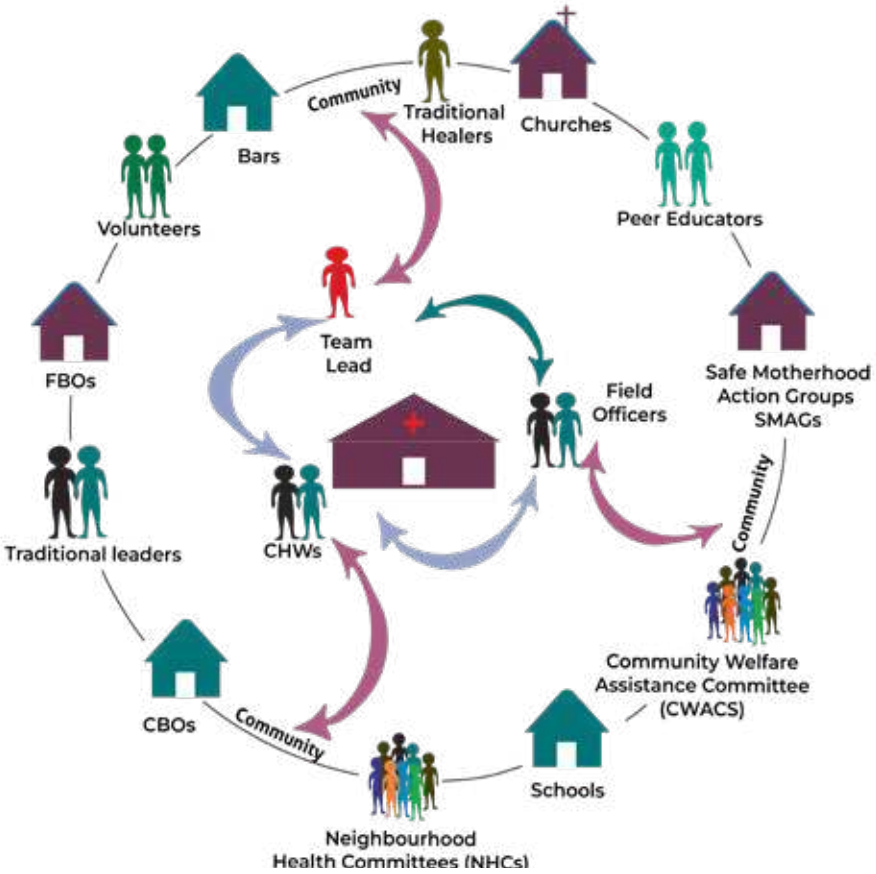
41,684

Participants during community and facility dialogue meetings to develop and discuss action plans to improve malaria services.

75,560

People linked to TB Prevention Therapy (TPT)

Our Health Model



DAPP Zambia works towards a vision of health for all people, complementing government and partner efforts to control HIV, TB and eliminate malaria by 2030.

Our health programming is grounded in the belief that people are the driving force in overcoming epidemics. Our flagship model, Total Control of the Epidemics (TCE), is guided by the motto: ***"Only the people can liberate themselves from epidemics; others can only assist."***

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are central to TCE. They receive continuous training and conduct household visits, sharing knowledge to promote prevention and treatment adherence.

CHWs link families to health facilities and organise small treatment-adherence groups called Trios. During visits, they identify socio-economic challenges affecting health and connect families to appropriate support services.

We integrate hygiene and nutrition into our agriculture programmes and train student teachers to adopt healthy lifestyles and serve as role models. Maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, and family planning are embedded in our integrated community development approach.

Highlights: Health



DAPP TCE Field Officer interacting with a family during a visit to support trio formation and follow-ups to strengthen treatment adherence in Chongwe.

Key Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Community Development and Social Services
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Stop TB Partnership
- US Department of Defense
- Gavi, Vaccine Alliance
- Global Fund through Churches Health Association of Zambia
- Humana People to People

Total Control of the Epidemics (TCE), Sungani Bana Initiative and Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) projects successfully concluded operations in September 2025.

TCE in Defense Forces continued supporting defence personnel, families and surrounding communities with HIV prevention, testing and linkage to treatment for all age groups through the TCE model.

Community-Led Monitoring of Malaria Project enabled communities to identify service gaps and share them with the Ministry of Health to improve access to timely malaria prevention, testing and treatment.

Total Control of Child Immunization improved uptake of routine childhood immunisation through targeted caregiver engagement and household follow-ups.

Community-led monitoring in HIV and TB improved service responsiveness and treatment continuity by empowering communities to monitor and dialogue on HIV and TB services.

TB advocacy and civil society accountability: Strengthened community advocacy and accountability to promote people-centred, stigma-free TB services.

Total Control of the Epidemics - TCE

DAPP's TCE is a scalable and adaptable community health model that strengthens collaboration with the public health system.

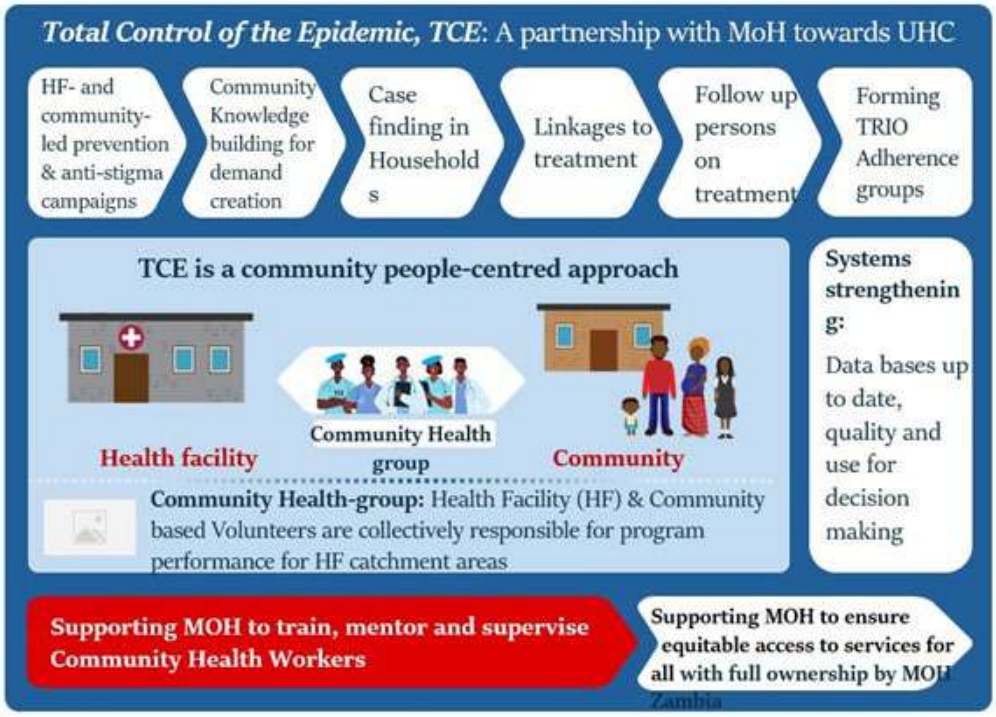
Total Control of the Epidemics (TCE) is a people-to-people programme that DAPP implements in communities across Zambia, with a specific focus on under-served and high-risk populations.

