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Cover Photo: As part of a private-sector and youth-engagement outreach partnership, media entrepreneur and UNAIDS Ambassador Lulu Haangala Wood (l), musician and entrepreneur Pompi (c), and Film and TV producer Yoweli Chungu (r) lend their voices to help draw attention to USAID development programs. (Photo Credit: Chando Mapoma / USAID Zambia)
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

- President's Malaria Initiative
- PEPFAR
- POWER AFRICA
- FEED THE FUTURE
- MANDELA Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders
- TRADE AFRICA
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.

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In Zambia, the last 14 years of strong economic growth has placed the average per capita income at $1,360 and made it a lower-middle-income nation. Zambia’s 27 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 led by Administrator Mark Green. The United States Ambassador to Zambia is Daniel L. Foote, and the USAID/Zambia Mission Director is Patrick Diskin. 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
Our Programs

HEALTH

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

EDUCATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND FOOD SECURITY
The USAID mission in Zambia:

- Manages investments of nearly $300 million annually.
- Reports on the use of these resources regularly to the United States President, U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Administration.
- Comprises a staff of over 100 professionals and experts in the fields of communications, education, environment, food security, governance, health, and management.
- Designs activities that are inclusive, relevant to local conditions, and timely.
- Conducts regular evaluations, audits, and on-site monitoring of all its investments.
- Convenes regular meetings with bilateral and multilateral donor organizations to promote better donor coordination.
- Works in partnership with the citizens, civil society, government, and private sector of Zambia.
- Advocates for cooperation with international and domestic partners.
- Actively seeks out partnerships with both the U.S. and the Zambian private sectors.
- Is a United States Government focus mission for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI); the U.S. 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 and Trade Africa programs.
USAID/Zambia Partners In Development

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Pompi
Zambian Musician
Leader for A TB-free World

#ENDTB
#USwithZambia
USAID supports Zambia in strengthening its public health system at the national, provincial, and community levels. In collaboration with the Zambian Ministry of Health, USAID’s activities work towards supporting the prevention and treatment of diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis; increasing the overall quality of health care, and changing attitudes and behavior with regard to maternal and child health, nutrition, family planning, and gender-based violence.

Through the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI), USAID supports the scale-up of an extensive indoor residual spraying program, the distribution of insecticide-treated nets, especially for children and pregnant women, and the provision of rapid diagnostic test kits and life-saving medicines. PMI also procures commodities, provides technical assistance for environmental compliance, and promotes upgraded diagnostic capacity to support the National Malaria Control Center’s operations.

With an HIV prevalence of almost 13 percent in the general population, Zambia benefits from USAID’s assistance, through the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), to scale-up integrated prevention, care, and treatment programs, while lessening the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Through PEPFAR, today, more than 800,000 Zambians receive daily life-saving antiretroviral treatment as compared to 3,500 in 2004; the 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 percent to less than 3 percent.
HEALTH ACTIVITIES

AIDSFREE

- Life of Project: September 2016 to July 2019
- Location: National
- Partner: John Snow Inc. (JSI) Research & Training Institute Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $10.4 million

Effective supply chains depend on end-to-end visibility of the right data of the right quality at the right time, in the hands of the right people in the right place, to make the right decision and take the right action. Lack of access to reliable and timely data for forecasting and quantification, supply planning, and delivery of life saving commodities can cripple the health care system. The USAID AIDSFree project works with the Zambian Ministry of Health to develop and implement an electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS). The overarching goal of the eLMIS in Zambia is to improve availability of adequate quantity and quality of health commodities at health facilities to meet patient demand by achieving the following objectives:

- An integrated data repository that will provide a data entry module for logistics reports and other routine logistics data
- A predefined and custom reporting toolkit for administrators, managers, policy makers, and other decision makers
- Technical interfaces for exchanging data with associated health service systems
- Easy-to-use interfaces for operations and support personnel
- Timely data for forecasting and quantification

The project trains ministry staff at central, provincial, and district levels in use of eLMIS applications, supply chain evaluation, and use of logistics data in making informed supply chain decisions.
BREAKTHROUGH

Breakthrough ACTION Zambia is a social and behavior change (SBC) project working to increase the adoption and maintenance of healthy behaviors among Zambian individuals, families, and communities. This 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 to build on what is working and to try new approaches that boldly consider the context from new perspectives. In close collaboration with the Ministry of Health’s directorate of Health Promotion, Environment, and Social Determinates (HPESD) and other development partners to support their plans, Breakthrough strengthens SBC capacity at national and district levels.

