Cover Photo: A lab technician at Kabwe Central Hospital uses a pipette to transfer samples from the testing vial to an HIV viral load testing tray. This equipment, along with key machines such as the Hologic Panther and the CAP CTM 96, is funded with PEPFAR resources through USAID. These upgrades have strengthened the Kabwe Central Hospital’s and Zambia’s capacity to perform technical laboratory services more accurately and quickly. (Photo: Chando Mapoma, USAID/Zambia)
“As we listen to some of the most thoughtful voices around the world, over and over again we hear the need to be independent, the need to be self-reliant. That’s the spirit that has led USAID to craft a framework we call the Journey to Self-Reliance.”

- Mark Green
  USAID Administrator
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Our Mission

On behalf of the American People, we promote and demonstrate democratic values abroad, and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world. In support of America's foreign policy, the U.S. Agency for International Development leads the U.S. Government's international development and disaster assistance through partnerships and investments that save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, and help people emerge from humanitarian crises and progress beyond assistance.

Our Interagency Initiatives
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is the lead U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential. Currently active in over 100 countries worldwide, USAID was born out of a spirit of progress and innovation, reflecting American values and character, motivated by a fundamental belief in helping others.

USAID provides development and humanitarian assistance in Africa, Asia and the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., USAID retains field missions around the world. The Agency works in close partnership with host-country governments, private voluntary organizations, indigenous groups, universities, businesses, international organizations, trade and professional associations, faith-based organizations, and with other U.S. Government agencies.

In Zambia, the last 16 years of strong economic growth has placed the average per capita income at $1,646 and made it a lower-middle-income nation. Zambia’s 29 years of successful multi-party democracy, with two peaceful transitions between ruling political parties, has made the nation one of the more stable in sub-Saharan Africa.

Despite the recent growth experienced within Zambia, much remains to be done to advance equitable development throughout the nation. Three out of four Zambians still live in extreme poverty and the country faces major challenges, including high unemployment, low agricultural productivity, inadequate transportation and energy infrastructure, poor education outcomes, a burgeoning youth population, and health crises caused by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, malaria, and other diseases. Over the last 50 years USAID has worked with the government and people of Zambia to help address some of the country’s major challenges.

USAID is taking a whole of Agency approach to ensure that the programs we implement are best supporting a country’s journey to self-reliance. The theory of change is that as a country’s commitment and capacity strengthen, our partnership should evolve. Ultimately, we support our current host country partners to be fellow donors.

USAID is led by Administrator Mark Green. The United States Mission in Zambia is led by the U.S. Ambassador to Zambia, and the USAID/Zambia Director is Sheryl Stumbras. For more information, please visit the USAID/Zambia website at: www.usaid.gov/zambia.
Our Focus

- Improving the health of Zambians, with a particular focus on women, at-risk youth, and vulnerable children
- Reducing the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other illnesses
- Increasing agriculture-led economic growth to reduce rural poverty and food insecurity
- Mitigating the effects of climate vulnerability and promoting sustainable management of natural resources
- Raising the quality of basic education to increase literacy
- Enhancing democratic governance and human rights
Our Programs

- **Health**
- **Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance**
- **Economic Development, Environment, and Food Security**
- **Education**
USAID in Zambia:

- Manages investments of over $300 million annually.
- Maximizes how we spend each and every U.S. taxpayer dollar, ensuring assistance is delivered effectively and efficiently, and reports regularly on the use of these resources.
- Comprises a staff of over 100 professionals and experts in the fields of governance, food security, health, environment, education, communications, and management.
- Supports Zambia, including the government, civil society, and the private sector, to plan, finance, and implement solutions to solve its own development challenges.
- Actively works with the private sector to understand and address barriers to investment, and harness the talent of the private sector and prioritize enterprise-driven development.
- Fosters locally led development, mobilizing domestic and other financial resources, and building the capacity of local partners and systems.
- Partners with stakeholders to identify and design activities that are inclusive, relevant to local conditions, and timely.
- Conducts regular on-site monitoring, audits, and evaluations of all its investments.
- Meets regularly with cooperating partners to promote better donor coordination and development effectiveness. The U.S. government, through USAID, is the largest donor entity in Zambia.
- Significantly contributes to Government to Government and donor basket funds.

**USAID/Zambia supports the implementation of the following:** the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI); the President’s Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative, known as Feed the Future; the Mandela Washington Fellows Program; the President’s Global Climate Change Initiative; and the U.S. President’s Power Africa program.

Visit the Foreign Aid Explorer Dashboard for more information about U.S. government funding to Zambia and around the world.
Photo: David, Halima, and Mickdady are seasonal cane cutters who often travel and live away from their families for extended periods of time. They are beneficiaries of the USAID-funded Zambia Community HIV Prevention Project (Z-CHPP), which works through community-based programming to prevent new HIV infections and mitigate risk-taking behaviors. Offering migrant populations the services they need in the places where they work is a critical step towards curbing the HIV epidemic.
No country can be self-reliant without a healthy population. USAID works closely with the Government of the Republic of Zambia to strengthen the public health system at the national, provincial, district, and community levels. With an HIV prevalence rate of 12 percent, Zambia receives significant support from USAID under the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). These PEPFAR investments focus on scaling up integrated HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs with the goal of reaching epidemic control by 2020.

Today, more than 900,000 Zambians receive daily life-saving antiretroviral treatment as compared to 3,500 in 2004. HIV incidence rate has fallen sharply in the last decade, and the infection rate for children born to HIV-infected mothers has dropped from 35 to less than 3 percent. PEPFAR and USAID investments support these developments by improving the care and resilience of orphans and vulnerable children living with or affected by HIV, increasing access to and use of comprehensive HIV prevention care and treatment for key populations, and preventing gender based violence by strengthening and expanding opportunities for girls, women, boys, and men.

