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Cover Photo: Students at Kasupe Primary School in Chipata reading materials provided through the U.S. government's flagship education project in Zambia, USAID Let's Read. A five-year partnership with the Ministry of General Education, USAID Let's Read is designed to improve reading outcomes for approximately 1.4 million pre-primary to Grade 3 children from 4,250 public and community schools in five provinces. (Photo: Chando Mapoma, USAID/Zambia)
“When we invest in economic development of countries, we create new markets for our products and reduce the likelihood of instability, violence, and mass migrations.”

Joe Biden  
President of the United States of America  

“Every individual deserves to be treated with respect. And every individual wants to provide for themselves and their families, to breathe clean air, and to live, love, pray, and speak freely.”

Samantha Power  
Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
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USAID IN ZAMBIA

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 United States Agency for International Development (USAID) 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.

Zambia has made significant strides to improve the quality of life for its people by achieving key milestones in the fight against HIV and AIDS, improving life expectancy, increasing literacy, and reducing poverty, particularly within rural communities. Despite these successes, Zambia’s overall development and economy has stalled in recent years.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further impacted an economy already weakened by unsustainable fiscal policies, degradation of natural resources, lack of core foundational skills for students, and poor quality health care. Faced with these and other economic and social challenges, Zambia still has the potential to resume its status as a beacon of democracy in sub-Saharan Africa and as a nation bolstered by a burgeoning middle-income economy. This is in part due to the successful democratic elections in August 2021, which resulted in a peaceful transition of governmental leadership, and Zambia’s large youth population seeking employment opportunities, quality health care and other social services, and greater accountability from government institutions and elected leaders.

USAID’s 2019-2024 $1.9 billion development strategy partners with the Zambian government, private sector, and civil society to continue Zambia’s journey to become a more prosperous, independent, and resilient country. With a staff of 123 professionals managing annual investments of over ZMW5.5 billion ($340 million), USAID partnerships are advancing effective, citizen-responsive governance; enterprise-driven economic growth; sustainable natural resource management; quality primary education services and health care systems across Zambia.

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 other countries around the world.
GOOD GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY

For the past 30 years, Zambia has been a regional model of peaceful and multi-party political transitions, yet democratic backsliding and corruption threaten this relative historic stability. Zambia’s political settlement is increasingly vulnerable, limiting political and economic power to elites and reflecting underlying economic and societal discord which is further disrupted by a high public debt burden. Despite these formidable challenges, there are opportunities for improved democratic governance and fiscal reforms.

Establishing an accountable, democratic, and well-governed state with an engaged citizenry, civil society, and private sector is an indispensable precondition for countries seeking a sustainable, self-reliant development path. USAID supports Zambia’s democratic traditions and nourishes social and political stability by strengthening citizen participation and sub-national governance structures; advancing respect for human rights; promoting free and fair elections; and improving accountability, efficiency, and transparency in public financial and domestic revenue generation systems.

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, and achieve economic and social development while protecting citizens’ fundamental rights and freedoms.

CORE DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY (AGIS)

- Life of Project: October 2017 - October 2022
- Geographic Focus: National (Ministries) and Eastern, Lusaka and Muchinga provinces
- Implementing Partner: Crown Agents USA
- Total USAID Funding: $7.3 million

Through the AGIS project, USAID is promoting strong and sustainable oversight of public resources to advance better health and education outcomes. AGIS works with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of General Education and collaborates closely with the Ministry of Finance and the Office of the Auditor General to strengthen oversight of public resources, enhance financial management systems, and improve linkages between the central government and districts.

The project targets top public financial management priorities to improve internal controls, audit functions, and procurement. Over the long term, AGIS will build citizen confidence in government systems, freeing up existing resources to better serve the Zambian people and help the government provide services where they are most needed.
DEMOCRACY STRENGTHENING IN ZAMBIA (DSZ)

- Life of Project: August 2020 - December 2022
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: UNDP Zambia
- Total USAID Funding: $500,000

Democracy Strengthening in Zambia (DSZ) is a three-year, multi-donor project designed to address evolving challenges in the electoral space while building on previous electoral interventions as Zambia enters the 2021 electoral cycle. The approach highlights the important areas of inclusion, accountability, transparency, and capacity across electoral institutions and processes while building credibility and confidence in the electoral process. DSZ aims to strengthen Zambia's democracy through functional and inclusive electoral processes that ensure the peaceful conduct of the 2021 elections and result in increased legitimacy and institutionalization of Zambia's multiparty system.

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

- Life of Project: April 2016 - December 2021
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: Human Rights Commission
- Total USAID Funding: $472,600

HRC aims to strengthen government systems, protect human rights, and promote a fair application of laws related to fundamental rights and freedoms. HRC seeks to promote awareness of and the non-discriminatory implementation of the Public Order Act, and to improve Zambia's human rights case-management processes. With USAID support, the Commission monitors and documents key human rights issues through increased stakeholder engagement, 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.
LOCAL IMPACT GOVERNANCE

- Life of Project: November 2020 - November 2025
- Geographic Focus: National and Central and Muchinga Provinces
- Implementing Partner: DAI
- Total USAID Funding: $19.1 million

The USAID Local Impact Governance project supports the Government of the Republic of Zambia’s Decentralization Implementation Plan to help Zambia build up a sub-national system of governance for more responsive service delivery to address citizen needs. With broader inputs for planning and budgeting, more constructive engagement between local and national authorities, and a bigger local fiscal base for services, Zambia can strengthen results-oriented governance for improved public service delivery and sustainable economic development. Local Impact will enable citizens, government, and the private sector to become far more vested in achieving and sustaining key development outcomes.

