

# HIGH FIVE CLUB

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## Katapila Community School, Luangwa Valley, Zambia

For our new members, the Luangwa Valley in Zambia is home to world-famous South Luangwa National Park, one of Africa's premier safari destinations, and an area where the High Five Club is fostering a long-term relationship with the local community. It is where H5C co-founder Manny Mvula was raised and worked for many years in the safari industry, and one of the rural areas in which Cheryl Mvula currently works implementing alternative livelihood strategies with groups of women, and it is therefore very close to our hearts.

The High Five Club is working hand-in-hand with local people in the Luangwa Valley to change lives and to date we have funded health, education, food security and livelihood initiatives there. This month we are extending a helping hand to Katapila Community School.



**Katapila Community School** is a rural primary school in Senior Chief Nsefu's chieftdom that local parents themselves set up for their youngest children, initially as a basic mud walled thatched classroom with a young school leaver from the community serving as a volunteer teacher. Due to a lack of government support, this school has been assisted to develop over the last few years by Project Luangwa, a charity set up by the safari operators in the area drawing on guest philanthropy, and it now has a 1x3 school block. Katapila is still very much in its infancy, however, and has numerous challenges to overcome daily in order to provide a conducive learning environment for its 300+ learners.

### **High Five Club Support:**

This month we are supporting the development of this community school by purchasing essential curriculum textbooks for its Grade 4 pupils. Currently this class has only 1 text book in each subject, which all 60 pupils share. At a cost of just £500 we have been able to purchase 20 textbooks plus a teacher's guide in each

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subject, meaning there is now 1 text book per 3 pupils (the children sit in desks of 3) - better than most schools in Zambia. The books are mostly Longman/ Macmillan and include Maths, English, Integrated Science, Social & Development, Creative & Technology and Breakthrough m'Cinyanja (local language).



**Some of the Grade 4 pupils at Katapila with their new textbooks**

It really shows how together we can make a real difference – a little goes a long way in Africa.

We are looking to assist more community schools and classes in Zambia with textbooks over the coming months, so will keep you posted on our progress! **For more information contact [Cheryl@highfiveclub.co.uk](mailto:Cheryl@highfiveclub.co.uk)**