COMMUNITY RISING

Over the past two decades, the Zambian Government has worked to address the growing burden of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) at the local and national levels. Unfortunately, a gap remains in district-level coordination and quality improvement of services for vulnerable children. USAID Community Rising aims to improve the quality of OVC services with strengthened systems and policies in 14 target districts and communities.

The Community Rising activity mobilizes and engages communities in OVC support and develops programs that link closely with district governance. Community Rising maps existing services for vulnerable children, develops a baseline for monitoring and evaluating program impacts, provides technical assistance to improve district OVC services, and builds upon the work of two previous USAID-funded activities, Zambia Rising and Data Rising.
DREAMS PARTNERSHIP – ZAMBIA

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

In 2014, nearly half of all new HIV infections in adolescent girls and young women globally occurred in 10 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 $385 million global DREAMS partnership delivers a core package of 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 PEPFAR, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, Gilead Sciences, and ViiV Healthcare, DREAMS is being 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.
MATERNAL AND CHILD SURVIVAL PROJECT (MCSP)

- Life of Project: December 2016 to December 2018
- Location: Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Jhpiego
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $9 million

The goal of USAID MCSP is to provide demand-driven technical assistance to enable high-impact interventions for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health, as well as improved nutrition across four provinces. USAID MCSP will work with the Ministry of Health, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the UK Department for International Development, USAID Systems for Better Health, and other partners in the target districts to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide demand-driven technical assistance for a sustainable scale-up of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH&N) interventions across the four focus provinces of Zambia with a minimum of 80 percent level of effort at the district level and 20 percent level of effort at the provincial and central level.

2. Develop institutional collaboration to increase local capacity in RMNCAH&N.

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR ALL INITIATIVE (SARAI)

- Life of Project: April 2015 to April 2020
- Location: Copperbelt (Chililabombwe, Chingola, Kalulushi, Kitwe, Mufulira, Ndola), Muchinga (Mafinga, Mpika, Shiwa Ngandu, Nakonde), and Luapula (Chienge, Lunga, Kawambwa, Mansa, Nchelenge) Provinces
- Partner: Society for Family Health
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $15.25 million

The goal of the USAID Sexual and Reproductive Health for All Initiative (SARAI) activity is to reduce the unmet need of family planning, which currently stands at more than 20 percent. SARAI aims to accomplish this goal by increasing the availability of healthy family planning and reproductive health services, and improving family planning service delivery through systems strengthening and accountability in 15 targeted districts.
STAMPING OUT AND PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (STOP GBV): ACCESS TO JUSTICE

• Life of Project: April 2013 to April 2018
• Location: Central (Mumbwa), Copperbelt (Kapiri-Mposhi, Chingola), Eastern (Katete, Nakonde, Nyimba), Lusaka (Kafue, Lusaka, Chongwe), Muchinga (Mpika), Southern (Choma, Kalomo, Monze), and Western (Mongu) Provinces
• Partner: Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) Zambia
• USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $4.49 million

Survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) are often reluctant to report their abuse to the authorities because they do not trust the system to protect them. Historically, authorities have tended to view gender-based violence as a domestic issue that should be taken care of at home.

The USAID STOP GBV: Access to Justice activity is working with service providers, community leaders, the judiciary, law enforcement, and policy-makers to improve case management and the enforcement of laws against GBV. The program also provides legal aid to survivors and works in close collaboration with the UK Department for International Development (DFID).
STAMPING OUT AND PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (STOP GBV): PREVENTION & ADVOCACY

- **Life of Project:** April 2013 to April 2018
- **Location:** Central (Chibombo, Kabwe, Kapiri Mposhi), Copperbelt (Chingola, Kitwe, Luanshya, Ndola), Lusaka (Chilanga, Chongwe, Kafue, Lusaka), Muchinga (Chinsali), Eastern (Chipata, Katete, Mumbwa, Nakonde, Nyimba, Sinda), Southern (Choma, Kalomo, Livingstone, Mazabuka, Monze), and Western (Mongu) Provinces
- **Partner:** Zambia Center for Communication Programs
- **USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project):** $8.7 million

The high incidence of gender-based violence (GBV) in Zambia is due, in large part, to cultural and societal acceptance of the practice. The USAID Stamping Out Gender-based Violence: Prevention & Advocacy (STOP GBV) activity works with communities, local policy-makers, non-governmental organizations, and traditional leaders and tribal chiefs to reorient societal norms towards zero tolerance of gender-based violence and child marriage.