OPEN SPACES

- Life of Project: July 2021 - June 2026
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: FHI 360 and Internews
- Total USAID Funding: $11 million

Open Spaces aims to strengthen the democratic foundations of freedom of speech and assembly; facilitate independent and new media; and safeguard a space for independent media, civil society, free speech advocates and diverse voices in Zambia.

REVENUE FOR GROWTH

- Life of Project: June 2021 - June 2026
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: Nathan Associates, Inc.
- Total USAID Funding: $12.8 million

To help generate revenue, the Government of the Republic of Zambia will need to significantly increase efficiency and compliance in tax collections while rebuilding a tax culture that productively engages the private sector in formulating more equitable and broad-based tax policy initiatives. The Revenue for Growth Project aims to help Zambia improve domestic revenue mobilization and expand the fiscal space for public spending and investments in service delivery and poverty reduction.
YOUTH LEAD ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: September 2018 - September 2021
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: FHI 360
- Total USAID Funding: $2.8 million

Youth Lead harnesses the potential of young Zambian leaders in public management, civic leadership, and business/entrepreneurship to make positive changes in their communities and in the country. Youth Lead develops a critical mass of healthy and productive youths with leadership skills and core competencies which 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 (ZPPL)

- Life of Project: June 2018 - June 2022
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: National Democratic Institute (Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening)
- Total USAID Funding: $8.4 million

USAID’s Political Participation and Leadership project works with national democratic champions to promote an inclusive, productive political system that can advance and sustain the long-term prosperity and stability of Zambia. ZPPL provides support to the Zambian electoral process through a coordinated, informed and targeted reform agenda determined by local stakeholders and a mechanism for civil-society organizations to advocate for national policy issues. ZPPL improves citizen-led oversight and accountability in elections through the observation of by-elections, voter registration and other preparatory activities in the lead up to Zambia’s August 2021 national elections.
USAID’s approach to reducing rural poverty in Zambia is based on three pillars: improving the business enabling environment, strengthening rural enterprises, and sustainably managing Zambia’s natural resource base.

USAID has embarked on an ambitious journey to partner more substantively with the Government of the Republic of Zambia, engage Zambia’s robust civil society, and leverage private-sector partnerships where priorities overlap. In line with USAID’s focus on supporting Zambia on its journey to self-reliance, USAID strives to engage new, local, and underutilized partners, strengthen their skills and potential, and set them on a path to address some of Zambia’s most significant development challenges.

**CORE ENTERPRISE-DRIVEN ECONOMIC GROWTH ACTIVITIES**

**DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION**

- Life of Project: 2012 - 2023
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partners: Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO), Madison Finance Company, and Standard Chartered Bank
- Total USAID Funding: Guarantees for up to $93 million in loans
The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) improves access to productive loans and develops well-paying jobs, new economic opportunities, and sustainable long-term development in the agriculture and energy sectors. This project supports a partial loan guarantee to ZESCO through Standard Chartered Bank and has agreements with Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO) and Madison Finance Company to promote lending to individuals and small businesses in the agricultural sector with a focus on warehousing and clean-energy agricultural solutions. No new loans are being taken under the agreement with ZANACO as the deadline date for new loan applications passed, loan applications under Madison Finance Company are still being admitted.

EMERGING FARMERS PARTNERSHIP

- Life of Project: October 2020 - October 2023
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, North Western and Southern Provinces
- Implementing Partner: Global Communities
- Sub Partners: Corteva Agriscience and John Deere
- Total USAID Funding: $3 million

The Emerging Farmers Partnership is a market-based approach to improve the productivity of emerging farmers working with 20-60 hectares of land, support their communities, and contribute to building a resilient global food system. The project will improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in their communities by demonstrating improved practices, aggregating offtake, providing tillage and other services, and facilitating input credit. Private sector partners expect to provide $2.2 million in input finance and $35 million in equipment financing to approximately 1,000 emerging farmers. An additional 8,000 emerging farmers will receive training support through the partnership.
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH ENHANCED (EDGE)

- **Life of Project:** August 2020 - August 2025
- **Geographic Focus:** Central, Eastern, and Lusaka Provinces
- **Implementing Partners:** ACDI/VOCA
- **Total USAID Funding:** $14 million

The Enterprise Development and Growth Enhanced (EDGE) project aims to increase profitability for agricultural small-and-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Zambia by supporting their competitiveness and access to finance. EDGE will identify qualifying SMEs to receive targeted assistance to support marketing, management, and build networks. EDGE will also target innovative financial service providers to develop new products, build capacity to increase agricultural lending, and strengthen their understanding of SMEs.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS PARTNERSHIP AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

- **Life of Project:** May 2018 - September 2021
- **Geographic Focus:** National
- **Implementing Partners:** U.S. National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- **Total USAID Funding:** $760,000

A catalyst for economic development, electricity is essential for improving the human quality of life. This partnership with the U.S. National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) aims to improve the regulatory and technical capacity of Zambia’s Energy Regulatory Board (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 project focuses on: cost reflective tariffs; regulatory autonomy, enforcement and compliance; Open Access Framework development; renewable energy integration; and Off-Grid Regulatory Framework development. The results will lead to increased energy generation and connections in Zambia and, ultimately, contribute to Zambia’s economic development and self-reliance.

