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**Bush School Dormitories, Zambia**



High Five Club is thrilled to have partnered with GRI-Zambia Primate Project to improve the facilities for boarders at Chunga Primary School in Zambia.

The school is based deep in the bush within Kafue National Park at Chunga Command, a field station for Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife anti-poaching operations in the north of the park.

Ca. 400 attend this bush school, the children of wildlife scouts based at the Command along with children from the local communities bordering the national park. Although the school receives support from the Government it is, as is widely the case in government-adopted rural schools throughout Zambia, only for

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the essentials. Many structures at the school are in a bad state of repair, with the dormitories for boarders in a perilous state. As the school is located in a wildlife-rich area, many of the children are boarders as they cannot walk between home and school safely each day.

## High Five Club Support:

With a grant equivalent to £1986.06, High Five Club members and our long-term educational benefactor

**Roffey Homes** of East Sussex have together funded the renovation of both the girls and boys dormitories at Chunga School. These were posing a danger to the pupil's lives as they were collapsing around them! Built in the early 60's, soil erosion and poor foundations had caused huge cracks to appear in the structures and the boy's dorm had recently collapsed at one end.

All structures have been underpinned, rehabilitated and made safe. The boys' dorm has also been extended to accommodate more boarders.



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High Five Club founder Dr Cheryl Mvula visited the school on a recent work trip to Zambia and helped put the finishing touches to the external walls. The pupils had decided to paint images of monkeys and baboons on the walls in acknowledgement that H5C's support in renovating their dormitories had been delivered in partnership with **GRI - Zambia Primate Project** – a project that Cheryl is involved with that

rescues, rehabilitates and returns to the wild (in the bush bordering Chunga School) baboons and vervet monkeys that are victims of the illegal bush meat and pet trades in Zambia. The pupils also performed a drama they had prepared calling for people to not persecute primates but to let them remain free in the wild. This H5C intervention really is a win-win for both people and wildlife!



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