



The Zambia Library Project

2020 Report



Summary

To follow on from the successful deliveries of books in Tanzania, Sakyambo Ltd expanded its educational support efforts into Zambia. The Zambia Library Project (ZLP) was formulated, and the first recipient identified was Mpelembe Secondary School, an institution that is now run by the Catholic Church in Kitwe Zambia. To deliver this container, ZLP worked in conjunction with Mpelembe Secondary School class of 1990 to raise the required funds.

On 18th September 2020, a container of books donated by the Second Wind Foundation of Seabrook TX was successfully delivered to Mpelembe Secondary School in Kitwe Zambia.



Exhibit 1: Map showing the locations of first delivery in Zambia

Wamulume and Sibeso Kalabo generously donated a crane to offload the container outside the administration block of the school. We are grateful for their support and the support that this effort has received from members of the community and school alumni,



Exhibit 2: Crane Offloading Container in Kitwe

This container was officially handed over on to the school and community on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. The books were then distributed to 16 schools in Kitwe and surrounding districts:



Exhibit 3: Mr. Nonde Kapotwe (Class of 1990) addressing pupils and staff

Background

Established in 1983, Mpelembe was the brainchild of the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM) Ltd with the full backing of the First Republican President, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda.



Exhibit 4: The First Republican President, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda officially opens the school in 1983

Both the government and ZCCM saw the need to nurture a pool of young Zambians who would later be absorbed into the Mines and other supporting industries. In the years 1998 ZCCM was privatized and most of its assets were bought by foreign Private Mining Companies. However, Government decided that the education of young Zambians should be entrusted to those that have long, tested, and vast experience in the provision of Education. Therefore, the running of Mpelembe Secondary School was transferred to the Zambia Episcopal Conference (Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops).

This school and several others in the region no longer have the financial backing of the private sector and therefore welcome support from their alumni and the community.

The Zambia Library Project

Improving the quality of education in Zambia is an important development priority for the country and the Zambia Library Project plans to coordinate fundraising activities and logistics to make it possible for containers donated by the Second Wind Foundation to reach communities in Landlocked countries like Zambia.

The Zambian education system suffers from overall compromised school quality, high staff turnover, and disparities between urban and rural areas.

Zambia's literacy rate stands at 55.3 percent, with illiteracy much more pronounced in females than males. In order to combat the high illiteracy rates, the government has implemented a nationwide Primary Reading Program. However, there continues to be a severe lack of access to supplementary reading materials in most government schools, and very few have libraries. The only reading materials that are available are workbooks associated with the government curriculum.



Exhibit 4: Students at Mpelembe During the Container Handover

Accounting and Distribution of Books

Distribution of books begun in October 2020 and was completed in December. A total of 30,595 books were donated. Unfortunately, 4,357 were damaged in a fire that occurred while some hot work was being done on the container. A contractor was welding panels onto the container and he was informed that it was empty. Unfortunately, some books had been stored in container and these got damaged during the fire.

This unfortunate incident was due to poor communication and coordination. The restrictions on assembly due to the COVID pandemic also made supervision difficult. We have looked at the root causes and will take measures to avoid future incidents of this nature. A total number of 26,602 were left for distribution.

Mpelembe Secondary School selected 7,940 books suitable for secondary education while the rest amounting to 18,662 were well suited for primary schools.

The Mpelembe Secondary School head teacher, Mr. Fidelis Hichibulo supervised the effort. He solicited help from the school's staff to stamp, count and sort the books in the presence of a representative from ZLP.

Two activities were performed before distributing the books to the various institutions:

1. All books were stamped with a 'STRICTLY NOT FOR SALE' in the presence of a ZLP representative. In addition to creating a deterrent for bad actors to resell these books, this exercise enabled the team to count and sort the books into various categories.



Exhibit 5: Each book is stamped and accounted for prior to distribution

2. All the books were sorted into the following categories:
- Books for pre-school level education
 - Books for primary (elementary) school level education
 - Books for secondary (high) school level education

These books were then distributed to the institutions listed below:

	SCHOOL NAME	NUMBER OF BOOKS
1	Mpelembe Secondary School	7,940
2	Khumi Orphanage	1,000
3	Friends of Street Kids (Kawama)	1,150
4	Tasheni (Luanshya)	1,150
5	St Peter Community School	1,150
6	Sara Rose	1,150
7	Mulenga Primary School	1,150
8	Temweni Primary School	1,150
9	Minsenga Primary School	1,150
10	Riverrain Primary School	1,150
11	Rhokana Primary School	1,150
12	Wusakile Catholic Church Community School	1,150
13	Nsansa Primary School	1,150
14	Musonda Community School	1,150
15	St Kizito Primary School	1,150
16	ST Johns Convent School	1,562
17	Mongu Community School	1,150
TOTAL		26,602

Conclusion

The successful delivery of books to Mpelembe Secondary School has helped us establish a method to deliver books to schools in need. The project also received positive feedback from Mpelembe Secondary School and hopefully, this will make future deliveries easier.

The cost of getting the container from Dar es Salaam to Kitwe was \$7,467. This was raised by contributions from Mpelembe's Class of 1990. The logistics were coordinated by Sakyambo Ltd, Mr. Oliver Mumba (Zambia Library Project) and Mr. Lee Mutale of Vantage Ltd.

ZLP plans to hold fundraising events with charitable organizations to raise the needed funds to deliver more containers to communities in Zambia. Target organizations include the Rotary Clubs, Round Table and 41ers, Lions Clubs and other like-minded organizations

We remain focused on delivering books that are likely to have a significant impact on recipient communities. This includes government schools and public libraries in rural areas as well as higher learning institutions such as universities and colleges.

We look forward to another successful year in 2021.



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APPENDIX



Exhibit 4: Container Arrives on 19th September 2020



Exhibit 5: Mr. Nick Tembo (Class of 1990 Alumni) Hands over the container on behalf the Second Wind Foundation and Class of 1990. Mr. Lee Mutale (right) looks on



Exhibit 6: School Headmaster addresses the gathering



Exhibit 6: School Head Girl thanks the Foundation and the Class of 1990



Exhibit 6: School Head Boy Addresses the gathering



Exhibit 7: Container painted to fit into building colors at the school



Exhibit 7: Mpelembe Logo put on the container



Exhibit 8: Logos of the Second Wind Foundation, Sakyambo Ltd and the Zambia Library Project



Exhibit 9: Mr. Nonde Kapotwe inspects the logo acknowledging the class of 1990