SOUTHERN AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT HUB

- **Life of Project:** May 2018 - October 2022
- **Geographic Focus:** National
- **Implementing Partner:** DAI
- **Total USAID Funding:** $3 million

The Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub (“Trade Hub”) is partnering with the Government of Zambia to bolster international and regional trade by modernizing Zambia’s trading systems and implementing World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement protocols. The Hub supports the implementation of Zambia’s Trade Facilitation Agreement Program by focusing on the following five areas: Trade Facilitation and Coordination, Private Sector Engagement, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Capacity Building for Border Agencies and SPS Inspection Procedures, and Policies to Promote Regional Trade and Investment.
ENVIRONMENT

Healthy ecosystems and the sustainable management of natural resources are core to USAID’s approach to reducing rural poverty in Zambia. Sound stewardship of environmental and natural resources helps build healthier populations, strengthens livelihoods, increases resilience, and enables lasting economic opportunities. The root causes and impacts of natural resource degradation and climate change are multifaceted and require sustainable approaches that cut across all sectors.

Climate action is critical to sustainable development. Not only do USAID’s climate programs help limit warming and protect ecosystems, they also create sustainable jobs, tackle historical inequality, and build stronger communities. USAID plays a vital role in mitigating climate change and addressing its impacts by partnering with the Government of Zambia, the private sector, civil society and communities to reduce emissions, protect critical ecosystems, transition to renewable energy, build resilience, and promote the flow of capital toward climate-positive investments.

USAID also empowers Zambian communities with the tools and methods to map, record, and document their land and improve natural resources governance.

CORE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

ALTERNATIVES TO CHARCOAL

- Life of Project: January 2021 - January 2026
- Geographic Focus: National, Provincial and district level
- Implementing Partner: Tetra Tech ARD
- Total USAID Funding: $25 million

The Alternatives to Charcoal (A2C) project increases the adoption of private sector led renewable energy technologies and reduces greenhouse gas emissions in Zambia. In partnership with the private sector and Zambian government, the project takes a market-driven approach to reducing charcoal consumption and supporting a facilitative business environment that encourages affordable and more environmentally-friendly cooking fuels for Zambian households. Alternatives to Charcoal also works to change behavior to increase demand for alternative fuel sources and support alternative livelihoods to charcoal producing communities.

Mana Meadows / Frankfurt Zoological Society
EASTERN KAFUE NATURE ALLIANCE

- Life of Project: September 2021 - September 2026
- Geographic Focus: Greater Kafue Landscape
- Implementing Partners: The Nature Conservancy in the Greater Kafue Landscape
- Total USAID Funding: $10 million

Under the Health Ecosystems and Agriculture for Resilient Thriving Societies (HEARTH) Global Development Alliance, the new Eastern Kafue Nature Alliance aims at achieving biodiversity conservation and cross-cutting outcomes in health, water and sanitation, nutrition, and food security. Unsustainable agricultural expansion, poaching, overfishing, deforestation, and habitat degradation are major threats affecting the biodiversity of the Greater Kafue Landscape.

The Alliance will harness over $11 million in private investment and strengthen community governance institutions to inform and contribute to strengthening disincentives for illegal behavior, while increasing incentives for proper stewardship and pride in wildlife and tourism, thereby improving and stabilizing long-term economic and livelihood opportunities for rural communities.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE PARTICIPATING AGENCY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (USFS PAPA)

- Life of Project: January 2010 - June 2022
- Geographic Focus: National Level and Eastern Province
- Implementing Partners: Zambia Environmental Management Agency and Forestry Department
- Total USAID Funding: $7 million

USFS PAPA supports the Zambian government and USAID implementing partners with technical assistance and capacity building to address climate change, biodiversity, forestry, and natural resource management. USFS provides training in wildland fire management, forest monitoring and management, climate change, and protected area management. USFS also trains District Forest Officers in cartography, data collection, GIS, and remote sensing.
This project positions the Zambian government to sustainably manage its own environment and natural resources and builds their commitment and capacity to accelerate greenhouse gas reduction, conserve Zambia’s natural resources, and meet their Nationally Determined Contributions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

INTEGRATED LAND AND RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (ILRG)

- Life of Project: July 2018 - July 2023
- Geographic Focus: National and Lusaka, Central Eastern, and Muchinga Provinces
- Implementing Partner: Tetra Tech ARD
- Total USAID Funding: $4 million

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

USAID COMMUNITY DESIGN SUPPORT (CDS)

- Life of Project: July 2020 - January 2022
- Geographic Focus: Lusaka and Muchinga Provinces
- Implementing Partner: ASCO Zambia Ltd.
- Total USAID Funding: $102,000

The Community Design Support (CDS) project aims to strengthen the capacity of local community governance institutions to improve forest and wildlife management in targeted areas. Through the CDS mechanism, USAID will acquire the services of a qualified Architect-Engineer firm to facilitate the procurement of architectural and engineering support services for the rehabilitation of Chinyunyu Forest Department office in Rufunsa and the construction of the Mukungule Community Resource Board Office in Mpika District. These works will facilitate increased community participation in natural resources management, in line with the USAID’s principles of local capacity building and empower targeted communities to realize tangible benefits that serve as incentives to conserve and protect forests and wildlife.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PARTICIPATING AGENCY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (USDOI PAPA)

- Life of Project: January 2010 - June 2022
- Geographic Focus: National Level
- Implementing Partners: Zambia Department of National parks and Wildlife
- Total USAID Funding: $600,000
The USDOI PAPA supports the Government of Zambia’s Department of National Parks and Wildlife with technical assistance and capacity building to improve wildlife management, counter the illegal wildlife trade (IWT) and develop protected areas as a foundation for conservation and sustainable tourism. USDOI training and technology support focuses on strengthening Zambia’s implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species to combat IWT; strengthening DNPW’s approaches for public private partnerships for conservation and economic benefits; improving protected area management and women’s engagement; and habitat mapping and monitoring to strengthen wildlife management.