The STOP GBV: Prevention and Advocacy activity enhances protective factors and improves the institutional environment to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and child marriage. Through national media campaigns and community-level interventions, the activity helps sensitize communities and encourage their involvement toward ending these practices. Like the recently culminated STOP GBV: Survivor Support and Access to Justice activities, this activity works in close collaboration with the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID).
USAID COMMUNITY HEALTH RADIO PROGRAM

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

Zambia’s rapidly expanding population faces many challenges, with its women and youth bearing the largest. The USAID Community Radio Program aims to improve the health of women and children by addressing family planning, nutrition, gender-based violence, and HIV, with a focus on adolescents. Addressing the issues affecting women and youth in Zambia requires a culturally sensitive social behavior change approach. As such, the project’s objectives are to write, produce, and broadcast two radio serial dramas, each with 156 fifteen minute episodes, in the local languages of Bemba and Lozi, with cultural and provincial contexts. The USAID Community Radio Program will present relatable and riveting storylines that resonate emotionally with Zambian audiences and inspire long-term behavior change.

USAID DISTRICT BASED 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 the Zambian Government’s national health strategy and contributes to the nation’s goal of achieving equitable access to services while reducing preventable morbidity and mortality.

To accomplish its objectives, USAID DISCOVER-Health has set five key targeted goals:
1. Screening 100,000 HIV-infected individuals for TB
2. Treating HIV-infected individuals through mobile services
3. Circumcising 250,000 males aged 10 – 49
4. Distributing 300,000 long-acting and reversible family planning techniques
5. Providing HIV counseling and testing to one million individuals
The project also targets incarcerated persons, youth, and hard-to-reach populations to ensure they have access to HIV, family planning, and mother-and-child health services. USAID DISCOVER-Health has proven to be critically important as USAID works with the Zambian Government in scaling-up Test and Start HIV treatment; bridging the gap in access and uptake of family planning and HIV services between younger women and older men in concert with the DREAMS initiative; and ensuring an appropriate continuum of care between clinics and communities.

USAID EQUIP CONSORTIUM / ZAMBIA (EQUIP)

- Life of Project: October 2015 to October 2019
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Muchinga Provinces
- Partner: Right to Care
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Annually): $5 million

As part of its commitment to promoting South-to-South exchanges, USAID works with the EQUIP Consortium, a South African-based group with extensive experience and technical expertise, in providing comprehensive high quality HIV service delivery, innovating new approaches to service delivery, scaling viral load technology, and analyzing cost and outcome data to optimize HIV programs.

In Zambia, EQUIP works to advance state-of-the-art models of ART service delivery, implement Test and Start strategies, and incorporate innovative approaches to support viral load scale-up. EQUIP also develops strategies and technologies to more effectively identify and link patients to treatment and foster ongoing adherence and retention, while targeting methods that address the needs of key populations.
USAID 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 Eradicate Tuberculosis works in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), the National TB Control Program, private sector, and other partners at the community, national, and provincial levels to strengthen implementation of key components of the government’s response to control TB in Zambia.

The project’s target communities are high TB burden hot spots, including underserved community groups such as children, People Living with HIV (PLHIV), and people in congregate settings such as prisons. USAID Eradicate TB supports the GRZ’s goal of reducing TB-related mortality by 50 percent in the intervention provinces by 2022, through two main objectives: 1) increasing the number of individuals screened for TB in the target provinces by 50 percent, thereby increasing the number of people diagnosed with TB; and 2) increasing the TB treatment success rate to 85 percent and beyond, in the target provinces.

