

## Why is Education important?

Education is 'life enhancing' for all of us, but it is an essential for those in Third World countries. It gives the opportunity to improve on the very basic lives of many communities, beset as they are with the twin threats of poverty and AIDS.



An education will give HOPE by developing the knowledge and skills which are essential to allow communities to develop fully in a modern world.

## Education in Zambia:

Primary level education is offered 'free' but in Government Schools, it is NOT because:

- Although the state provides buildings and teachers, educational materials are only available if funds allow, so pupils usually have to pay for them.
- School uniforms are compulsory and must be bought before children attend school.

and NEITHER is it in Community Schools because:

- There is no state help - it is the community and/or its sponsors that fund the running of the schools.
- Families are often asked to contribute to the costs of their children's education.

Secondary Education is not 'free' at all - only those that can afford fees transfer from Primary School.

## AIDS / HIV and Education:

Nearly one million children default on school each year due to AIDS/HIV affecting their families, BUT:

- After schools have educated pupils to the horrors of AIDS, many under-15 children remain AIDS free and the incidence of AIDS is reduced in later life.

If ever we needed proof that we had to support the education of children in Zambia, this was it.

## What are we doing?

Despite extreme poverty and deprivation, children are desperate to learn. Education is vital to their future, so we send:

- Regular supplies of basic school stationery items.
- A bag to carry them on their long walk to school.
- Access to sports equipment for recreation.
- Text books appropriate to their curriculum.

The Literacy in a Box Trust achieves this through the secure delivery of Literacy Boxes via our Logistics Partners and a safe ordering process for the supply of text books to the Zambian children.



## Do Literacy Boxes help?

Holy Hill Community School, Msoro, who received our first boxes, have stated that the combination of regular supplies of Literacy Boxes and the purchase of relevant text books, has resulted in pupils moving through to Secondary School - previously unheard of. Nearly all of their pupils regularly complete their



Primary Education and this in a country where the statistics show that only 50 -75% of pupils in rural Community Schools ever complete it.

## The way forward:

The Literacy in a Box Trust is committed to giving the children of Zambia hope, that through education, they may fulfil their dreams. Our core programme School Aid 4 Zambia aims to give continuity of supply of Literacy Boxes to the pupils in the schools with which we work.

A Literacy Box costs £295 and contains enough materials for 25 children.



Just £12 gives one of these children the essentials to be able to attend school.

## Our partners for the journey:

Logistics Partners ensure safe passage and delivery of our Literacy Boxes to the recipient schools in Zambia:

- Operation Sunshine, a UK charity founded in 1984 which sends our boxes on their containers.
- NASAD, a Zambian charity created in 1991 which ensures safe delivery of our Literacy Boxes.

We have also undertaken Rotary Grant-funded projects to schools within and outside of our normal scope, with Project Partners including Project Luangwa, Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust and the Philippine Community Fund.

Finally and most importantly, we thank Our Donors without whom our work cannot continue.

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*“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation” Nelson Mandela*



**Please help us give these children a future**

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**Giving hope to the children of Zambia through education**



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**The object of the Trust is:**

**‘To advance education in schools, primarily, but not exclusively, in Zambia and in sub-Saharan Africa ( SSA )’**