**EDUCATION**

An educated population is a basic prerequisite for broad-based and sustained national development. While Zambia has made education increasingly more accessible to more children, standardized assessments show that the overwhelming majority of primary school children lack core foundational skills and remain unable to read at grade level.

Specifically, reading is the single-most critical foundational skill that determines all future learning and human development. An educated Zambian citizenry ultimately results in a healthy, economically productive, civically engaged, and self-reliant Zambia.

USAID supports Zambia to strengthen its capacity and commitment to improve primary education outcomes and the systems necessary to support those improvements. In collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Zambia’s Ministry of General Education (MOGE) and partners, USAID promotes a systems approach to integrate sustainable approaches that can ultimately deliver and improve primary education. Certain activities support national-level reforms related to implementation of the primary school literacy and pre-service primary teaching curricula, primary school literacy teaching and learning materials development, and primary school literacy assessments.

Other activities support focused efforts to strengthen instruction and learner outcomes for early childhood education (ECE) through Grade 3, and remedial instruction up to Grade 5. All investments will be fully and sustainably integrated into Zambia’s education system. Taken together, USAID supports Zambia’s system capacity to better deliver education services for children. In addition to directly benefiting learners directly impacted by USAID interventions, future generations of primary school children will acquire the skills and content knowledge to become productive members of society.
CORE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION DATA

- Life of Project: April 2018 - December 2022
- Geographic Focus: National, with a focus on Eastern, Muchinga, North Western, Southern, and Western Provinces
- Implementing Partner: DevTech Systems, Inc., CAPOLSA, and INESOR
- Total USAID Funding: $6.8 million

Education Data is USAID’s core assessment, data management, and research activity. Education Data improves education sector data and research quality and capacity to inform decision making among GRZ, cooperating and implementing partners, and key stakeholders. Most importantly, the activity supports administration of national reading assessments, utilizing the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) tool, to measure the extent to which children in Grade 2 are learning to read at grade level. The results from the EGRA and other targeted research strengthen the capacity of the Examination Council of Zambia and the MOGE to track and collect the data necessary to ultimately improve learning outcomes in Zambia.

EDUFINANCE

- Life of Project: June 2020 - September 2024
- Geographic Focus: Copperbelt, Lusaka, Muchinga, and Northern provinces
- Implementing Partners: Palladium, Opportunity International, Education Partnership Group, and PEAS
- Total USAID Funding: $8 million

EduFinance is USAID’s core private sector partnership in the education sector. The activity leverages essential private capital to improve access to quality primary education for students in target catchment zones. In partnership with the MOGE, the project is developing and implementing a comprehensive policy and regulatory environment to reduce barriers to entry for non-state primary education providers. EduFinance also works with the MOGE to develop administrative capacity to effectively regulate the non-state education sector. The activity will ultimately improve educational access and equity by increasing enrollment opportunities for primary school students in Zambia.

TEACHING AT THE RIGHT LEVEL/CATCH-UP PROGRAM

- Life of Project: July 2017 - September 2021
- Geographic Focus: Eastern and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partners: J-PAL Africa, University of Cape Town, VVOB, and UNICEF
- Total USAID Funding: $5 million

Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL)/Catch-Up responds to Zambia’s most critical learning needs in middle- and upper-primary school. USAID partners to support the MOGE’s remediation approaches among children who have not acquired the necessary core foundational learning skills in early primary school. Based on a successful pilot and adoption by the MOGE, the Zambia Catch-Up Program leverages the
The evidence-based TaRL methodology in Grades 3 to 5 in all primary schools in Eastern and Southern provinces. The TaRL instructional model focuses on improving core learning skills by assessing and teaching students according to their actual literacy and numeracy levels, as opposed to their expected grade levels. Students then follow a learner-centered program that targets their current learning levels and helps them recover foundational skills and appropriately “catch up” to grade level.

**TRANSFORMING TEACHER EDUCATION**

- Life of Project: September 2020 - September 2025
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partners: Florida State University, School-to-School International, and University of Zambia
- Total USAID Funding: $15 million

Transforming Teacher Education is the U.S. Government’s signature higher education partnership in Zambia. The activity strengthens the capacity of targeted GRZ Colleges of Education (COE) and universities to equip teachers with practical, evidence-based, and sustainable methodology linked to the primary literacy curriculum. The activity engages all GRZ COEs and universities offering the primary teaching diploma to update their curriculum to train teachers in reading instruction, deepen expertise in local language literacy and reading instruction, and enhance the experiences of pre-service teachers to better prepare them for the classroom. The activity ultimately ensures that improved pre-service teacher preparation results in improved teaching practice and improved primary learning outcomes.