Malaria is the number one cause of hospitalization in Zambia and a major cause of morbidity and mortality, particularly in pregnant women and young children. The President’s Malaria Initiative, through USAID, in coordination with the MOH has supported Malaria control in Zambia since 2006 through equitable access to malaria prevention and control interventions.

Additional investment initiatives focus on increasing access to family planning and improving maternal and child health. USAID’s maternal and child health programs work to ensure that all women and children have the same chance of a healthy life, regardless of where they are born.

USAID’s health programs also work to prevent and treat other diseases including tuberculosis, and cervical cancer. USAID/Zambia aims to strengthen social protection for Zambia’s vulnerable populations.
CORE HEALTH ACTIVITIES

AIDSFREE

- Life of Project: September 2016 to February 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: John Snow Inc. (JSI) Research and Training Institute Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $10.4 million

AIDSFree works with the Zambian Ministry of Health (MoH) to develop and implement an electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS). The overarching goal of the eLMIS is to improve the availability and quality of health commodities at health facilities to meet patient demand. The system serves as an integrated data repository that provides a data entry module for logistics management, analysis, and reporting. AIDSFree trains MoH staff at central, provincial, and district levels to use eLMIS applications, evaluate supply chain, and use data to make informed supply chain decisions.

BREAKTHROUGH ACTION

- Life of Project: October 2017 to December 2020
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Muchinga Provinces
- Partners: Save the Children, Ideas 42, Think Action, Camber Collective (LMT)
- USAID/PEPFAR/PMI/PRH Investment (Life of Project): $15 million

Breakthrough ACTION is a social and behavior change (SBC) project working to increase the adoption and maintenance of healthy behaviors among Zambian individuals, families, and communities. Breakthrough ACTION contributes to the broader goal of improved health and development outcomes, with a focus on behaviors related to HIV, maternal and child health, family planning, malaria, and nutrition. The project challenges current approaches to SBC by building on what is working and pilots new approaches in collaboration with beneficiaries and stakeholders. Working with other development partners and the MoH’s directorate of Health Promotion, Environment, and Social Determinates, Breakthrough ACTION strengthens SBC capacity at national and district levels.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSISTANCE SUPPORT (CHAs)

- Life of Project: March 2019 to February 2021
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, North-western and Western
- Partner: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $8.86 million

The overall aim of the USAID CHAS activity is to increase access to quality, cost effective, health services at health facilities and posts across the eight target provinces. This will be achieved by increasing access to basic health services (including HIV and nutrition) through the hiring and deployment of community health assistants (CHAs) and nutrition technical staff at clinical service delivery sites. The project will also work with the MoH to improve oversight and management of the CHAs and the quality of CHA training.
DISTRICT COVERAGE OF HEALTH SERVICES (DISCOVER-HEALTH)

- Life of Project: December 2015 to December 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: John Snow Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $119 million

USAID DISCOVER-Health supports HIV prevention and treatment, family planning, and maternal and child health programs. The project prioritizes incarcerated persons, adolescents and young people, and hard-to-reach populations to increase access to services. USAID DISCOVER-Health program scales up Test and Start HIV treatment, facilitates access to, and uptake of, family planning and HIV prevention services, and ensures a strong continuum of care between clinics and communities. USAID DISCOVER also works with the US Government-supported DREAMS program to provide PrEP to high risk adolescent girls and young women.

DREAMS PARTNERSHIP - ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: October 2015 - Ongoing
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, and Southern Provinces
- U.S. Government Partners: PEPFAR, USAID, CDC, and Peace Corps
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Annually): $16.2 million

In 2014, nearly half of all new HIV infections in adolescent girls and young women globally occurred in ten eastern and southern African countries. The DREAMS Initiative was developed in response to reverse this trend and help girls develop into Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe women. The DREAMS partnership delivers a core package of confidential, evidence-informed approaches that go beyond the health sector by addressing the structural drivers that directly or indirectly increase girls’ HIV risk including gender inequality, lack of education, poverty, and sexual violence.

A collaboration among the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Gilead Sciences, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, PEPFAR, and ViiV Healthcare, DREAMS is implemented in Zambia by various partners through linkages for HTC (HIV testing and counseling), VMMC (voluntary medical male circumcision), ART (antiretroviral therapy), and adherence support.

Photo: A young woman in Ndola learns to sew and market her products as part of the vocation training services offered through the DREAMS program.
ERADICATE TUBERCULOSIS (ETB)

- Life of Project: May 2017 to September 2022
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and North-Western Provinces
- Partner: Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $21.5 million

USAID ETB works in partnership with the GRZ, the National TB Control Program, the private sector, and other partners to strengthen the national response to TB in Zambia. ETB focuses on finding new TB cases, laboratory strengthening, management of drug resistant TB, and operational research. The project targets high TB-burden communities, people living with HIV, children, and individuals living in congregate settings, such as prisons.

EQUIP / ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: October 2015 to October 2020
- Location: Copperbelt, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern Provinces
- Partner: Right to Care
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Annually): $20 million

EQUIP supports the delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in the three northernmost provinces of Zambia. This includes targeted testing to identify new HIV positive individuals, linkage to treatment, and support for treatment adherence. EQUIP also provides voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce new HIV infections among priority populations. In the Copperbelt Province, EQUIP supports the Centralized Dispensing Unit which is an ARV packaging facility allowing those on HIV treatment to pick up their medicines at private pharmacies in locations that are convenient for them.

GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN – PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT (GHSC-PSM)

- Life of project: September 2016 to July 2021
- Location: National
- Partner: Chemonics International
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $10.4 billion worldwide

As part of the U.S. Government’s worldwide Global Health Initiative, USAID GHSC-PSM helps to ensure an uninterrupted supply of health commodities to and within Zambia. Partnering with the Zambian Government, this activity strengthens logistics information systems and the use of data-driven decision-making, while providing reliable procurement services and technical assistance. GHSC-PSM also works to expand the capacity of the Zambian government in overseeing and evaluating procurement processes and management of national warehousing and distribution.
OPEN DOORS

- Life of Project: May 2016 to May 2021
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Lusaka, and North Western Provinces
- Partner: FHI 360
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $24 million

USAID Open Doors aims to expand HIV care, prevention, and treatment services for underserved populations along one of Zambia’s primary transport corridors and in other hotspots. The activity focuses on closing existing gaps in service delivery and increasing access for key populations, including female sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals. Open Doors uses a social networking strategy to identify the most at-risk and provides innovative HIV prevention and clinical services in areas that increase access and acceptability.

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR ALL INITIATIVE (SARAI)

- Life of Project: April 2015 to April 2020
- Location: Copperbelt, Luapula, and Muchinga Provinces
- Partner: Society for Family Health
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $15.25 million

In helping Zambia achieve the global Family Planning 2020 goals and commitments, the SARAI activity aims to reduce unmet need for family planning (FP) from 21 percent to below 14 percent, while increasing the modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 45 percent to 58 percent by the year 2020. SARAI aims to accomplish this by increasing the availability of FP and reproductive health services and improving service delivery, through health systems strengthening in 17 targeted districts of Zambia.

STOP GBV PROJECT

- Life of Project: November 2018 to November 2023
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, Muchinga, North-Western, Southern, and Western
- Partner: Zambia Center for Communication Programs
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $17.1 million

According to the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey, 43 percent of women, aged 15-49 years, have experienced some form of physical violence in their lifetime. The USAID STOP GBV project aims to strengthen and expand opportunities for girls, women, boys, and men to live lives free of GBV and enjoy healthy, gender-equitable relationships. In close partnership with GRZ and the Department for International Development, the project focuses on strengthening governmental and traditional leadership’s commitment to GBV prevention and response. STOP GBV mobilizes communities to change gender norms, strengthen the capacity of law enforcement systems to respond to GBV, and provide quality one-stop GBV response care. STOP GBV also serves as an implementing partner under DREAMS, providing community-based GBV norms change interventions and supporting access to GBV response care and support.
SUPPORTING AN AIDS FREE ERA (SAFE)

- Life of Project: August 2017 to August 2022
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, and North-Western Provinces
- Partner: John Snow Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): Approximately $102 million

SAFE works through public and private health facilities to provide access to and utilization of high quality HIV prevention and treatment services. The goal of the activity is to reduce HIV mortality, morbidity, and transmission, while improving nutrition outcomes and family planning integration. SAFE utilizes a technical assistance approach to strengthen services at the district and facility level, while providing a direct service delivery model at the community level.

ZAMBIA COMMUNITY HIV PREVENTION PROJECT (Z-CHPP)

- Life of Project: November 2015 to November 2020
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Pact, Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): Approximately $60 million

The overall goal of USAID Z-CHPP is to prevent new HIV infections through community-based behavioral interventions, improved condom accessibility and acceptability, and promotion of high-impact services. The project targets discordant couples, people living with HIV, adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), and other high-risk groups. USAID Z-CHPP works closely with GRZ to support the development of community programs that mitigate risk behaviors, increase referrals from community to clinical services, and reduce the vulnerability of AGYW.

USAID Z-CHPP also serves as the lead implementing partner for the DREAMS program, a global initiative designed to prevent new HIV infections among AGYW in high HIV burden countries. The DREAMS program delivers a core package of evidence-informed approaches within and beyond the health sector to address the structural drivers that impact AGYW’s HIV risk- including gender inequality, lack of education, poverty, and sexual violence.
The USAID ZAMFAM project offers holistic, needs-based services to manage, mitigate, and prevent the burden of HIV and AIDS. Through the program, children and their families, living in areas with the highest HIV disease burden, receive increased access to social services and social protection. With a range of services including child protection, economic strengthening, education support, health and nutrition education, and household parenting classes, ZAMFAM works to improve the care and resilience of vulnerable children and adolescents, while supporting HIV epidemic control in Zambia. ZAMFAM also plays a key role in the DREAMS program, providing programs for parents of AGYW, designed to facilitate family communications around sexual reproductive health.
IMPACT MALARIA

- Life of Project: September 2019 to September 2023
- Location: Central and Copperbelt Provinces
- Partners: Population Services International (PSI), Medical Care Development International (MCDI)
- USAID Investment (Annually): $400,000

The purpose of the Impact Malaria Program is to reduce morbidity and mortality from malaria, while moving Zambia towards national or subnational pre-elimination. To achieve this goal, Impact Malaria supports the Zambian National Malaria Elimination Center’s (NMEC) strategic plan to tackle malaria service delivery challenges, focusing on providing effective and efficient diagnosis and treatment to patients at health facilities and in community settings. The plan strives to prevent and manage malaria in pregnancy, strengthen malaria health systems, and improve use of data for analysis and decision-making at central, provincial, and district offices.