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

- Life of project: September 2016 to July 2021
- Location: Lusaka, Copperbelt, Southern, and Central Provinces
- 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, the primary goal of GHSC-PSM is to help ensure an uninterrupted supply of health commodities throughout Zambia. Partnering with the Zambian Government, the activity:

1. Strengthens logistics information systems and the use of data-driven decision-making
2. Expands the Zambian Government’s role in evaluation and procurement processes
3. Provides reliable procurement services and technical assistance
4. Improves the national warehousing and distributing of commodities
5. Increases innovation for strategic management of commodity security
On November 17, 2017, USAID Mission Director Patrick Diskin commemorated the delivery of 12 distribution trucks, with Zambian Minister of Health, Dr. Chitalu Chilufya, and other event attendees, at the Medical Stores Limited site in Lusaka. The trucks will strengthen the nation’s ability to deliver essential medical commodities to Zambians all over the country.
USAID OPEN DOORS

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

USAID Open Doors aims to expand HIV care, prevention, and treatment services in four provinces, along one of Zambia’s primary transport corridors, and in other identified national hotspots. The activity will close existing gaps in service delivery by significantly increasing access for key under-served populations, including female sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals. Supported by the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the goal is to reduce new HIV infections, in order to work towards an AIDS-Free generation in Zambia.

USAID 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:** 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. The purpose of PAMO is to contribute to the reduction of malaria morbidity and mortality in targeted provinces: Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern. This will be achieved through increased access to and uptake of quality malaria control interventions. PAMO will strengthen Zambia’s Ministry of Health’s capacity to implement the National Malaria Strategic Plan at community, district, and provincial levels.

USAID PAMO aims to strengthen malaria prevention and case management activities at community health facilities and build the management capacity at the district and provincial levels. Additionally, the program will also improve data reporting, analysis, and use for decision-making through strengthening the Health Management Information System (HMIS). Through community mobilization and social and behavior change communication, PAMO seeks to empower communities to adopt healthy behaviors which help eliminate malaria.
USAID/PEPFAR 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 $100 million

The goal of USAID/SAFE is to reduce HIV mortality, morbidity and transmission, while improving nutrition outcomes and family planning integration in the six USAID-supported provinces. SAFE will primarily utilize a technical assistance approach to strengthen services at the district and facility level, as well as a direct service delivery model at the community level. SAFE activities are informed by analyses including gender, policy, and cost-effectiveness analyses, and consultation with the Zambian Government, U.S. Government agencies, civil society, private sector, research institutions, donors, and other stakeholders.

USAID SAFE MOTHERHOOD 360+

- Life of Project: December 2015 to December 2020
- Location: Central (Kabwe), Eastern (Chipata, Lundazi, Mambwe, Nyimba, Petauke), Luapula (Chembe, Lunga, Mansa, Samfya), Lusaka (Luangwa), and Southern (Choma, Kalomo, Livingstone, Pemba, Zimba) Provinces
- Partner: Churches Health Association of Zambia
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $15.9 million

The USAID Safe Motherhood 360+ project implements high impact programs, which provide support around the 48-hour period of labor and delivery. These address the “Three Delays” associated with maternal deaths, specifically delays in seeking, reaching, and receiving care.

The goal of USAID Safe Motherhood 360+ is to contribute to the reduction of maternal and newborn deaths by 35 percent in the 16 targeted Saving Mothers, Giving Life districts. The activity is expected to reach approximately 140,000 pregnant women in 400 facilities.
USAID SYSTEMS FOR BETTER HEALTH

- Life of Project: October 2015 to October 2020
- Location: National Level and in Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Abt Associates, Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR 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.

USAID Systems for Better Health strengthens the capacity of community structures, such as Neighborhood Health Committees, to enhance community-level participation in the health sector. Additionally, this activity engages the private sector as key stakeholders to promote partnership and collaboration. USAID Systems for Better Health also supports safe motherhood interventions in line with the global initiative USAID Saving Mothers, Giving Life.

USAID ZAMBIA COMMUNITY HIV PREVENTION PROJECT (Z-CHPP)

- Life of Project: November 2015 to November 2020
- Location: Lusaka, Central, Copperbelt, and Southern Provinces
- Partner: Pact, Inc.
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $35.4 million

The overall goal of USAID Z-CHPP is to reduce new HIV infections in Zambia, with a key focus on discordant couples, PLHIV, young women, and other high risk groups. By supporting the Zambian Government and developing local community and district level solutions, USAID Z-CHPP helps Zambia toward the UNAIDS 2020 goal of having 90 percent of all PLHIV know their status; assist 90 percent of those who know their positive HIV status to receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART); and achieve viral suppression for 90 percent of those on ART.