**USAID LET’S READ PROJECT**

- Life of Project: January 2019 - January 2024
- Geographic Focus: Eastern, Muchinga, North Western, Southern, and Western provinces
- Implementing Partners: Education Development Center (EDC), VVOB, Kentalis, and Resonance
- Total USAID Funding: $48.9 million

Let’s Read is USAID’s flagship investment in Zambia’s education sector. The activity partners with the MOGE to improve reading outcomes for approximately 1.4 million children in ECE through Grade 3, as
measured by reading comprehension and fluency in one of Zambia’s seven official local languages of instruction: Silozi, Luvale, Kikaonde, Lunda, Chinyanja, Icibemba, and Chitonga. Let’s Read is implemented in over 4,000 public primary and community schools in Eastern, Muchinga, North Western, Southern, and Western provinces. The activity also strengthens the capacity of teachers in primary literacy instruction and assessment, supports the development and distribution of teaching and learning materials, and increases mentoring and coaching of teachers. The activity also engages parents, communities, and the private sector to leverage resources to support literacy activities, increase sustainability, and reinforce reading interventions both within school and outside of school.

HEALTH

With the understanding that no country can be self-reliant without a healthy population, USAID works closely with the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) to strengthen the health system at national, provincial, district, and community levels. To tackle Zambia’s adult HIV prevalence rate of 11 percent and to bring the country to epidemic control, Zambia receives significant support from USAID under the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI).

These PEPFAR investments focus on scaling up and sustaining integrated HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs. USAID’s programs also help to prevent and treat other critical diseases, including malaria, tuberculosis, cervical cancer and COVID-19. Additional health-related investments and initiatives also focus on increasing access to family planning, improving maternal and child health, and nutrition and preventing and responding to gender-based violence.

To ensure sufficient availability of essential medicines and supplies, USAID also supports the procurement and distribution of commodities, such as condoms, HIV treatment, and tuberculosis preventive therapy and treatment, and laboratory reagents to health facilities across Zambia.
HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES

ACHIEVE

- Life of Project: November 2020 - November 2025
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, North-Western, Southern, and Western provinces
- Implementing Partner: Pact, Inc.
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $10 million

ACHIEVE strengthens the capacity of the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS) and community structures to deliver comprehensive services related to health and social protection to vulnerable children and adolescents (VCA). ACHIEVE is also working to develop a functional VCA tracking system and strengthen MCDSS systems and capacity to provide real time data to plan, identify gaps and budgeting to meet areas of greatest need. ACHIEVE works with MCDSS at national, province, district and community levels to strengthen its systems and improve planning and implementation of key activities.

USAID ACTION TO HIV EPIDEMIC CONTROL (USAID ACTION HIV)

- Life of Project: June 2021 - June 2026
- Geographic Focus: Luapula, Muchinga and Northern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Right to Care Zambia
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $90.1 million

USAID Action HIV aims to reduce HIV mortality, morbidity and transmission by achieving the UNAIDS and PEPFAR goal of 95/95/95 HIV treatment coverage and providing comprehensive HIV prevention and care and treatment maintenance services in Luapula, Muchinga and Northern provinces. Additionally, USAID Action HIV will strengthen public financial management systems in provinces where USAID has government to government agreements. In order to achieve these objectives, USAID Action HIV will strengthen systems and provide direct service delivery at the province, district, facility and community levels.
Through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interagency Agreement mechanism, the U.S. Government provides the Zambian government with cutting edge technical expertise via long- and short-term staff support and capacity building. Under the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI), the project posts a Lusaka-based resident advisor who works as part of an interagency team with USAID to support the Zambia National Malaria Elimination Program and design, supervise and support malaria prevention and control programs. The project also funds experts in malaria entomology, epidemiology, and communications to carry out technical visits to Zambia. Specific examples of CDC technical support for PMI over the years include: evaluating the impact of the indoor residual spray program for vector control, implementing the 2018 and 2021 Malaria Indicator Surveys, supervising the malaria-focused Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) residents, and leading the development of a national insecticide resistance-monitoring program.

The overall aim of the Community Health Assistance Support project is to increase access to quality, cost effective services at health facilities and posts across the eight target provinces. This project has increased 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 also works with the Zambia Ministry of Health to improve oversight and management and ensure quality training of CHA participants.
COMMUNITY RADIO PROGRAM (CRP)

- Life of Project: February 2018 - December 2022
- Geographic Focus: Central, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and Western provinces
- Implementing Partner: Population Media Center
- Total USAID Funding: $4 million

The Community Radio Program aims to improve the health of women and children by addressing family planning, maternal and child health, malaria treatment and prevention, nutrition, gender-based violence, and HIV, through radio programming. The project produces and broadcasts two radio serial dramas on a weekly basis, across five provinces. Each of the 156 episodes is broadcast in Bemba or Lozi and is carefully designed to integrate cultural and provincial contexts and characteristics. The Community Radio Program delivers relatable and engaging storylines that resonate emotionally with Zambian audiences and inspire healthy and positive health-seeking behavior.

DISTRICT COVERAGE OF HEALTH SERVICES (USAID DISCOVER-HEALTH)

- Life of Project: December 2015 - March 2023
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and Northwestern provinces
- Implementing Partner: John Snow International (JSI)
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $139.8 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 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 PEPFAR-supported DREAMS initiative to provide pre-exposure prophylaxis to high risk adolescent girls and young women.
ELECTRONIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

- Life of Project: January 2020 - January 2024
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: John Snow Health Zambia Limited
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $17.6 million

The Electronic Supply Chain Management Information System (eSCMIS) project works to ensure an uninterrupted supply of health commodities to and within Zambia. Partnering with the Government of the Republic of Zambia and the Ministry of Health (MoH), this activity strengthens logistics information systems, bolsters the use of data-driven decision-making, and provides reliable procurement services and technical assistance. The eSCMIS will support improved accountability, decision-making, fiscal responsibility, and better health outcomes.

