

Year	Pre-school	Primary	Secondary	Completing Grade 7	Completing Grade 12	Waiting List	Total in December	Students
2020	2	117	95	21	13	19	214	3
2021	0	120	92	27	9	21	212	3
2022	0	121	98	22	9	10	219	2
2023	0	117	103	29	13	12	220	2

The SHAREAfrica Orphan Programme has been operating since 2012, supporting orphaned and vulnerable children who are being cared for by assembly believers. All children are supported by sponsors who donate a monthly amount to support a child's health and education.

The above table shows the position of all children as they progress through school grades. Reports indicate that in 2023 most children made progress in a way that would not have been possible without support. The feedback from the children and guardians is one of great gratitude which makes us feel privileged to be able to help in this way.

Most of the 220 children reside within 50 kilometres of Lusaka making it easier to keep in touch as well as conserving travel time. This limits administration costs allowing more of the donation to go towards the needs of the child.

The programme is administered from the Share Africa Zambia office in Lusaka by Patrica Chinonge and Paul Wandi who have prepared the text for this brief report.

CHILDREN VISITATION

The children are visited at least once in three months. Those in Lusaka are visited more often because they are nearer. During the visitations corn soya blend (CSB) is distributed, school performance is checked, and spiritual growth is monitored. Time is taken to interact with schoolteachers about the children's performance and conduct. Sometimes children are met as a group with their guardians at their assemblies. In other cases, children are visited at their homes to assess their living conditions and to meet their other family members. If a child is unwell SHAREAfrica encourages the family to seek medical help and if serious to take them to a hospital. In some cases, SHAREAfrica will pay for the necessary treatment.

Every interaction is an opportunity to encourage and counsel them. The children and their families are always happy to be visited and thankful to receive what the SHAREAfrica provides. Statements of appreciation such as - "We don't know how we would survive without help from SHAREAfrica", are always repeated. Monthly reports are generated from these activities which are recorded in the online Orphan System which has a record for every child with photographs and reports which can be accessed by the person who sponsors the child.

SPECIAL NEEDS

In certain situations SHAREAfrica will for pay for hospital treatment and disability aids



Tricia Kabanda has help with an eye problem



Gibson receives a wheel chair for SHAREAfrica

SUPPORT PACKS

Periodically children on the program are given support packs. Last December they received school bags. A single mother of 2 children from Lusitu said, 'It is the first time my children have owned school bags in their school life. They always carry their books in plastic bags.'"



Justin Chola and his sister Memory Chola receive and school bags in Siavonga.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Generally, all children in the program go to church with their parents or guardians. Last year 2023, we were privileged to have 3 girls from Kafue River Bridge accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. This was followed by a baptism in the river.



From left to right: Fridah Kapya, Beatrice Mwamba, and Mercy Chishala had just been baptized on 29th October, 2023.

In 2024 we plan to introduce a Bible correspondence programme which will be good for the children and something they can share with other household members.

CORN SOYA BLEND DISTRIBUTION

Since 2020, SHAREAfrica has been distributing 25 kg bags of corn soya blend to every household with children in the Orphan Program - currently 172 households. This number changes when children drop out, when new children are added, and when there is a split (when a child from a household with more than one child on the program takes on new guardianship).

The Corn Soya Blend is a highly nutritious precooked breakfast porridge with is made in the SAZ factory. The specification is a World Food Programme recipe recommended for malnourished children. There is a noticeable difference in the health of the children after taking the CSB.



Children in Kambimbi receive corn soya blend on 14th December 2023. Each household received 2 bags

LOVE GIFTS

Some children and families received money gifts from their sponsors. These are usually sent around Christmas.

The families are delighted and tell what difference this little help makes to their lives. An example is Deborah Nyoni from Kafue Central who received money from her sponsor - Deborah said she would buy food for the family and clothes for herself.



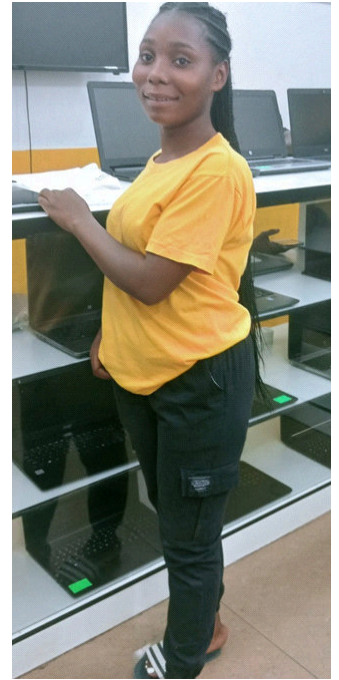
Deborah Nyoni with her mother smile as they receive money from Debora's sponsor

STUDENTS

Currently, we have two college students, Christine Siambulo, studying Food Science and Nutrition at Chalimbana University, and Margaret Kalombo studying Agricultural Engineering at Mulungushi University. Christine is in her first year while Margaret is in her second year. Both were previously in the orphan program from primary school up to secondary school. Hopefully, when they complete their studies, they may find work at SHAREAfrica and have a meaningful and satisfying life.



Christine Siambulo



Margaret Kalombo

All the orphans and their families are very grateful for the help they receive and it makes a great difference in their lives. However, we have twelve more on our waiting list and there are many more who desperately need the help. Thank you to all those who are sponsoring children but, if you are reading this and feel you could sponsor a family, please get in touch. We are now suggesting an amount of £25 per month to cover sponsorship costs but any amount would be a great help. You can see details of children on the waiting list at our website www.shareafrica.com/sponsor-a-child-in-zambia. Signing up is very easy and you can make your monthly donation by card or direct debit from your bank account. Contact alastair@shareafrica.com for further details.

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