In 2025, the programme was implemented through local Community Health Workers (CHWs) in four provinces—Eastern, Lusaka, Southern and Western—and in 60 military camps nationwide.

TCE functions as an extended arm of the public health system for communicable diseases, particularly HIV and TB. The programme implements comprehensive, person-centred HIV & TB testing strategies and linkage to care within its service delivery approach.

In addition, TCE integrates community-based cervical cancer awareness and linkage.

In 2025, DAPP Zambia supported 1,423 health facilities and helped identify 19,570 adults living with HIV. Of those identified 19,554 were enrolled into care, representing 99.9-percent linkage to life-saving Antiretroviral Treatment (ART).



KEY FIGURES (Oct. 2024-Sept. 2025)

19,570
People tested positive with HIV

59,147
People who had interrupted treatment brought back to care

66,592
People linked to PrEP for HIV prevention

Community-led treatment adherence support

Through encouragement, openness, care and shared responsibility, the Trio model reduces stigma, improves consistent ART adherence, and supports better health outcomes.

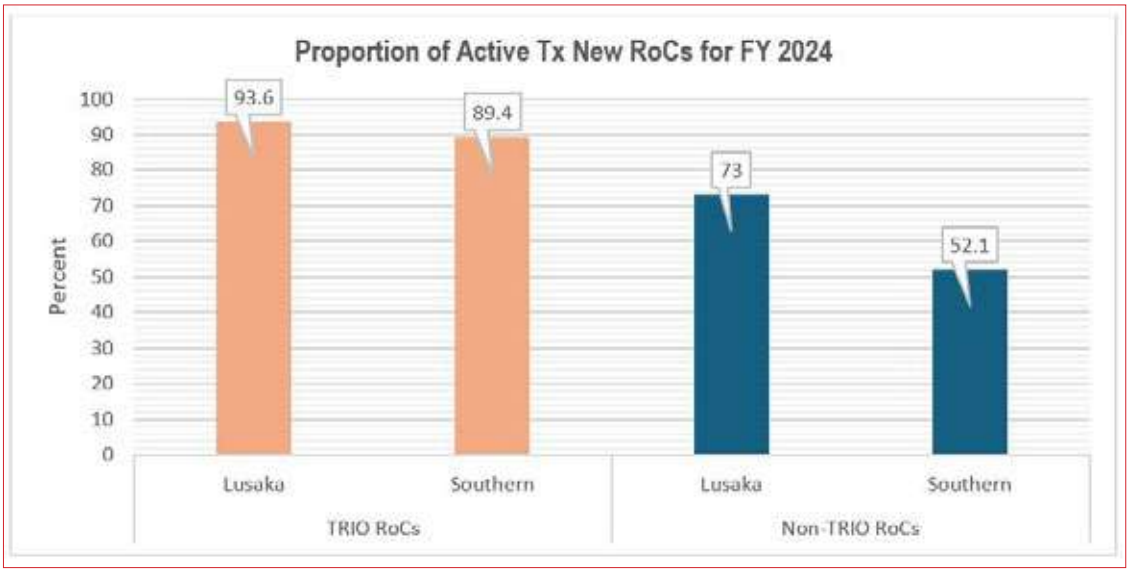
"Before joining the Trio, I feared being stigmatised so I avoided picking up my medication locally. But after joining, I opened up to my children about my HIV status. They have become of great support to me. I now take my medicine openly which helps me to even adhere to treatment."

DAPP uses its innovative Trio model to help pair a person living with HIV and TB with two trusted treatment supporters, also known as buddies.

These supporters, often family members or close friends, are trained to provide encouragement and social support to promote consistent ART adherence.

At facility level, the TCE also strengthened Teen Clubs to support adolescents and youths living with HIV and TB.

The Trio approach is evidence-based. Findings from the 2025 TCE evaluation demonstrated improved retention and viral suppression among clients enrolled in the model.



Statistics from the Evaluation Report of March, 2026 on the TCE's trio model in supporting persons living with HIV to achieve viral load suppression and live healthy.

KEY FIGURES (OCT. 2024 - SEPT. 2025)

19,063
Trios formed to support treatment adherence

255
Teen Clubs formed

629
Community support groups



I used to throw away my tablets and I started getting sick frequently. DAPP counselled me and my family about the importance of treatment. They helped us to form a trio with my brother and my sister-in-law. My trio stood by me every day and helped me accept my status. I am healthy today. I lead a Teen's Club at my local clinic and I use my experience to help others.

Emmanuel - Rufunsa

Care for OVC, adolescents and children living with HIV

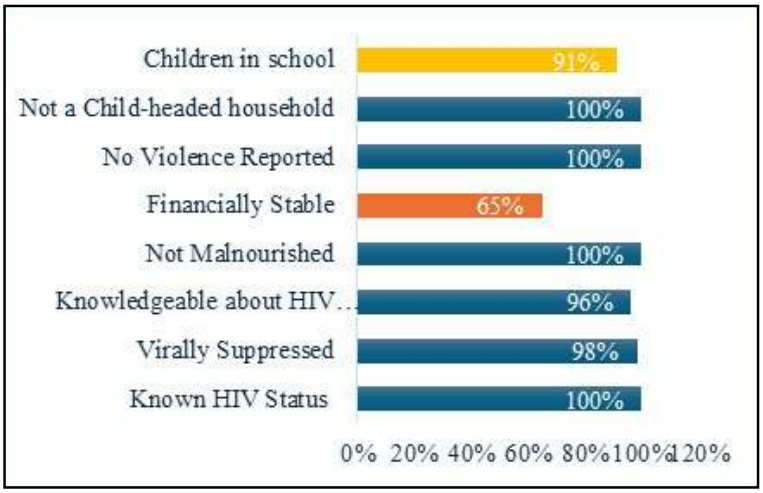
The Sungani Bana Initiative worked in 42 districts and 388 health facilities to strengthen case management for children and adolescents living with HIV. DAPP Zambia provided technical support to the Ministry of Health, while 437 Local Case Workers conducted monthly follow-ups to support ART retention, clinic attendance, viral load monitoring, nutrition as well as TB screening, testing and treatment. By the end of the year 2025, a total of 9,460 children were enrolled in the program from whom 96% of the children eligible for viral load testing had a documented viral load result. Of those documented, 96% were virally suppressed.

The Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) programme reached 33,069 OVC, including children living with HIV across five districts of Western Province and three districts of Eastern Province.

Trained Case Workers and community structures such as Action Groups, Saving Groups and Teen Clubs improved child health and family support systems.

The programme also supported 12,164 families with economic strengthening, food security, nutrition and WASH activities.

Coaching Boys into Men Program trained 20,500 boys, while *No Means No Program* reached 20,000 girls aged 9 to 14 years with skills to prevent Gender Based Violence.



Graduation Benchmark Assessments Results under the OVC programme (Pass Rate) showing that nearly all families passed all benchmarks with the exception of financial stability.

KEY FIGURES

33,069 OVCs reached and supported

4,485 Children living with HIV supported

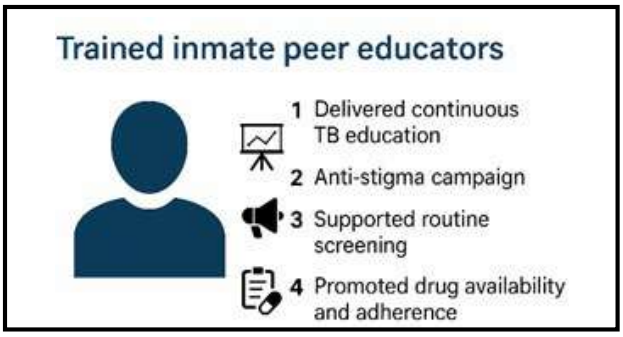
1,167 Community Action Groups Established

1,117 Savings Groups Established

Total Control of Tuberculosis projects

DAPP Zambia introduced an innovative model enabling inmates to take Total Control of Tuberculosis (TCTB) in correctional facilities.

In collaboration with Zambia Correctional Services, the approach promoted the human right to health, while strengthening prevention, early detection and treatment adherence in high-risk, confined settings. Activities included;



1

Inmates trained as Peer Educators systematically raise awareness, conduct TB screening and sensitise fellow inmates to reduce TB -related stigma.

2

Trained Inmates in formation of Trios (treatment adherence support groups)

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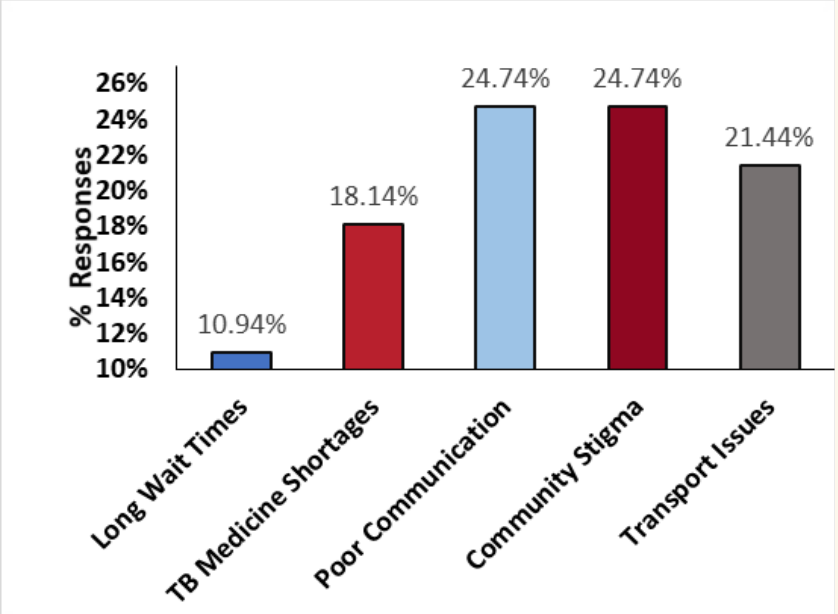
Improved routines for inmates on treatment, including food production, ventilation, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitation practices and light work.

Turning community reporting into real-time solutions

DAPP implemented Community-Led Monitoring using the **OneImpact app** to address barriers to TB services.

The project supported **867** persons with TB to report challenges.

28 health facility nurses were trained as First Responders, while **50** Community-Based Volunteers supported rapid feedback loops to health facilities and community leaders. The project achieved an overall resolution rate of **86.8%**, strengthening accountability and access to quality TB care.



Key barriers to TB service access reported through Community-Led Monitoring, highlighting stigma, communication gaps, and transport challenges as the most significant issues

Community participation in malaria response



Community members and health facility staff participate in a dialogue meeting to discuss solutions towards improve malaria health services

Community-led Monitoring in malaria is creating a platform for community voices in the national, provincial and district malaria health services delivery.

The project aims to improve the quality of malaria services by empowering communities, strengthening stakeholder coordination and building local capacity to stimulate demand for responsive healthcare.

The initiative was implemented in 316 health facilities across 51 districts in all 10 provinces, directly supporting thousands to improve access to malaria prevention and treatment services.

Working through seven sub-grantees, with DAPP providing technical oversight, 1,580 trained Community-Based Volunteers conducted household feedback surveys using questionnaires and focus group discussions to identify service delivery gaps. Using the findings at community, district, provincial and national levels; dialogue meetings helped to develop action plans and initiate change.

The project strengthened accountability and communication between communities and health facilities through active engagement of Neighbourhood Health Committees and community monitors. This collaboration improved the distribution of insecticide-treated nets to pregnant women, reduced net misuse through community feedback, enhanced access to malaria treatment and strengthened referral systems for severe malaria cases—supporting Zambia's malaria control and elimination efforts.

Sub-grantees (CLM) Malaria

- Eastern Province Women Development (EPWD)
- Treatment Advocacy Literacy Campaign (TALC)
- Family Development Initiative (FDI)
- Project Concern Zambia (PCZ)
- Network for People Living with HIV and AIDS (NZP+)
- Diligent Health Initiatives (DHI)
- Lifeline Childline

> ***Empowered by the CLM Malaria project, His Royal Highness Senior Chief Kalindawalo has put in place strong by-laws to curb the misuse of mosquito nets in Petauke district.***
>
> ***Since the project started, our work as community leaders has become easier. We have also seen improved collaboration with staff from the health facilities. This has encouraged more members to come forward and confidently get treatment from the clinic and Community Health Worker Stations.***
>
> *Headman Joseph, Mwape Rural Health Facility*

Total Control of Child Immunisation



Male participation in child immunisation is crucial, as father holds baby during a child vaccination exercise at a health facility in North Western Province.

DAPP contributes to closing critical child immunisation gaps, protecting zero-dose and under-immunised children who are highly vulnerable to preventable and chronic diseases.

The Total Control of Child Immunisation (TCCI) operates in 30 health facilities in Solwezi and 56 in Kalumbila districts. Two District Coordinators work alongside 174 Community-Based Volunteers, in close collaboration with health facility staff, district health offices and the provincial health offices.