EMPOWERED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

- Life of Project: September 2020 - September 2025
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, North-Western, and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partners: Catholic Medical Mission Board Zambia, Project Concern Zambia, and Centres for Infectious Disease Research Zambia
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $60.5 million

The Empowered Children and Adolescents Program (ECAP) works to mitigate the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and improve the health and well-being of highly vulnerable children and adolescents and their families. Targeting the communities hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, the program provides wrap-around, needs-based services to support the resilience of families to be healthy, stable, safe, and educated, working in partnership with health facilities, schools, and other community structures. By responding to the unique needs of children and adolescents living with or at high risk of HIV, ECAP is contributing to epidemic control in Zambia.
EQUIP ZAMBIA

- Life of Project: October 2015 - September 2021
- Geographic Focus: Copperbelt, Luapula, Muchinga and Northern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Right to Care
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $69 million

EQUIP supports the delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in the three northernmost provinces of Zambia. This work 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 Ndola District Centralized Dispensing Unit which is the province's primary ARV packaging facility allowing those on HIV treatment to pick up their medicines at private pharmacies in locations that are convenient for them.

EVIDENCE FOR HEALTH

- Life of Project: March 2020 - March 2025
- Geographic Focus: National and Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Northern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Management Systems International
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $28.5 million

Evidence for Health aims to strengthen overall monitoring, evaluation, and research in Zambia's health sector for improved evidence-based decision making and planning in the Zambian health sector. By strengthening the national Health Management Information System (HMIS), which is owned and managed by the Ministry of Health, the project will improve data collection, analysis, dissemination, and policies and standards of practice at all levels. Evidence for Health also bolsters the capacity of health sector staff to collect, analyze, and use data to enhance existing approaches to health programming in HIV, nutrition, family planning, maternal and child health, and malaria.
GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN - PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

- Life of Project: September 2016 - November 2023
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: Chemonics International
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $110 million per year

As part of the U.S. Government’s worldwide Global Health Initiative, GHSC-PSM helps to ensure a supply of health commodities to and within Zambia. Partnering with the Zambian Government, this project 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.

HEALTH SERVICE IMPROVEMENT GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The Health Service Improvement Government to Government (G2G) Support project is an assistance mechanism supporting the Ministry of Health Provincial Health Offices to improve their capacity and ability to respond to the health-needs in their provinces. The project works in Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Northern provinces to provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS response and implement high-impact interventions in tuberculosis, maternal and child health, nutrition, and family planning. This mechanism supports the MOH to implement the National Health Strategic Plan at provincial level, thereby strengthening its ability to plan and implement its own development solutions, maintain essential services and protect the health workforce, and contribute to the improvement of health service delivery.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

- Life of Project: October 2019 - October 2023
- Geographic Focus: Central Province
- Implementing Partner: Ministry of Health
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $2 million

LUAPULA PROVINCE

- Life of Project: October 2019 - October 2023
- Geographic Focus: Luapula Province
- Implementing Partner: Ministry of Health
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $9.9 million

COPPERBELT PROVINCE

- Life of Project: October 2017 - September 2021
- Geographic Focus: Copperbelt Province
- Implementing Partner: Ministry of Health
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $16.4 million

NORTHERN PROVINCE

- Life of Project: October 2019 - October 2023
- Geographic Focus: Northern Province
- Implementing Partner: Ministry of Health
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $11.3 million
OPEN DOORS

- Life of Project: May 2016 - December 2021
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Lusaka, North Western, and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partner: FHI 360
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $24 million

Open Doors aims to expand HIV care, prevention, and treatment services for under-served populations along one of Zambia’s primary transport corridors and in other hotspots. The project 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 linkages to clinical services in areas that increase access and acceptability.

SUPPORTING AN AIDS FREE ERA (SAFE)

- Life of Project: August 2017 - August 2022
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, and North Western provinces
- Implementing Partner: John Snow International
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $142 million

USAID 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 project is to reduce HIV mortality, morbidity, and transmission, while improving nutrition outcomes and family planning integration. USAID 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 ACCESSIBLE MARKETS FOR HEALTH (ZAM-HEALTH)

- Life of Project: June 2021 - June 2026
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Lusaka and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partner: John Snow Health Zambia
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $37 million

The USAID Zambia Accessible Markets for Health (ZAM-Health) project aims to improve health outcomes for Zambians by increasing the use of high-quality health products and services among men, adolescents, women of reproductive age, and people living with HIV. The project accomplishes this through sustainably expanding the availability and accessibility of high-quality health products and services in the private sector, improving health knowledge, and increasing the adoption of healthy and health-seeking behaviors. Within the framework of a total market approach, the program employs private sector approaches and partnerships with commercial and for-profit entities to achieve these results.
ZAMBIA COMMUNITY HIV PREVENTION PROJECT (Z-CHPP)

- Life of Project: November 2015 - November 2021
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, Northern and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Pact, Inc.
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $75 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. 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. The project also serves as the lead implementing partner for the PEPFAR-funded 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.

TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES

ERADICATE TUBERCULOSIS

- Life of Project: May 2017 - May 2022
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and North Western provinces
- Implementing Partner: Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $21 million

Eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) works in partnership with the Zambian government, National TB Control Program, private sector, and other partners to strengthen the national response to TB. Eradicate TB focuses on finding new TB cases, ensuring they receive and complete treatment, strengthening laboratory capacity, managing drug resistant TB, and operational research.
The project targets high TB-burden communities, people living with HIV, mining communities, children, and individuals living in congregate settings, such as prisons.