USAID Z-CHPP interventions are structured to support four key objectives:
1. Mitigation of risky behavior among priority populations
2. Increased referrals from community programs to high impact services
3. Community-adopted actions to reduce young women’s vulnerability to HIV, unintended pregnancy and GBV
4. Strengthened capacity of local stakeholders to plan, monitor, evaluate, and ensure the quality of prevention activities
USAID ZAMBIA FAMILY (ZAMFAM)

- Life of Project: January 2015 to November 2020
- Location: Central, Copperbelt, Lusaka, and Southern Provinces
- Partners: Expanded Church Response and Development Aid from People to People
- USAID/PEPFAR Investment (Life of Project): $27.5 million

The USAID ZAMFAM project offers holistic, needs-based services, and support 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 toward the goal of improving the care and resilience of vulnerable children and adolescents, while supporting HIV epidemic control in Zambia.

ZAMFAM also plays a crucial role in the DREAMS and Accelerating Children’s HIV/AIDS Treatment (ACT) initiatives, geared toward reducing new HIV infections in young women and girls and increasing the number of children receiving treatment.

The work of ZAMFAM is reinforced by the social welfare systems strengthening activities of Community Rising and Zambia Rising. In support of USAID project integration, referrals are also made to the Gender-based Violence: Survivor Support (USAID-GBVSS) and family planning (USAID SARAI) activities.
With malaria being a leading cause of death in Zambia, the United States President’s Malaria Initiative, through the VectorLink project, supports the implementation of indoor residual spraying (IRS) for malaria control, as part of an integrated vector management strategy. Through VectorLink, USAID procures IRS-related commodities and provides technical assistance for environmental compliance in support of the Zambia National Malaria Elimination Center’s IRS program.

Zambia continues to face the challenge of caring for a large number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). In 2012, there were 1.3 million orphans in Zambia and, of these, 800,000 (62 percent), were due to AIDS. Sustainable systems of care and protection are essential to reaching an AIDS-free generation.

As a systems strengthening initiative, USAID Zambia Rising works with the government and private sector to promote policies and improve human capital for child wellness outcomes over the long term. The work of Zambia Rising reinforces the work of two other USAID-supported activities, Community Rising and USAID Zambia Family, by providing national level technical support to government systems and structures.
Zambia has made significant gains in increasing access to education, but continues to be plagued by poor education quality and low progression rates. USAID collaborates with the Zambian Government and other implementing and cooperating partners to improve the quality of basic education, as measured by learner performance in early-grade reading. USAID/Zambia programs in education aim to strengthen the capacity of teachers, school administrators, and officials to deliver education services and provide improved teaching and learning materials.

USAID also champions programs to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS, on the education sector and to improve gender equity, through programs that promote learning achievement and girls’ education. USAID also partners with the civil society, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and faith-based organizations to foster both sustainability and accountability, for results that extend beyond the U.S. Government funding horizon.
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

TEACHING AT THE RIGHT LEVEL

• Life of Project: July 2017 to July 2021
• 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, the Ministry of General Education is rolling out the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) 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.

TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS

• Life of Project: June 2015 to July 2018
• Location: National
• Partner: Ministry of General Education-Curriculum Development Centre
• USAID Investment (Life of Project): $6.5 million

Through a Government-to-Government agreement, USAID has partnered with the Ministry of General Education (MOGE) to provide literacy teaching and learning materials for Grades 1 to 4. Through advocacy and technical assistance, USAID helped the Zambian government to enact major curriculum reform, using local languages as a medium of literacy instruction and phonics-based teaching methods.

To address the low reading levels among Zambian students, the MOGE launched the New Literacy Framework (NLF) in 2014. The NLF was introduced as a component of the national curriculum reform agenda to address some of the critical quality concerns, including early grade reading performance.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Through the Feed the Future initiative, USAID tackles rural poverty and malnutrition with programs that address policy issues, promote access to markets, and assist smallholder farmers to diversify and increase agricultural production and incomes.

USAID also encourages sustainable natural resource management to conserve Zambia’s forests and wildlife, and supports measures to combat wildlife trafficking. Through the Power Africa initiative, USAID seeks to increase generation of and access to clean energy sources, especially in remote rural and off-grid spaces.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

USAID COMMUNITY FORESTS PROGRAM (CFP)

- Life of Project: February 2014 to January 2019
- Location: Lusaka and Eastern Provinces
- Partner: BioCarbon Partners, Ltd.
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $14 million

The USAID Community Forests Program is the flagship activity for USAID/Zambia’s forest conservation and rural livelihood initiatives. It is designed to employ the Zambian Government’s strategy for selling carbon credits on the voluntary market by establishing its largest program in the country. This program operates primarily in the Eastern and Lusaka provinces and covers over 700,000 hectares of forest.