PROGRAM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MALARIA OUTCOMES (USAID PAMO)

- Life of Project: September 2015 to September 2020
- Location: Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern Provinces
- Partner: Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
- USAID/PMI Investment (Life of Project): $24 million

USAID PAMO is the flagship malaria activity for the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative in Zambia. USAID PAMO contributes to the reduction of malaria morbidity and mortality by increasing access to, and uptake of, quality malaria control interventions. USAID PAMO works closely with the MoH to build their capacity to implement the National Malaria Strategic Plan at community, district, and provincial levels. USAID PAMO’s specific interventions focus on strengthening malaria prevention and case management activities at community health facilities, while building GRZ management and oversight capacity at the district and provincial levels. Through community mobilization and social and behavior change communication, USAID PAMO also works with communities to adopt healthy behaviors which help eliminate malaria. Additionally, the program supports improvement of data reporting and analysis for decision-making by strengthening national Health Management Information System (HMIS).
VECTORLINK

- Life of Project: September 2017 to August 2022
- Location: Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern
- Partner: Abt Associates Inc.
- USAID/PMI Investment (Annually): $9 million

With malaria as one of the leading causes of death in sub-Saharan Africa, Zambia is 1 of 19 countries where the United States President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) operates. PMI partners work with National Malaria Elimination Center (NMEC) to support the scale-up of indoor residual spraying (IRS), the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets, and the provision of rapid diagnostic test kits and life-saving medicines. VectorLink specifically focuses on indoor residual spraying and the procurement of IRS-related commodities. They also provide technical assistance for environmental compliance in support of the Zambia NMEC's IRS program.

ADVANCING NEWBORN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

- Life of Project: January 2019 to January 2022
- Location: Lusaka
- Partner: Perez, APC
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $5.5 million

The Advancing Newborn Healthcare Systems activity works with the Women and Newborn Hospital at the University Teaching Hospital to reduce infection and improve quality of care, dramatically reducing neonatal mortality. The space and equipment constraints in the Women and Newborn Hospital NICU ward have meant that quality improvement activities will not address the significant burden of infection without expansion of the facility to make space for additional newborns and reduce the spread of infection. To address this, this activity will build a new facility adjacent to the current NICU ward. This expansion will reduce the spread of infectious diseases, improve health service delivery, and ultimately reduce newborn mortality.

COMMUNITY HEALTH RADIO PROGRAM

- Life of Project: February 2018 to February 2021
- Location: Central, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and Western Provinces
- Partner: Population Media Center
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $2.8 million

The USAID CHRP activity aims to improve the health of women and children by addressing family planning, nutrition, gender-based violence, and HIV, through radio programming. The project writes, produces, and broadcasts two radio serial dramas on a weekly basis, across five provinces. Each 156 minute episode is broadcast in Bemba or Lozi and is carefully designed to integrate cultural and provincial contexts and characteristics. The ultimate goal of CHRP is to present relatable and riveting storylines that resonate emotionally with Zambian audiences and inspire long-term behavior change.
SAFE MOTHERHOOD 360+

- Life of Project: December 2015 to December 2020
- Location: Central, Eastern, Luapula, Lusaka, and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Churches Health Association of Zambia
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $15.9 million

The goal of USAID Safe Motherhood 360+ is to support the reduction of maternal and newborn deaths by 35 percent in sixteen targeted districts. Safe Motherhood 360+ works with mothers and newborns during the 48-hour period of labor and delivery, addressing the “three delays” associated with maternal deaths: seeking, reaching, and receiving care. Specific goals include strengthening health service integration for women of reproductive age, increasing the number of institutional deliveries, and improving the quality of care for mothers and their newborns.

SCALING UP EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN ZAMBIA (SUpErCDZ)

- Life of Project: January 2019 to January 2022
- Location: Eastern and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Right to Care Zambia
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $3 million

The SUpErCDZ activity provides Early Childhood Development (ECD) innovations to improve physical and cognitive health outcomes for children, ages 0-6, in Zambia. This will be achieved by scaling up ECD service delivery through community-based platforms to improve access to underserved populations. SUpErCDZ works with local resources, including Safe Motherhood Action Groups and maternity waiting homes, to establish community-based parenting groups that can better respond to the needs of young children. SUpErCDZ provides training and mentorship to healthcare workers, community health volunteers, early childhood development workers, and caregivers to improve ECD-related knowledge and behaviors in their communities.

SYSTEMS FOR BETTER HEALTH (SBH)

- Life of Project: October 2015 to December 2020
- Location: National and Central, Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, Southern, and Western Provinces
- Partner: Abt Associates, Inc.
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $65 million

USAID Systems for Better Health works with the Zambian Government to develop and implement national strategies, which address key system challenges facing the health sector. The activity provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Health to build the capacity of health managers and professionals at the facility, district, provincial, and national levels, and improve their ability to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate health programs.
Photo: Students gather around their teacher while visiting the Lubuto Library in Mthunzi Center, Lusaka. Supported by USAID’s Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad, Lubuto Library Partners builds the capacity of public libraries to create opportunities for equitable education and poverty reduction, and increases access to quality education for marginalized and out-of-school children.
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Zambia has made significant gains in increasing access to education, but the education system continues to be plagued by inadequate resources, poor education quality and low progression rates. In collaboration with the Zambian government and other implementing and cooperating partners, USAID education programs aim to increase learners’ performance in the early grades, and target foundational literacy skills.

USAID Education programs also strengthen the capacity of teachers and school administrators to better deliver education services, and provide improved teaching and learning materials. A well-educated population in both the private sector (to stimulate economic growth) and the public sector (to provide effective services) is essential to reduce poverty and eliminate the need for donor assistance.