**TUBERCULOSIS LOCAL ORGANIZATION NETWORK**

- Life of Project: March 2020 - March 2025
- Geographic Focus: Lusaka and Southern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia
- Total USAID Funding: $10 million

Tuberculosis (TB) Local Organization Network provides local solutions to strengthen laboratory services and the diagnostic network, and enhance facility and community TB case detection. Improving early TB detection and treatment helps reduce morbidity and limit community spread, ultimately contributing to Zambia’s goal of eliminating TB. The project aims to strengthen data management in order to better plan for service delivery, identify programmatic gaps, and budget effectively to meet areas of greatest need.

**FAMILY PLANNING AND MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**CENTRAL CONTRACEPTIVE PROCUREMENT**

- Life of Project: November 2015 – November 2023
- Geographic Focus: National
- Implementing Partner: Chemonics International through USAID’s Global Health Supply Chain-Procurement Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) Project
- Total USAID Funding: Approximately $2 million per year

The Central Contraceptive Procurement (CCP) project serves as the central procurement mechanism to purchase high quality contraceptives and family planning commodities. Through the project, USAID partners with the Government of the Republic of Zambia to ensure a supply of key family planning commodities for Zambia. CCP supports the Government of the Republic of Zambia’s goal to make
family planning methods accessible, acceptable, and affordable to all women and men through informed choice to help them attain their reproductive goals.

**FAMILY HEALTH AND NUTRITION (FHN)**

- **Life of Project:** June 2021 - June 2026
- **Geographic Focus:** Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga and Southern provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** Jhpiego
- **Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding:** $34.1 million

The USAID Family Health and Nutrition (FHN) project works to strengthen the capacity of the Zambian public health system to sustainably deliver reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH&N) services. This is done through improved service-delivery capacity, strengthened health management and financial systems, and improved engagement of health communities. This project operates in all districts of the four target provinces and supports the Government of Zambia-led RMNCAH&N Continuum of Care Program to strengthen health services to improve the health status of mothers, children, adolescents and the community as a whole.

**SCALING UP EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN ZAMBIA (SUpErCDZ)**

- **Life of Project:** January 2019 - January 2022
- **Geographic Focus:** Eastern and Southern provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** Right to Care Zambia
- **Total USAID Funding:** $3 million

The Scaling Up Early Childhood Development in Zambia (SUpErCDZ) project 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.

**STOP GBV**

- **Life of Project:** November 2018 - November 2023
- **Geographic Focus:** Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Lusaka, North Western, and Western provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** Zambia Center for Communication Programmes
- **Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding:** $17 million

According to the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey 2018, 36 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 the Zambian government, Gender/GBV
cooperating partners, and religious and traditional leaders the project focuses on strengthening governmental, religious, 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 provides quality post GBV response services, care, and referrals to survivors of GBV.

MALARIA ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS SUPPORT (ECOS)

- Life of Project: September 2018 - September 2023
- Geographic Focus: Copperbelt, Eastern, and Luapula provinces
- Implementing Partners: ICF International
- Total USAID Funding: $40,000 every other year

Every other year, as required by the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) globally, ECOS conducts a routine independent assessment of environmental compliance by the PMI-supported Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) program in Zambia. The work includes an assessment of the use of WHO recommended insecticides under considerations for IRS operations in Zambia which may include Dichloro Diphenyl Trichloethane (DDT), organophosphates, or carbarmates as well as clothianidin.

IMPACT MALARIA

- Life of Project: September 2018 - January 2023
- Geographic Focus: Central, Copperbelt, and Lusaka provinces
- Implementing Partners: Population Services International and Medical Care Development International
- Total USAID Funding: Approximately $600,000 per year

Impact Malaria supports the Zambian National Malaria Elimination Center’s strategic plan in the areas of case management and surveillance. Impact Malaria strengthens diagnostic capabilities and supports the Outreach Training and Supportive Supervision program to promote effective and efficient diagnosis and treatment of patients in health facilities and community settings. The project strives to prevent and manage malaria in pregnancy, strengthen malaria health systems, and improve use of data for improved analysis and decision-making at central, provincial, and district offices.

PAMO PLUS

- Life of Project: September 2020 - September 2025
- Geographic Focus: Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern provinces
- Implementing Partner: Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
- Total USAID Funding: Up to $36.4 million

PAMO Plus will help reduce illness and death from malaria by improving the prevention, detection and treatment of malaria in high burden areas. The project works closely with the Ministry of Health to build
their capacity to implement the National Malaria Strategic Plan at community, district, and provincial levels. PAMO Plus’ specific interventions focus on strengthening malaria prevention and case management activities at community health facilities, while building the Zambian government’s management and oversight capacity at the district and provincial levels.

**VECTORLINK**

- **Life of Project:** September 2017 - August 2022
- **Geographic Focus:** Copperbelt, Eastern, and Luapula provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** Abt Associates Inc.
- **Total USAID Funding:** $8 million per year

Through the VectorLink project, the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative provides extensive support to fight malaria in Zambia. VectorLink supports the Ministry of Health to implement annual indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaigns in 20 districts, including procurement of IRS-related commodities, training, and technical assistance for environmental compliance. Since 2020, VectorLink has also provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Health for the distribution of insecticide treated bed nets (ITNs), including the 2020-21 mass net distribution campaign, as well as the distribution of ITNs in clinics and schools.