USAID Community Forests Program operates through six primary objectives:

1. Empowering communities to work with governmental and non-governmental entities to lessen the drivers of deforestation
2. Establishing and improving joint forest and natural resource participatory forest management plans among communities, traditional leaders, the Zambia Forestry Department, and the Zambian Department of National Parks and Wildlife
3. Promoting and enabling innovative sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent communities
4. Implementing pay-for-performance and/or revenue-sharing programs based on measuring, reporting, and verification methodologies for forest conservation and carbon sequestration
5. Providing households with the knowledge, tools, and technologies needed to shift their livelihoods to a more sustainable and profitable low-emission pathway
6. Generating awareness, promoting action, and continuously engaging local stakeholders and national policymakers on the potential of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) in Zambia
Despite 80 percent of Zambians working in agriculture, the sector contributes less than 20 percent toward the nation’s growth, but Development Credit Authority (DCA) assist 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.
FEED THE FUTURE PARTNERING FOR INNOVATION (FTF-P4I)

- Life of Project: November 2016 to July 2018
- Location: National
- Partner: Fintrac
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $3.4 million

Through the Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation initiative (FTF-P4I), USAID tackles rural poverty and malnutrition in Zambia with activities that address policy issues, promote access to markets, and assist smallholder farmers to diversify and increase agricultural production and incomes. The FTF-P4I activity develops public-private partnerships that support smallholder farmers in Zambia.

By directly engaging with the private sector, the activity aims to contribute to growth in Zambia’s agricultural sector and decrease poverty and stunting in targeted communities. USAID will partner and co-fund new investments with the private sector to address development and business challenges in Zambia. Through these activities and investments, smallholder farmers will benefit from new and/or expanded market opportunities, increased access to improved agricultural inputs and mechanization, increased access to more nutritious foods, and better quality technical advisory services.

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): $4.9 million

The premise of the Feed the Future Zambia Policy Strengthening Project is that rural poverty and hunger can be reduced 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 (SNDP), Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP), and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) process in Zambia.
MAWA

- Life of Project: November 2012 to November 2019
- Location: Chipata and Lundazi, in Eastern Province
- Partner: Catholic Relief Services
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $16.1 million

Through Feed the Future, Mawa improves the food and economic security of smallholder farming households in Zambia's Eastern Province. Poverty and chronic under-nutrition remain major challenges, particularly among households that are most vulnerable and living in extreme poverty. By engaging with markets, this USAID project helps households find a balance between harnessing agriculture for consumption and income. Under this project, agriculture, nutrition, health, and incomes meet to create more resilient families and communities.

Mawa promotes better nutrition by helping families build necessary knowledge and skills to produce and preserve sufficient quantities of diverse, nutritious, and quality foods. Trained volunteers help mothers, fathers, and caregivers of young children learn essential care, feeding, and hygiene practices for optimal nutrition for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under two. The project teaches valuable agricultural production skills and practices required to transition vulnerable farmers from subsistence farming to producing for market.

NORTH LUANGWA ECOSYSTEM PROJECT

- Life of Project: May 2016 to May 2019
- Location: North Luangwa National Park and adjacent Game Management Areas
- Partner: Frankfurt Zoological Society
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $4.2 million

The North Luangwa Ecosystem (NLE) is renowned for its wildlife and biodiversity. It is, however, under threat from escalating wildlife poaching and trafficking and rapid land conversion by expanding, impoverished local communities living in NLE’s Game Management Areas (GMAs). The North Luangwa Ecosystem Project works in three GMAs around the North Luangwa National Park that collectively harbor more than 400 species of birds and 140 species of mammals, as well as Zambia’s largest elephant population and only black rhino population.