INDICATORS	RESULTS
No. of children who missed immunisation traced	11,271
No. of children vaccinated after being traced	11,082
No. of zero-dose children identified and traced	1,351
No. of zero-dose vaccinated after being traced	1,338

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Identify zero-dose, under-immunised, and missed children.
- Raise awareness and demand for child immunisation and refer children to health facilities.
- Engage and train Community Gatekeepers for advocacy.
- Conduct community sensitisation to change knowledge, attitudes and behaviour through door-to-door visits, male involvement and public outreach.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Positive attitude shifts toward vaccinations.
- Gradual acceptance of immunization despite previous religious resistance.
- Increased number of community volunteers acting as immunisation change-agents.
- Client feedback being used by some facilities to improve service delivery.

Self-stigma keeps mother from immunising twins...



"I gave birth to twins at Kizela Hospital in Mufumbwe on 20 March 2024. My first twin weighed 2.3kgs and my second weighed 1.6kg. Because of this, I felt shy to take my children to the hospital for vaccination because I thought they were too small and other mothers would laugh at me," recalled Grace Kaboyi.

Grace's twins only received their first vaccination at 10 months, after a Community Based Volunteer in Solwezi's Kainamfumu Zone encouraged her to immunise them.

"The volunteer shared with me the benefits of immunising my children. She explained the long term dangers that I was exposing my children to by not vaccinating them, and I am happy I listened to her. Today, my children are healthier," she added.

There is hope and life beyond HIV...

While pregnant and very ill in 2005, Melina Chuwa tested HIV positive. Afraid of stigma and rejection, she hid her status and avoided treatment for years, growing weaker and nearly losing hope.



"I was heartbroken and cried. I thought to myself, 'HIV positive? How? Where did it come from?'. Although they put me on treatment, I refused to take treatment. At this time, my husband was working from Kabwe. Out of fear, he even left me for a while. But we reunited after he was also counseled about HIV," she recalls.

In 2022, with support from a DAPP Field Officer, her friend from church and husband, Melina restarted treatment and committed to adherence.

"My health improved, my viral load became suppressed and I had my family's support. Today, I run small businesses to support my children's education. I also openly share my status during public events to fight stigma in my community. I tell people that with treatment, support and care, there is life and hope beyond HIV," she added.

Education

We believe education must be inclusive, engaging and participatory. It must be relevant and purposeful to develop students' knowledge and understanding to address the challenges of today's world.





Our Education Model



At DAPP Zambia, education reflects today's global shift towards learner agency, collaboration and real-world relevance.

Classrooms are dynamic spaces where students co-create knowledge, engage in dialogue and apply concepts to practical challenges. Teachers act as facilitators and mentors, guiding inquiry, critical thinking and problem-solving rather than delivering one-way instruction.

Learning is organised through collaborative study groups that strengthen peer support, accountability and reflective practice. Digital literacy, sustainability awareness and community engagement are integrated into daily learning, preparing students for a rapidly changing world.

Leadership development is embedded in school life. Students actively contribute to campus management, innovation projects and community outreach initiatives, gaining hands-on experience in teamwork and responsible decision-making.

By combining participatory pedagogy with practical responsibility, DAPP Zambia nurtures adaptable, socially conscious graduates equipped to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the broader development agenda.

Restoring dignity, rebuilding futures

In 2025, DAPP Children's Town continued to support the government's efforts to remove children from street situations. There were 76 children undergoing rehabilitation and reintegration activities through the Youth Academy initiative—54 newly recruited and 35 graduated at the end of the year— the highest completion rate (65%) since inception.

Students received vocational training in Tailoring, Metal Fabrication or General Agriculture, complemented by psychosocial support, literacy and mentorship. Industrial attachments in nine companies strengthened their readiness for employment and reintegration.

The programme demonstrates that with structured support, practical skills and family reintegration planning, vulnerable youth can transition from street life to productive futures.



Youth Academy student dipping cattle



Youth Academy student with the Parliamentary Committee on Youth, Sports and Child Matters at Children's Town - 2025.

SCAN the QR Code below to watch a report on the visit by the Parliamentary Committee on Youth, Sports and Child Matters at DAPP Children's Town in 2025.

Nurturing potential: Learning, skills and leadership

Building strong foundations in learning, life skills and independence through learner-centred education.

508
Pupils from Preschool to Grade 12

89%
Pass rate for Grade 12 final exams



Early Childhood Education pupils playing and interacting during break at DAPP Children's Town School.

Children's Town is a beacon of education and hope for rural communities, offering learning opportunities from preschool to Grade 12.

The DAPP Preschool of the Future nurtures holistic development in children aged 3–6 through play-based learning and foundational skills development. The primary school promotes learner-centered education.

For Grades 7–9, the Two-Career Pathway Programme blends academics with practical and vocational training in Modern Chef and Food Production, preparing pupils for diverse and realistic career opportunities.

Teachers as agents of social transformation



DAPP Mkushi College of Education alumni during a class session at Busa Primary School in Luano District in Central Province.

DAPP Mkushi College of Education develops learner-centred teachers who combine academic excellence and practical skills to drive sustainable social change.

At DAPP Mkushi College of Education, teacher training extends beyond classroom theory. The college prepares educators to become agents of social transformation, equipping them to work closely with learners, families and communities to address real-life challenges that affect education outcomes.

The college, which is affiliated to the University of Zambia and accredited by the Higher Education Authority (HEA), offers a 3-year Primary School Diploma.

Academic study is integrated with practical experience, including school teaching practice, agricultural production, community engagement, leadership development, and national education tours. These experiences expose student teachers to the social, economic and cultural realities shaping learners' lives.

Throughout their training, students develop responsibility, teamwork and problem-solving skills using locally available resources. They learn to adapt teaching methods, actively engage learners, collaborate with parents, and apply modern, learner-centered approaches.



"My district has really benefitted from the teachers that DAPP Mkushi College of Education sends to the district. These teachers are learner-centred and driven by the mission to provide education regardless of the circumstances. Their ability to improvise with limited resources and dedication to keeping children engaged truly stand out. As you have seen, most of our children here live very far away from school, and having a teacher who is committed to see them succeed matters a lot."

Victor Simufwi - Mkushi DEBS

Teacher training is a development issue. The quality of teachers standing in front of the children daily, depicts the quality of future leaders we are shaping...



Student teachers utilising the Computer Library at DAPP Mkushi College of Education during their studies...

Since 2012, DAPP Mkushi College of Education has graduated 415 teachers. Many of them now working in mainly rural government schools as well as in both urban and rural private schools often with low resources.

The newly baked teachers find numerous challenges in their work, but they are able to overcome many of them applying what they learned at the college such as involving and working with the communities, paying attention to every learner, using local materials in teaching, organizing pupils in group work etc.