Photo: USAID/Zambia Director Sheryl Stumbas (center right) and Education Office Director Sarah Crites (center left) observe students at Kasupe Primary School in Chipata District as they practice new reading skills learned with support from the USAID Let’s Read Project. In partnership with the Ministry of General Education, the $49 million project aims to improve reading outcomes for approximately 1.4 million children in Zambia by 2020.
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

LET’S READ

- Life of Project: January 2019 to January 2024
- Location: Eastern, Muchinga, North Western, Southern and Western Provinces
- Partner: Education Development Center (Prime) and VVOB, Kentalis International, and Resonance (Sub-contractors)
- USAID Investment: $48.9 million

The USAID Let’s Read project works with Zambia’s Ministry of General Education to improve reading outcomes for approximately 1.4 million children. The project targets children in pre-primary (kindergarten) through Grade 3. The overall goal of the activity is to help ensure that students read with comprehension and fluency in one of Zambia’s seven official local languages of instruction: Silozi, Luvale, Kikaonde, Lunda, Chinyanja, Icibemba, and Chitonga. USAID Let’s Read is implemented in over 4,000 public, primary, and community schools in five target provinces: Eastern, Muchinga, North Western, Southern, and Western.

Over the past decade, reading assessments for early grades consistently show over 64 percent of Zambian students are unable to read or write at the end of their second year of learning (2018 USAID Early Grade Reading Assessment). To address this, the USAID Let’s Read project aims to strengthen the delivery of the primary literacy curriculum though the following activities:

- Develop and implement a reading intervention package including: teaching and learning materials; teacher training; and improved coaching, supervision, and support
- Assess pupil learning (nine times per year) based on the primary literacy curriculum
- Track school and learner performance through a Performance Tracking System
- Engage the community and private sector to support reading interventions

Photo: Honorable David Mabumba, the Government of the Republic of Zambia Minister of General Education, delivering the keynote address during the national launch of USAID Let’s Read Program’s at Kasupe Primary School in Eastern Province.
EDUCATION DATA

- Life of Project: April 2018 to October 2021
- Location: Eastern, Muchinga, North-Western, Southern and Western
- Partner: DevTech Systems, Inc.
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $5.8 million

The purpose of the Education Data activity is to provide assessment, data management, research, and evaluation services for USAID’s Education Office and specifically to track progress of the flagship education program, USAID Let’s Read. The Education Data activity will:

- Administer Early Grade Reading Assessments (EGRA) in five target provinces; a baseline in 2018 and midline in 2020, to measure the extent to which children in Grade 2 are learning to read at grade level.
- Conduct research in identified priority areas.
- Disseminate EGRA findings to USAID and education sector stakeholders in Zambia to apply lessons learned and identify trends to inform decision making.
- Strengthen the capacity of the Examination Council of Zambia and the Ministry of General Education to track and collect data to improve learning outcomes in Zambia.

TEACHING AT THE RIGHT LEVEL

- Life of Project: July 2017 to September 2020
- Location: Eastern and Southern Provinces
- Partners: J-PAL Africa and UNICEF/Zambia
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $5 million

To improve the low reading levels among Zambian students, USAID/Zambia is working in collaboration with the Ministry of General Education to implement the Teaching at the Right Level methodology in primary schools in Eastern and Southern provinces. TaRL is a model developed by Pratham, which assesses students’ literacy and numeracy levels and groups them according to proficiency level as opposed to grade. Students then follow a learner-centered program that targets their current learning levels and helps them recover foundational skills to “catch up” to grade level.

Photo: With assistance from USAID, a primary school teacher works with a student as part of a Grade 2 literacy lesson at St. Johns Community School in Kafue District.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

The Economic Development office’s approach to reducing poverty in Zambia is based upon three pillars that support Zambia’s journey to self-reliance: empowering communities; leveraging private sector solutions and investments, and; supporting host government leadership. The office works in a variety of technical sectors, including agriculture, natural resources management, energy, water and sanitation, trade, biodiversity conservation and nutrition.

Through the Feed the Future initiative, USAID tackles rural poverty, resilience and malnutrition with activities that address policy issues, promote access to markets and enterprise development, facilitate private-sector investment to increase agricultural production and incomes, all in order to strengthen Zambian’s ability to prepare for, withstand and recover from shocks and stresses.

Zambia’s tremendous wealth of natural resources faces increasing threats. USAID programs conserve Zambia’s forests and rich biodiversity by promoting sustainable natural resources management and combating wildlife trafficking. Through the Power Africa initiative, USAID seeks to increase the generation of, and access to, clean energy sources, particularly in rural and off-grid spaces.
USAID/Zambia Partners in Development

CORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

SCALING UP NUTRITION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (SUN TA)

- Life of Project: February 2019 to February 2026 (4 base years + 3 option years)
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Northern and Luapula (initial 4 provinces)
- Partner: DAI
- USAID Investment: $71 million

USAID Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN TA) is an integrated nutrition program supported by USAID/Zambia. The aim of USAID SUN TA is to reduce stunting in 13 selected districts in Zambia. The activity will be responsible for strength-based and need-based technical capacity strengthening for National Food and Nutrition Commission and line ministries, primarily at the district level and below.

USAID SUN TA will provide technical support for the development of Zambian District Nutrition Coordinating Committee and Provincial Nutrition Coordination Committee work plans, identifying assets, addressing challenges, and providing technical support to create sustainable, replicable systems across nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programming. In areas where there is limited technical expertise at the district level and below, the USAID SUN TA activity will provide more intensive technical assistance. It will work hand-in-hand with Zambian government officials on joint work planning, prioritization, budgeting, activity implementation, progress reporting, and monitoring.

Photo: Access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene are essential to protect gains in nutrition and health outcomes. The two-year Mawa project works to address water and sanitation needs of the most vulnerable Zambians to reduce the spread of pathogens and illness.