The project focuses on directly benefiting local communities by strengthening community institutions and governance, improving natural resource protection, and building conservation enterprise partnerships. The project's ultimate goal is to diversify and increase wildlife populations, while generating sustainable revenue streams to support the livelihoods of local community members.
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS) PARTICIPATING AGENCY AGREEMENT

- Life of Project: January 2010 to December 2019
- Location: Chipata and Nyimba, in Eastern Province
- Partner: United States Forest Service (USFS)
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $2.3 million

This project supports USFS assessments to identify priority issues that address climate change, biodiversity, forestry, and natural resource management in Zambia. These assessments provide ongoing technical assistance to the USAID mission in Zambia, its implementing partners, and the Zambian Government.

USFS work resulted in the identification of important natural resources and social issues surrounding the establishment, management, and monitoring of community Measurement and Reporting Verification pilot forest sites. USFS developed land use change maps for Eastern Province over the last 20 years. USFS also trained District Forest Officers in a variety of workshops focused on cartography training, data collection, GIS, and remote sensing.

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

ZAMBIA Africa Research in Sustainable Intensification for the Next Generation (Africa RISING)

- Life of Project: October 2015 to September 2018
- Location: Eastern Province
- Partner: Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
- USAID Investment (Life of Project): $1.7 million

The Feed the Future Africa Research in Sustainable Intensification for the Next Generation (Africa RISING) improves the productivity of the maize and legume farming system, promotes the production and consumption of Vitamin A Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato, and improves the food safety of maize and groundnuts in Eastern Zambia. In particular, this USAID project intends to bring validated technologies and delivery mechanisms to scale and fill pertinent research gaps with semi-mature technologies over the last two years. The implementation of Africa RISING activities in Zambia is a partnership for the scaling of sustainable intensification research products and innovations engaging development partners like ZARI, CRS, Grassroots Trust and Total Land Care.
A farmer in Eastern Province utilizes training acquired through USAID’s Feed the Future Initiative to increase his crops’ yields.
DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

With a long history of democratic governance and peaceful transitions of power, Zambia has a strong foundation to build accountable and responsive systems of governance that steadily advance the nation’s development priorities. Recent trends reveal threats to this opportunity.

The period surrounding the 2016 general elections was marred by violence and the government’s selective use of laws and police to limit the ability of the opposition to mobilize and campaign. A contested result entrenched political divisions and raised concerns about judicial independence from the executive. USAID’s support for a more accountable and responsive government and a more inclusive political system will increase citizen commitment to democratic governance.

USAID assists 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 also 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.
ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY (AGIS)

AGIS helps the Zambian government improve efficiencies and reduce corruption in the health and education sectors. AGIS supports the Ministry of Health and Ministry of General Education by strengthening oversight of public resources, enhancing financial management systems, and strengthening linkages between central government and districts. The activity targets top public financial management priorities that will improve internal control, internal audit, 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 (FACT-ZAMBIA)

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, FACT strengthens participatory democratic governance for direct impact on health care, schools, farming, and forests.

FACT supports the watchdog capabilities of six 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 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 funds civil society coalitions to advance key education, health, and poverty-reduction policies and track government expenditures for service delivery.
USAID SUPPORT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

USAID partners with the Zambian Human Rights Commission (HRC) to promote the non-discriminatory implementation of the Public Order Act and to strengthen government accountability through effective implementation of the Universal Periodic Review, a United Nations human rights monitoring mechanism. The HRC is achieving this through a series of public discussions and by sensitizing citizens and government institutions to understand their rights and responsibilities.

ZAMBIA ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PROCESSES

- Life of Project: Varies, depending on agreement
- Location: National
- Partners: Consortium for Electoral and Political Processes, Zambia National Women’s Lobby, the Christian Churches Monitoring Group, the Carter Center, among others
- USAID Investment (As of April 2018): $5.3 million

USAID’S elections and political processes work helps direct Zambia’s political system to the service of the Zambian people and the nation’s forward development priorities. Areas of support include:

- Engaging Civil Society by supporting civil society’s role in electoral oversight, civic education, and policy formulation.

- Empowering Future Leaders by implementing projects that convene politically affiliated youth across parties to develop leadership and conflict resolution skills and to increase youth voice within party structure.

- Increasing Women’s Political Engagement via activities which support women to assume and effectively encumber official leadership positions at the local and national level.

- Strengthening Institutions with USAID projects that provide technical assistance to the Electoral Commission of Zambia to help them advance needed reforms and adopt efficient, effective, and transparent electoral management systems.
### Planned Field Support / Central Mechanisms Buy-Ins Based on Approved FY 2017 Operation Plan

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