They know their importance for the pupils and the communities and want to perform their best to live up to this. Their commitment to their call of teaching is recommendable, which has been noticed and many of the former students have taken up added responsibilities in their schools.



Students teachers on teaching practice at Kawama Primary School using their artistic skills to raise awareness about the dangers of Cholera among pupils and community members...

"When they are posted, they do not complain about the conditions or ask for transfers. They settle in the community and begin to work. They visit homes, talk to parents, and follow up on learners, work with communities to move issues.

We have also seen that these teachers focus on learners. They take an interest in their well-being and work with the community to support them. We continue to receive reports about the work they are doing in schools and communities. This shows the kind of preparation they receive at the college."

The District Education Board Secretary for Luano, Innocent Elemu

I serve where conditions need me, not where they are perfect...



Kampoko 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.

"Most of the children had stopped coming to school and accompanied their parents for fishing. But after the meeting, enrolment rose to 135. Together with the community, we moulded bricks for a teacher's house and we are working together to improve access to water. I am happy that children nowadays look forward to coming to school every day and we keep improving to ensure the best interest of the learner every day," he explained.

Creating using my hands helped restore my confidence

Peter (name withheld), 17 arrived at Children's Town in 2024 withdrawn and uncertain after years on the streets. He recalls that living on the street taught him to be suspicious of everyone.



"Anything can happen on the street. So you have to think about survival everytime. So you did not trust anyone," he recalls.

Through DAPP's Youth Academy initiative, he found structure, mentorship and a second chance.

"I enrolled in agriculture because I know how important food is for people to survive. Being able to see the seed grow into a crop that can feed people and knowing I contributed to growing the food helped rebuild confidence in myself," he explained.

Peter has reconnected with his family and plans to use his skills to lead an independent and productive life once he completes the programme

Integrated Community Development



Communities work together to drive their own development agenda through structures such as Youth Clubs, Village Action Groups and Saving Groups.

Community Development Model



KEY FIGURES

14,000

People reached across Community Development projects

2,129

Inmates and children in conflict with the law (serving and former) supported with rehabilitation and reintegration.

12,870

Trees planted across projects

Communities thrive when they lead their own development—working together to uphold rights, protect the vulnerable and create positive change from within.

DAPP Zambia's community development projects strengthen people's ability to organise, speak out and take collective action on issues affecting their lives.

Through programmes supporting human rights for persons in conflict with the law, community action against lead pollution, advocacy for the rights of persons with disabilities and youth empowerment, DAPP supports people to form community structures that promote dialogue, learning and joint problem-solving.

Structures such as Community Action Groups and Youth Clubs are platforms where people share experiences, knowledge and tools to create inclusive and sustainable development—ensuring communities themselves shape practical, locally-driven solutions that create safer, more just and resilient societies for all.

In 2025, our community development projects included the Youth in Action in Ndola, Human Rights in Correctional Facilities, Child Aid Kabwe focusing on community-driven efforts to mitigate the effects of lead pollution and United for Africa Disability Protocol (UADP), an advocacy project for the ratification, domestication and implementation of the Africa Disability Protocol (ADP) in Zambia.

Human rights for children in conflict with the law

Defining incarcerated persons not by their mistakes but by their potential to change

DAPP Zambia's Human Rights Programme approaches inmates and children in conflict with the law with a humane, rights-based perspective that upholds their dignity while supporting their rehabilitation and reintegration.

In 2025, the project continued working with the Zambia Correctional Services to support **946** adult inmates at Kasama and Luwingu Correctional Facilities and **536** children in conflict with the law at Katombora Child Reformatory School, Nakambala, and Insakwe Child Approved Schools.

The project conducted **229** family reconciliatory sessions and **856** community dialogue meetings, helping families and communities to actively rebuilt trust with offenders and reduce discrimination. Traditional, civic and religious leaders take part in these engagements, strengthening community ownership and creating a supportive environment for reintegration.

Additionally, the project supported the government's diversion framework by protecting children who committed minor offences from the negative effects of formal court proceedings, detention and criminal records. This gives children an opportunity to rebuild their lives with dignity and contribute positively to society.

694
Inmates and child offenders enrolled under vocational skills training.

112
Former inmates linked to cooperatives

6
Cooperatives formed comprising 155 former inmates and 55 community members to support reintegration income generation



Instructor's careful eye inspects as student lays together bricks in a bricklaying class at Nakambala Child Approved School in Mazabuka

Community response against lead pollution

Every child deserves to live and grow in a safe environment free from Lead Poisoning.

Kabwe, once an economic hub driven by lead mining is among the most lead-polluted areas globally.

DAPP works in the hardest-hit communities—Chowa, Mutwewansofu, Kasanda Mine, Magandanyama and Makululu.

Community Lead Treatment Supporters facilitate testing at local health facilities, especially for vulnerable children, while promoting treatment adherence and providing nutrition support.

Preventive efforts include tree planting, hedging and household vacuuming to reduce lead-contaminated dust, alongside community awareness sessions in schools and public spaces.



KEY FIGURES IN 2025

7,500
People reached with lead poisoning awareness messages

12,870
Trees planted to restore vegetation to trap lead polluted dust

275
Households benefited from home-based care services

150
Children in nutrition programme to support lead-poison treatment

Advancing rights and inclusion for persons with disabilities

DAPP Zambia, together with five partner organisations in Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe secured a 2.5-year funding from the European Union to advocate for the adoption of the African Disability Protocol.

The protocol recognises that cultural, social and traditional beliefs often drive discrimination against persons with disabilities and calls on governments to challenge harmful myths, prejudices and stereotypes. It also promotes a rights-based approach that strengthens access to education, health services, rehabilitation, safety and justice.

The project supports Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to advocate for the ratification and domestication of the protocol. Grassroots activities involving persons with disabilities are implemented by OPDs in Kitwe, Ndola, Chipata and Petauke, while national level engagement with Members of Parliament, government ministries and civil society networks are taking place in Lusaka.



The project also promoted inclusive education, encouraging schools and communities to support the enrolment and full participation of children with disabilities in learning and community life.

Young leaders building strong communities

> ***"You have often been told that you are the leaders of tomorrow. We believe you are the leaders of today."*** *- HAKAINDE Hichilema, President of the Republic Of Zambia's message to the youth of Zambia.*

Young people can rise above adversity and become drivers of lasting change when they unite around purpose and practical action.

Through DAPP Zambia's Youth in Action project, 1,200 young people of Chipulukusu, Kawama and Nkwazi in Ndola organised themselves into Youth Clubs that nurture leadership, responsibility and community engagement. The clubs provided a platform where young people met regularly to support one another, exchange ideas and develop practical skills to address challenges in their communities.

Together, they channel their energy into productive initiatives, including environmental activities such as tree planting, recycling plastics and wornout textile for income generation.