USAID/Zambia Partners in Development
SCALING UP NUTRITION LEARNING AND EVALUATION (SUN LE)

- Life of Project: November 2018 to November 2022 (option years until May 2026)
- Location: National
- Partner: Khulisa Management Services
- USAID Investment: $15 million

In late 2010, the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) was one of the first countries in the world to join the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement - a global initiative uniting citizens, civil society, businesses, and governments in a worldwide exercise to end under-nutrition. SUN Zambia aims to improve child nutritional status by emphasizing a decrease in Zambia’s critically high rates of under-five stunting (40 percent).

USAID supports SUN Zambia (currently in its second phase (SUN 2.0)) through the USAID SUN Technical Assistance (SUN TA) activity and the USAID Scaling Up Nutrition Learning and Evaluation (SUN LE) activity. The goal of USAID SUN TA is to reduce childhood stunting by 2 percent. USAID SUN LE will evaluate the impact of USAID SUN TA by measuring change in stunting levels and supporting learning, evaluating, and monitoring of USAID SUN TA’s activities. USAID SUN LE will encourage a culture of learning and adaptive management under SUN 2.0; conduct baseline, mid-line, and end-line surveys for SUN 2.0; conduct focused studies; and conduct biennial performance audits.

MAWA

- Life of Project: November 2012 to November 2019
- Location: National
- Partner: Catholic Relief Services
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $16.1 million

Poverty and chronic under-nutrition remain major challenges for Zambia, particularly among households that are most vulnerable and living in extreme poverty. Through USAID Feed the Future, the Mawa project (2012-2017) worked with smallholder farming households in Eastern Province to improve their food and economic security. This project helped households find a balance between harnessing agriculture for consumption and income through engagement with markets. Under this project, agriculture, nutrition, health and incomes meet to create more resilient families and communities.

USAID’s two-year Mawa Project extension builds on the previous success to address water, sanitation, and hygiene needs of the same. The purpose of this additional investment is to protect the nutrition gains made in the first five years. The project supports the Government of the Republic of Zambia’s aim to reduce poverty through the provision of good quality, safe drinking water supply and proper sanitation service provision under the National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme.
FEED THE FUTURE ZAMBIA POLICY STRENGTHENING PROJECT

- Life of Project: May 2015 to May 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI)
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $6.3 million

The Feed the Future Zambia Policy Strengthening Project tackles rural poverty and hunger through sound research, policy analysis, outreach, and capacity building. The project builds on the prior work of USAID’s Food Security Research Project and provides direct funding to the Zambia Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), a Zambia-based think tank dedicated to agricultural policy research and advocacy.

Support from Feed the Future Zambia Policy Strengthening Project enables IAPRI to continue contributing evidence-based recommendations that support the implementation of the Seventh National Development Plan, Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program, National Agriculture Investment Plan, and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation process in Zambia.

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AUTHORITY AGREEMENTS

- Life of Project: Variable, depending on agreement
- Location: National
- Partners: Zambia National Commercial Bank, Madison Financial, and Standard Chartered Bank

Despite 80 percent of Zambians working in agriculture, the sector contributes less than 20 percent toward the nation’s growth; the Development Credit Authority (DCA) assists in improving the impact of the industry. USAID has DCA agreements with Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO) and Madison Financial to promote lending to individuals and small businesses in the agricultural sector with a focus on warehousing and clean-energy agricultural solutions. In partnership with USAID, the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) has a risk-sharing agreement with Madison.

USAID also has a DCA agreement with Standard Chartered Bank to support the recapitalization of Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (ZESCO) to improve power transmission and distribution aimed at connecting an additional 250,000 households to the national power grid.
Zambia’s abundant natural forest and wildlife resources provide a significant opportunity for rural communities to benefit economically from sustainable local resource management. However, land tenure and resource rights in Zambia are characterized by overlapping and often ambiguous tenure and management frameworks. Coinciding responsibilities often result in customary authorities and communities experiencing limited benefits from their land’s resources.

The USAID Integrated Land and Resource Governance Program (ILRG) aims to bolster the ability of local organizations and communities, district and national government, and traditional leaders to document land and resource rights, and to use this data to inform land-use planning and development decisions. USAID ILRG helps integrate best practices into land and resource policy and legislation through consultative processes. It also works with local partners to pilot progressive legislation and regulations that promote community-based management of natural resources. Results of these actions will help lead to an improved national policy that ensures adequate tenure rights and economic benefits to communities.

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROTECTION

The Mumbwa and Namwala Game Management Areas (GMAs), two of nine GMAs which, together with Kafue National Park form the Greater Kafue Landscape, are home to rich biodiversity, including the elephant, sable antelope, and cape buffalo. The area supports 13 species of carnivores including lion, leopard, hyena, cheetah, and wild dog. However, seated on the major national highway from Lusaka to Mongu, these two areas face the bulk of anthropogenic pressure, mainly poaching, bush fires, and human encroachment.

The USAID-funded Community Wildlife Protection project addresses these pressures through increased community action toward combating poaching and other illegal activities to reduce poaching and support communities to realize benefits from wildlife-based enterprises, such as sustainable tourism, hunting, and game ranching conservation. The project ultimately aims to contribute to the broader collective work to conserve Zambia’s Greater Kafue Landscape.
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE PARTICIPATING AGENCY
PROGRAM AGREEMENT

- Life of Project: January 2010 to December 2020
- Location: National and Eastern Province
- Partner: United States Forest Service (USFS)
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $6.0 million

This project supports the Mission, the Zambian government, and implementing partners with technical assistance and capacity building to address climate change, biodiversity, forestry, and natural resource management in Zambia.