**NUTRITION ACTIVITIES**

**SCALING UP NUTRITION LEARNING AND EVALUATION (SUN LE)**

- **Life of Project:** November 2018 - November 2022 (two additional years possible)
- **Geographic Focus:** National
- **Implementing Partner:** Khulisa Management Services, Inc.
- **Total USAID Funding:** $16 million

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement is a global initiative uniting citizens, civil society, businesses, and governments in a worldwide exercise to end under-nutrition. SUN Zambia is a multi-donor partnership with the Zambian government that aims to improve child nutritional status with an emphasis on reducing Zambia’s critically high rates of under-five stunting (35 percent). USAID supports SUN Zambia through the SUN Technical Assistance (SUN TA) and the SUN Learning and Evaluation (SUN LE) projects. SUN LE evaluates the impact of SUN TA and other partner interventions by measuring change in stunting levels and supporting learning, evaluating, and monitoring of the broader multi-stakeholder SUN Zambia programs. SUN LE encourages a culture of learning and adaptive management; conducts baseline, mid-line, and end-line surveys; conducts focused studies; and conducts biennial performance audits for SUN Zambia.

**SCALING UP NUTRITION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (SUN TA)**

- **Life of Project:** February 2019 - February 2023 (two additional years possible)
- **Geographic Focus:** Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Northern provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** DAI
- **Total USAID Funding:** $71 million
The Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN TA) project employs an integrated approach to reduce stunting in 13 selected districts across Zambia. The project will be responsible for technical capacity strengthening for Zambia’s National Food and Nutrition Commission and Zambia’s line ministries, primarily at the district level and below. SUN TA provides technical support for the development of Zambian District Nutrition Coordinating Committees’ and Provincial Nutrition Coordination Committees’ work plans, identifying assets, addressing challenges, and providing technical support to develop sustainable, replicable systems across nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programming. In areas where there is limited technical expertise at the district level and below, SUN TA provides intensive technical assistance, and works hand-in-hand with local government officials on joint work planning, prioritization, budgeting, project implementation, progress reporting and monitoring.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) ACTIVITIES**

**WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE FINANCE (WASH-FIN)**

- **Life of Project:** July 2019 - September 2021
- **Geographic Focus:** Copperbelt, Eastern, and Lusaka Provinces
- **Implementing Partner:** Tetra Tech ARD
- **Total USAID Funding:** $2 million

USAID’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Finance (WASH-FIN) project builds key partnerships with urban water and sanitation companies to support access to affordable finance and improve the quality of WASH services in Zambia. WASH-FIN provides strategic, targeted support to ensure commercial utility companies have access to repayable finance to provide improved water and sanitation services to customers. WASH-FIN aims to strengthen the ability of four commercial utility companies to provide water and sanitation services and provide new water supply to 10,000 Zambians.

**INTERNAL USAID SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES**

USAID’s Program Office manages strategic planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, activity design, environmental and construction compliance, and development outreach communications. The Program Office also manages several support activities to assist with strategic planning, outreach and monitoring and evaluation of USAID/Zambia programs.

**BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

- **Life of Project:** November 2018 - November 2023
- **Geographic focus:** National
- **Implementing partner:** ASCO, Cardno, and CDM Smith
- **Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding:** $72 million ($24 million each)

The Blanket Purchase Agreement for Architectural and Engineering Services provides architectural and engineering services for USAID-funded construction projects in Zambia. The Blanket Agreement helps improve the efficiency of USAID/Zambia’s procurement process ensuring important construction projects can get underway more quickly while maintaining USAID’s and Host country’s quality standards.
ZAMBIA MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING PLATFORM (Z-MELP)

- Life of Project: June 2020 - June 2025
- Geographic focus: National
- Implementing partner: Social Change (SoCha)
- Total USAID and PEPFAR Funding: $10 million

Z-MELP is a monitoring, evaluation, and learning support platform managed by USAID. The platform provides support services primarily for the Program and Technical Offices. Z-MELP improves USAID/Zambia’s performance monitoring of programs and helps teams obtain and utilize high-quality programmatic evidence for learning and adaptation. The project supports activity evaluations and strengthens processes and practices for collaborative learning.

USAID REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ZAMBIA

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue (SAPP-D) ($4.5 million) – A five-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.

ENERGY

Southern Africa Energy Programme (SAEP) ($70 million) – Implemented by a private sector consortium, SAEP is a five-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.
ENVIRONMENT

**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.

**USAID Feed the Future Southern Africa Seed Trade Project ($18.2 million)** – A five-year project designed to support the 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.

**USAID Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub (SATIH) ($73.7 million)** – This six-year program is working with eight Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) member states, engaging with partners across the region to increase sustainable economic growth, global export competitiveness, and trade in targeted countries. It supports these objectives by increasing exports from Southern African countries to South Africa and the United States (under the African Growth and Opportunity Act [AGOA]), boosting capital and technology flows from South Africa to other Southern African countries, and provides targeted trade facilitation support.

**USAID RIGO Systems Strengthening Activity ($10.3 million)** – USAID is implementing an activity to provide support to three Regional Intergovernmental Organizations (RIGOs), including the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in Lusaka, Zambia. This activity will help strengthen COMESA’s management of their finances, institutional performance, strategic planning, evaluation and learning, communication, as well as improving donor coordination for this regional body.