Working with government ministries and other partners, 319 youths also received training in leadership, entrepreneurship and vocational skills—equipping them to become responsible citizens and the leaders of today and tomorrow.

1,200 Youth Club members

42 Youth Clubs in 2025

112 Youths trained as Peer Educators

3,500kgs Of plastics collected for recycling



Youth in Action members sorting plastics that they collected for resale for income generation

Ndola Youth transferring skills to fellow youths..



"At first, tailoring was simply a skill I hoped would help me earn a small income. Nowadays, I use the same skill to train others to become self-reliant," says 28-year-old Jane Mfune (left).

Jane joined the Mapalo Youth Club in 2020, part of a youth initiative implemented by DAPP Zambia in Ndola. Through the group, she learned how to cut fabric, operate a sewing machine and design different garments.

With determination, practice and a start-up sewing machine given to her through the group, Jane opened a small tailoring shop in her community. Today, the shop is more than a business—it is also a place of learning.

"Young people come here to learn the same skills that changed my life. I currently have six students. My customer base has grown. I make dresses, men's suits and uniforms. Nurses, soldiers and even police officers from the nearby station bring their uniforms here for mending," she says.

By passing on her skills, she is helping other young people create opportunities for themselves.

Former child offender rewrites his past mistakes

"My father introduced me to the life of theft when I was just 12. We could steal anything we lay our hands on. For me, I always thought it was a normal way of life until one day we were caught. My father was sentenced to five years for stock theft, while I was taken to Nakambala Child Approved Centre in Mazabuka," recalls Cheelo (real name withheld).



At the centre, he learned tailoring and agriculture with support from DAPP. Through gardening, he saved K1,580.

Although he faced stigma after returning home, Cheelo was determined to avoid wrong choices and build a different path.

"I discovered I could make money using my own hands. I was given a sprayer and garden seed. When I returned home, I started a garden" he says.

Cheelo uses his experience nowadays to encourage other youths stay away from engaging in crime.

Clothes and Shoes Project



Joy in every choice- from a retailer finding exactly what her customers want, to a young lady discovering the perfect fit, DAPP Shops bring smiles with every selection.

Second Hand Clothes and Shoes Project

KEY FIGURES IN 2025

2.5m

People buying clothes and shoes either from our shops or through retailers

597

Staff working in the DAPP Shops countrywide

3,549

tonnes of clothes and shoes bought by our customers across Zambia

40

DAPP Shops dotted across the country

Project Objectives

Mitigating climate change effects

To mitigate climate change by promoting sustainable second-hand retail that extends the lifespan of clothes and shoes, encourages recycling, conserves natural resources, lowers carbon emissions and reduces environmental waste.

Supporting employment creation

To create direct and indirect employment by providing income-generating opportunities for staff, women and youths through the sale and resale of second-hand clothes and shoes.

Fundraising

Revenue from the DAPP Shops is channeled into development projects across the country, driving community improvements and sustainable growth.

Two week-sales cycle

Using our two-week sales cycle, DAPP provides customers with flexible opportunities to buy clothes at times and prices that suit them.

Prices are gradually reduced each day over a fourteen-day period, allowing customers to choose when and how much they spend.

To ensure variety and accessibility, our team rotates the stages of the pricing cycle across different shops, giving customers access to a wide range of products and enabling them to plan purchases according to their budget.

Circular Economy: Secon

The sale of Second hand clothes and shoes demonstrates that environmental sustainability and social impact can thrive side-by-side

Climate change mitigation

The textile industry is the second-largest consumer of the global water resource and accounts for 8-percent of $C0_2$ emissions, exposing its high environmental demand which threatens to increase carbon emissions.

Second-hand clothes and shoes play a vital role in the circular economy. By extending product life and recycling clothes and shoes, DAPP Zambia contributes to minimising the environmental pressure that comes with producing new ones.



People from all walks of life buying c of Sinazongwe District in Southern P

Old textile, New purpose!

At the end of the two-week sales cycle, unsold items known as “Pull downs” are collected and transported to warehouses in Ndola and Lusaka.

In 2025, 14,250 kg of clothes were donated to 15 DAPP projects, reaching 104 groups and benefiting 2,408 participants. These groups were trained to creatively repurpose leftover textiles into products such as mats, bags, reusable sanitary pads, and other household items, generating income.

Non-usable textiles and shoes were responsibly recycled or used for energy recovery in industrial facilities, ensuring no waste while contributing to sustainable resource use.

Quick Facts

- *...about 60% of clothes are made out of some form of plastic material such as nylon, acrylic and polyester.*
- *...UNEP further estimates that the clothing and textile industry account for about 11% of the global plastic waste.*
- *These plastics break down into tiny particles that contaminate our water bodies, air and food chain, ultimately causing life-threatening diseases.*

***Quick Facts Source**: United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)*

nd hand trade



clothes and shoes from a DAPP Shop in Sinazeze area Province.



"I am 26 years old and have been working with DAPP Clothes and Shoes since 2019. Every day, I meet different customers and build strong relationships. I am proud to work at DAPP knowing that we are giving people an opportunity to access affordable clothes and at the same time contributing to development in the country.

Personally, working here has taught me about the fashion business. I now also support my parents and take care of my younger brother's school needs."

Christone Chama — DAPP Shop Solwezi

I have built a house from reselling shoes...



For 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 in an interview.

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.

DIs: Solidarity, development and knowledge exchange



Development Instructors interacting with a family at a DAPP project in Eastern province.

The Development Instructors (DIs) continue to play an important role in strengthening community development initiatives in Zambia.

In 2025, DAPP Zambia hosted 25 Development Instructors from countries across Europe and Latin America. These volunteers were attached to various DAPP development projects.

Through their work, DIs supported education, youth development, environmental activities and community outreach. They contributed practical skills, participated in teaching and training activities, organised sports and environmental initiatives, and worked alongside project staff and community members.

Beyond their direct contributions, the DI Programme promotes international solidarity and cultural exchange. By living and working closely with communities, DIs gain a deeper understanding of the realities and living conditions in Zambia.

Their shared experiences with communities contribute to positive change and provide valuable personal and professional insights. For many, their time in Zambia becomes a life-changing experience that deepens their commitment to global development and solidarity.

EXCERPT FROM BOGLÁRKA VERES (HUNGARY) DETAILING HER EXPERIENCE AT DAPP CHILDREN'S TOWN IN CHIBOMBO

Children's Town will quickly become your home. It is a deeply meaningful project that offers former street-connected youth rehabilitation, education, skills training, and a second chance at building their future. The students may challenge you at first, but with patience and consistency, you will discover their resilience, humour, and strong sense of family.

....Life in Zambia requires adaptability — from managing water and electricity to navigating cultural differences and community dynamics. Stay curious, respectful, and open-minded. Set healthy boundaries, take care of your wellbeing, and remember that the greatest value you bring is not money, but your presence, commitment, and heart.