The United States Forest Service (USFS) has provided training in wildland fire management, forest monitoring and management, climate change, and protected area management. USFS has also created land use change maps for Eastern Province. USFS trained District Forest Officers in a variety of workshops focused on cartography training, data collection, GIS, and remote sensing.

The USFS facilitated the training of Zambian District Forest Officers and Department of National Parks and Wildlife Officers in the United States, in courses such as Climate Change, Natural Resource Management, Protected Area Management, and Rangeland Management.

The technical assistance will set the Zambian Government on a trajectory to manage its own environment, accelerate greenhouse gas reduction, and conserve Zambia’s natural resources.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS (NARUC) PARTNERSHIP AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

- Life of Project: May 2018 to May 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: Zambia Energy Regulation Board (ERB)
- USAID Investment: $750,000

A catalyst for economic development, electricity is essential for improving the human quality of life. This partnership with NARUC aims to improve the regulatory and technical capacity of the ERB and catalyze a vibrant energy sector that is empowered to better meet both its electricity generation and electricity access targets. The core of the activity focuses on: cost reflective tariffs; regulatory autonomy, enforcement and compliance; Open Access Framework development; renewable energy integration; and Off-Grid Regulatory Framework. The results will lead to increased energy generation and connections in Zambia and, ultimately, contribute to Zambia’s economic development and self-reliance.
ZAMBIA TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT PROGRAM (Z-TFAP)

- Life of Project: May 2018 to May 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub (SATIH)
- USAID Investment: $3.1 million

USAID support to Z-TFAP strengthens the capacity of key reform champions and their institutions in the Zambian Government, private sector, and civil society, to help define, lead, and implement activities, with a focus on short-term improvements in commercial trade and reduction in the time and cost associated with the movement of goods across borders.

Z-TFAP focuses on the following priority areas:

- Improving interagency coordination to implement trade facilitation measures among actors comprising of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia Revenue Authority, The Zambia Bureau of Standards, the Ministry of Agriculture, NGOs, and the private sector;
- Modernizing custom operations and harmonizing cross-border procedures;
- Building private-sector capacity to apply and comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary standards; and
- Support the Zambia Commodity Exchange and establish the Grain Market Information System.
Photo: A woman in Katete District votes in Zambia’s 2016 presidential election. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of a true democracy, and USAID’s Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Program supports elections free of corruption, intimidation, and violence.
With a long history of democratic governance and peaceful transitions of power, Zambia has a strong foundation on which to build accountable and responsive systems of governance that advance the nation’s long-term development priorities. However, limited government capacity and political will, public-sector mismanagement and endemic corruption, as well as more recent trends including selective use of law and regulation by government against voices and institutions critical of it, threaten this potential opportunity.

Establishing democratic, citizen-centered governance is an indispensable requisite for countries seeking a sustainable, self-reliant development path. USAID supports Zambia’s democratic traditions and promotes citizen-responsive governance by strengthening civil society and citizen participation, advancing respect for human rights, promoting free and fair elections, and improving accountability, efficiency, and transparency in the delivery of public services. USAID works with the government and people of Zambia to build and sustain a democratic, well-governed, and accountable state that can respond to the needs of its growing population.

USAID’s programs empower the voices of marginalized Zambians - particularly women and youth - and shape the role of civil society in governance. This approach ensures that leaders benefit from the views of more constituents so that together, Zambians can advance priorities in health, education, and economic development while protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of all citizens.
DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY (AGIS)

- Life of Project: October 2017 to October 2022
- Location: Eastern, Lusaka, and Muchinga Provinces
- Partner: Crown Agents USA
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $7.3 million

AGIS helps the Zambian government improve efficiencies and transparency of public expenditures in the health and education sectors. AGIS works with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of General Education to strengthen oversight of public resources, enhance financial management systems, and improve linkages between the central government and districts. The activity targets top public financial management priorities that will improve internal controls, audits, and procurement. Over the long term, AGIS will increase Zambian self-reliance by building citizen confidence in government systems, freeing up existing resources to better serve the Zambian people, and helping the government provide services where they are most needed.

FOSTERING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: September 2014 to March 2020
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka and North-Western Provinces
- Partner: Counterpart International
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $6.4 million

Informed Zambian citizens able to productively engage government service providers can transform health care, education, and conservation of land, water, and forests. Civil society organizations play an important role in mobilizing communities for concerted action. Working at the district and national levels, the Fostering Accountability and Transparency (FACT) Zambia project strengthens participatory democratic governance for direct impact on health care, schools, farming, and forests. The activity also supports Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) for public engagement on use of mining revenue for health, education, and other services.

FACT Zambia supports the watchdog capabilities of nine Zambian civil society organizations so they can assess gaps in public services against government standards and work effectively with the government to address these gaps. FACT Zambia also supports citizen advocacy groups at the district level to engage government service providers on joint plans for improvements and monitoring. At the national level, FACT Zambia funds civil society coalitions to advance key education, health, and poverty-reduction policies and track government expenditures for service delivery.
SUPPORT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

- Life of Project: April 2016 to April 2020
- Location: National
- Partner: Zambian Human Rights Commission
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $349,000

USAID partners with the Zambian Human Rights Commission (HRC) to promote awareness of, and the non-discriminatory implementation of the Public Order Act (POA), and to improve Zambia’s human rights case-management processes. The HRC aims to achieve this through the publication of summarized booklets of the POA, the implementation of a toll free line and SMS facility for reporting and tracking human rights violations, and public discussions on key human rights issues relating to freedom of assembly.