Six months will pass quickly. Embrace the adventure — it will leave a lasting impact on both you and the community.



DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Brazil	2
Lithuanian	1
Colombia	2
England	2
Spain	1
Germany	1
Denmark	1
Zambia	1
Britain	1
Argentina	1
Latvia	1
Mexico	2
Peru	1
Ireland	1
Czech Republic	1
Hungary	1
Portugal	1
Italy	4

DAPP Frontline Institute: Shaping global development activists

Training leaders from around the world to turn knowledge into action, strengthen communities, and drive people-to-people development across cultures.

DAPP Frontline Institute in Zimbabwe trains national and international staff as activists within the Humana People to People network.

Students from Angola, Central America, China, DRC, Guinea-Bissau, India, Laos, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe learn across cultures, enhancing cooperation within the network. The programs respond to project needs, strengthen fieldwork and support expansion into new development areas.

Six-month courses, offered twice a year, include Basic, Our Humana People to People World, and Advanced: Our Open Future Together, combining study, discussion, and action.

Core groups of students and teachers share learning, leadership, and daily management. Through this model, Frontline develops activists with skills, understanding of social and economic circumstances of people and capacity to turn ideas into action for people-to-people development.

Of the **198** students enrolled at Frontline Institute in 2025, **32** came from Zambia.



DAPP Frontline Institute students sharing knowledge and ideas during a group session.

Humana People to People, HPP

We are a member of the Federation Humana People to People, an international development organisation comprising a network of 29 members united by the shared values, aspirations, and visions in development.

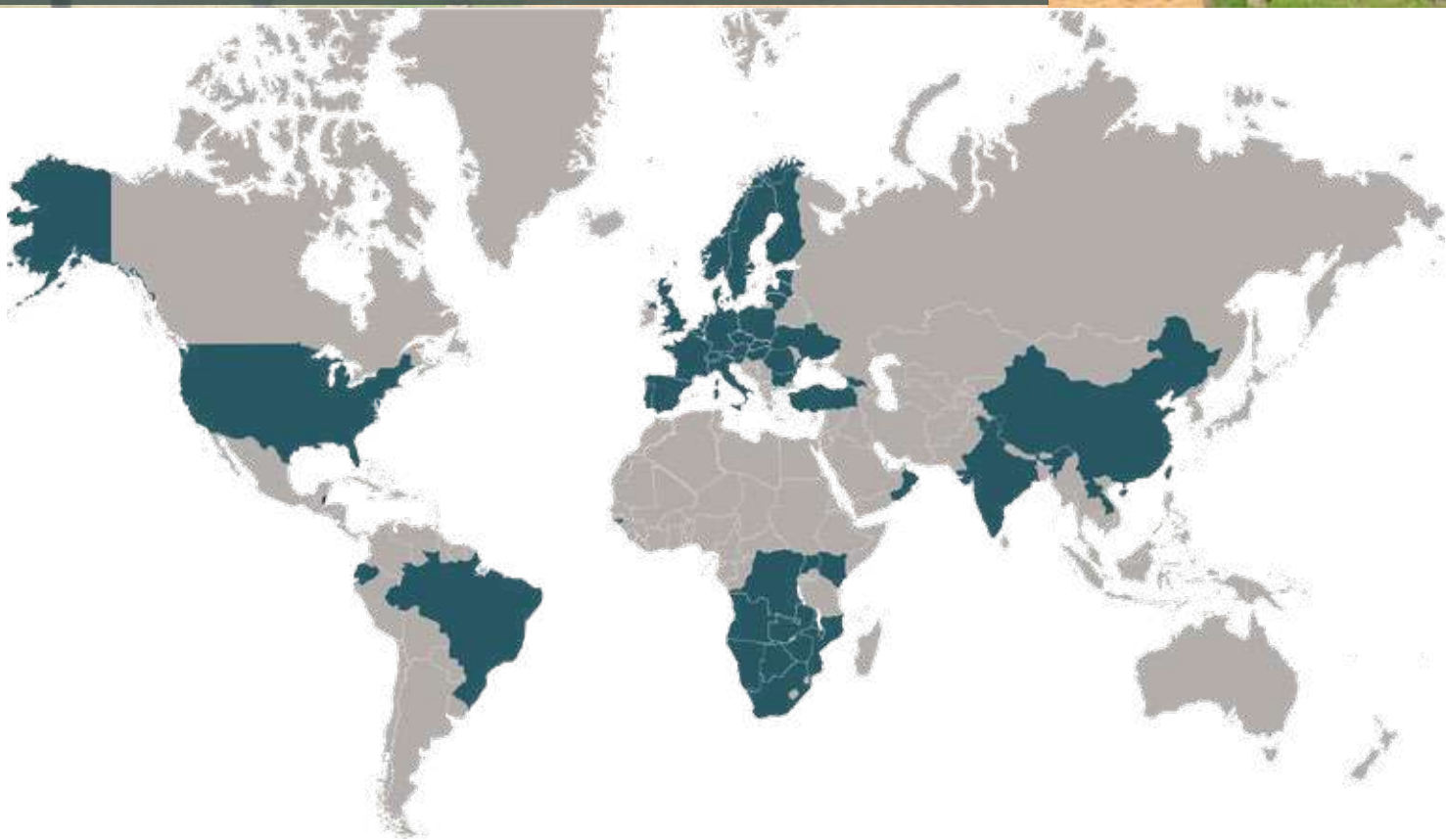
Working with communities, we address the most pressing social, economic, environmental, and humanitarian challenges in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Our key focus areas include health, education, sustainable agriculture and environmental practices, community development, and the sustainable reuse and circularity of textiles.

Throughout our history, we have engaged with local communities by listening to their needs, learning from their experiences, and incorporating their perspectives into our programmes. This collaborative approach strengthens our development strategies and responses to emerging, complex challenges. We value the process of mutual growth, as it strengthens our ability to tackle these dynamic issues effectively.

In the process, we build local capacity and agency, prioritising sustainability.

We align our development work with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and national and continental development strategies.





Governance and Networking

We remain committed to the highest accountability, transparency and good governance standards.

Our governance is anchored in a General Assembly and an elected Board of Directors, which met as required by the Constitution in 2025 to perform all required governance functions.

Our financial management systems comply with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and generally accepted accounting principles, supporting donor compliance, asset protection and transparent use of funds.

DAPP Zambia's governance practices, policies and their implementation were independently assessed in 2025 using the NGO Governance Benchmark by ACPO SA of Geneva, Switzerland with a score of 87.5%. This assessment reflects strengthened policy implementation, Board oversight, and risk management, building on prior external governance certifications.

We remain accountable to our funding partners and to the communities reached through our programmes. We also participated in civil society networks, multi-stakeholder platforms, and technical working groups.

In parallel, using structured community feedback mechanisms and internal compliance systems, we ensured that programmes remained responsive to beneficiary needs and compliant with partner reporting obligations.

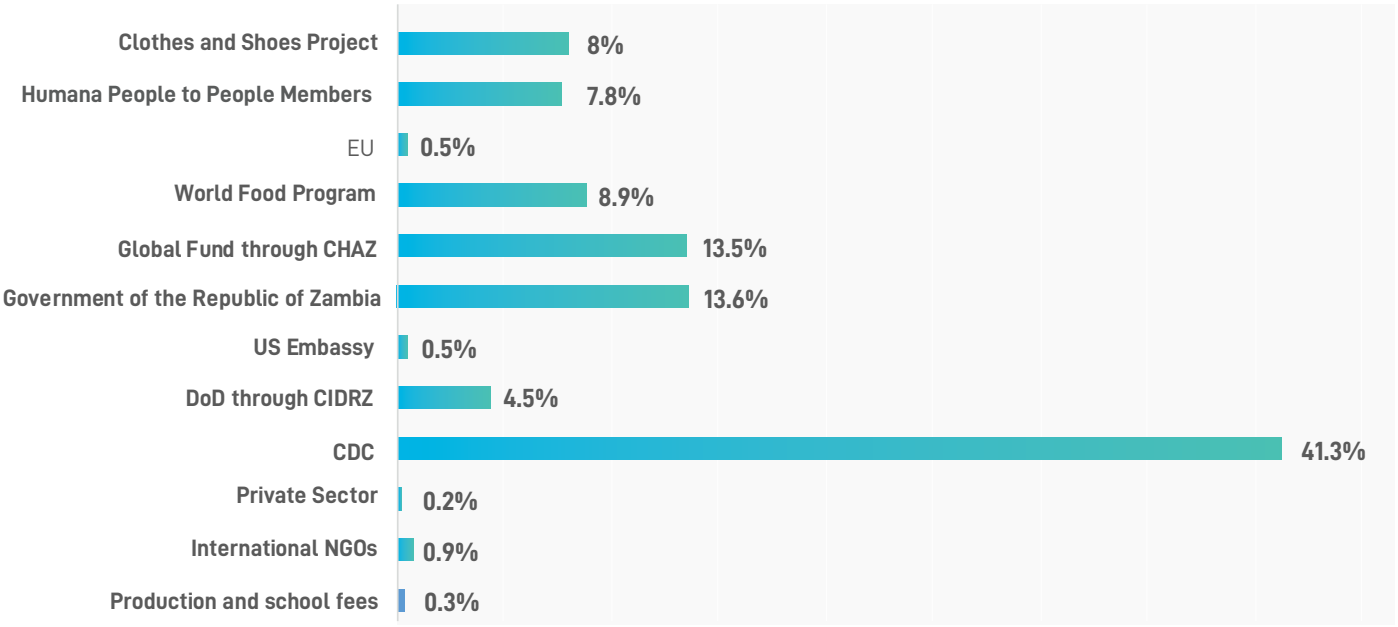


DAPP in Zambia is certified as meeting the requirements of the NGO Governance Benchmark by 87.5%.

Accountability

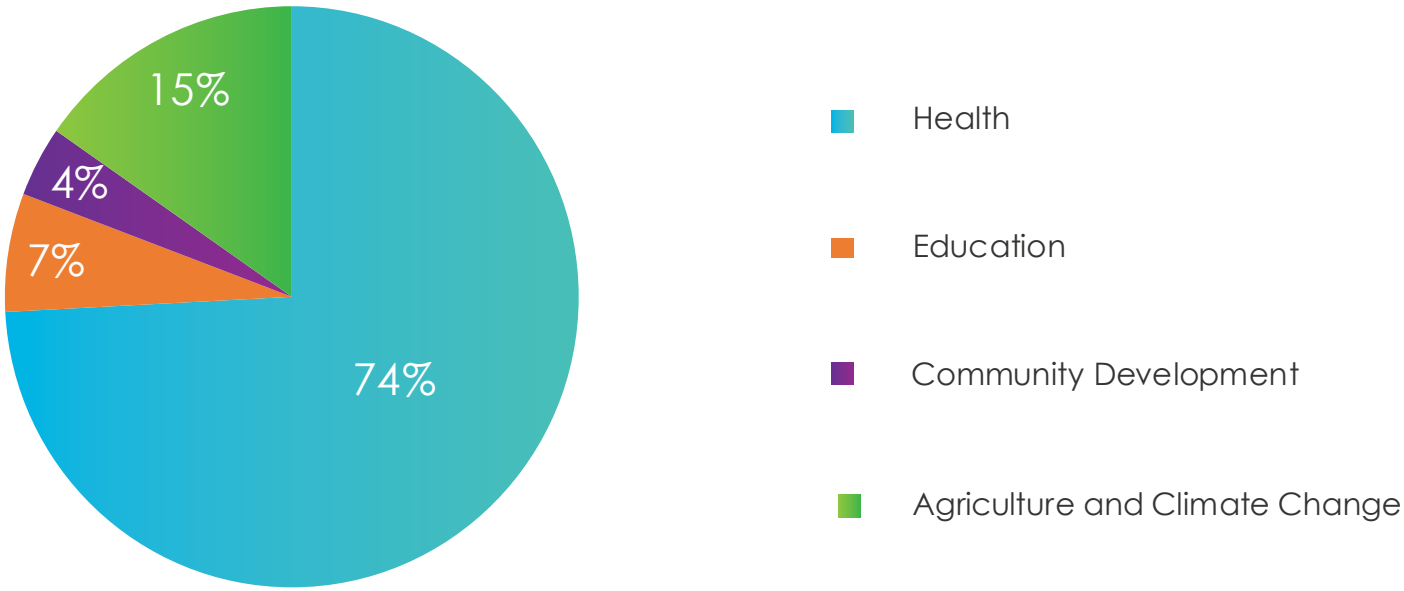
In 2025, we raised approximately K285-million (US$11.9 million). The majority of our income came from development partnerships, while additional funding was received from the Government of Zambia, the sale of second-hand clothing, and smaller contributions generated through project-based production activities and school fees.

Income sources in 2024



In 2025, DAPP Zambia's income supported various projects in health, education, community development, agriculture and climate change adaptation thematic areas. Human rights and gender were cross-cutting in all projects.

Expenses in 2025 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.

We are grateful to all the partners for their commitment and drive to make our communities the best places to live in.

DAPP 2025 main funding partners

PEPFAR
U. S. President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief

CDC
U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

WFP World Food Programme

European Union

Stop TB Partnership

THE GLOBAL FUND

Comundo

FNB Foundation

Churches Health Association of Zambia CHAZ

CIDRZ

JACANA Business Empowerment

Leonard Cheshire Disability

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



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