With USAID support, the commission is also monitoring and documenting key human rights issues through increased use of tablet phones, both in the field and at the national office. Through this support, the HRC is increasing citizen awareness and stakeholder responsiveness on human rights issues using a rights-based approach.

YOUTH LEAD ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: September 2018 to September 2021
- Location: National
- Partner: FHI 360
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $2.8 million

USAID partnered with FHI 360 to implement Youth Lead Zambia, a multi-year activity to develop and support emerging youth leaders. Youth Lead Zambia harnesses the potential of young Zambian leaders in public management, civic leadership, and business/entrepreneurship to make positive change in their communities and in the country. Major activities include facilitating paid internship opportunities in the civil society, private and public sectors, and promoting civic engagement, leadership, and advocacy skills for young people.

This activity will help Zambia develop a critical mass of healthy and productive youths with leadership skills and core competencies that will enable them to engage productively in their communities as well as in the private and public sectors. Generating this cadre of industrious youths energizes Zambia’s future, fosters an enabling governance environment, and supports the journey to self-reliance, a U.S. foreign policy priority.
ZAMBIA POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY

- Life of Project: June 2018 to June 2022
- Location: National
- Partners: National Democratic Institute (Consortium for Elections and Political Process)
- USAID Investment: $4.5 million

Implemented by the National Democratic Institute (NDI), this multi-year activity promotes an inclusive, competitive, and representative political system that can enhance the long-term prosperity and stability of Zambia. NDI supports civil society to productively contribute to Zambia’s political processes via engagement in policy reform, promotion of informed civic participation, and contributions to the political reconciliation process.

Zambia’s next generations of political leaders are equipped with the attitudes, skills, and tools to become ethical, informed, inclusive party leaders. They will promote citizen-responsive governance in their parties and their country, and support to national civil society and political parties to effectively respond to unanticipated threats or opportunities to Zambia’s democratic process. By building the capacities of women and youth political leaders, and providing productive opportunities for their engagement, the Zambian political process will be better able to oversee and advance the nation’s development.

Photo: Youth Leaders participate in the 2019 Agriculture and Commercial Show at Showgrounds to publicize the program and meet potential internship partners. The USAID Youth Lead program works with young Zambians to amplify the impact of their work, inspire civic innovation, and promote a culture of sustained leadership.
EMBEDDED ADVISORS AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

EMBEDDED TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUPPORT
At USAID, our goal is to end the need for foreign assistance. To help increase the self-reliance and capacity of Zambian government institutions, USAID/Zambia supports embedded advisors in various government departments. These experts serve within government institutions as technical advisors strengthening the ability of the Zambian government and coordinating activities between the U.S. and Zambian governments. Advisors work in a variety of capacities on projects including electricity, democracy, finance, health, natural resource conservation, and supply chain. The embedded advisor partnership model helps bolsters the capacity of government institutions to plan, finance, and implement solutions to local development challenges, and ensures that there is commitment to see these solutions through effectively, inclusively, and with accountability.

USAID/Zambia funded embedded advisors support:

- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of General Education (Central and Provincial Offices)
- Ministry of Health (Central and Provincial Offices)
- Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources’ Forestry Department
- Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA)
- ZESCO Limited

USAID REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
Zambia and other sub-Saharan countries have made significant social and economic advances; however, the number of people living in poverty has grown over the last two decades. Through regional programming, USAID supports a more integrated region for an improved quality of life
for Southern Africans. USAID/Zambia supports regional activities in economic growth, resource management, health, and democracy. Regional programs are funded or managed from USAID/Southern Africa in coordination with USAID/Zambia.

**USAID Regional Activities in Zambia:**

**Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance**

Advancing Rights in Southern Africa (ARISA) implemented by a Consortium led by Freedom House ($10 million) – The ARISA program aims to improve the recognition, awareness, and enforcement of human rights in the region, with an emphasis on protecting the region’s most vulnerable and marginalized groups, including indigenous peoples, women, and youth. The main thematic areas of focus are women’s customary land rights, indigenous people’s rights, media freedoms and digital rights and protection of human rights defenders. This is a 5 year award implemented in nine countries including Zambia.

**Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue (SAPP-D) ($4.5 million)** – A 5 year program, SAPP-D focuses on strengthening inclusive and responsive policy development on water and energy. The program is implemented in 5 countries including Zambia.

**Economic Development**

**Southern Africa Energy Programme (SAEP) ($70 million)** – Implemented by a private sector consortium, SAEP is a 5 year program that aims to help the Southern African region to increase power generation and access through promoting investment in the energy sector. The program is implemented in 11 countries including Zambia.

**USAID VukaNow ($16.6 million)** – A multi-faceted, four year program, VukaNow supports the shared commitments of the U.S. Government, the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), member states, private sector partners and civil society to dramatically decrease wildlife crime across Southern Africa.


**Combating Wildlife Crime in Namibia and the Kavango-Zambezi Area Project (CWC-KAZA) ($17.6 million)** – CWC-KAZA is a five-year activity to increase the black rhino population in Namibia and expand the range of KAZA elephants. The project aims to combat wildlife crime in the KAZA and northwestern region of Namibia. KAZA encompasses areas within the borders of Angola, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

**The USAID Feed the Future Southern Africa Seed Trade Project ($18.2 million)** – A five-year project designed to support Southern African Development Community (SADC) and member states’ leadership and provide the necessary technical assistance for harmonizing policies and regulations governing seed trade in the region. The work facilitates seed trade across the region, integrating small and isolated national markets into one larger SADC-wide market for seeds.
### Washington D.C. based Activities in Zambia for FY 2019

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