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Chitenga Community School, Zambia

CHITENGA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Back in 2018 the High Five Club funded the construction a community school adjacent to one of Africa's most wildlife-rich protected areas, namely **Chitenga Community School**, which transformed education provision for some of the poorest children in Zambia's Luangwa Valley bordering South Luangwa National Park.

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The result of our collective efforts was a radical shift in the learning environment from a mud and grass school that was open to the elements to an amazing, fully furnished, 2-classroom block brick-built school complete with a staff room for the teachers. As a result of this development, which we did in partnership with our long-term partner in Zambia Mnkhanhya Community Resources Board, the Ministry of Education in Zambia came in and supplied 2 government-funded trained teachers (Head and Deputy Head) to complement the 3 volunteer teachers from the community at the school. Additionally, Mary's Meals stepped forward and agreed to run their feeding programme at the school.

BEFORE



AFTER

Chitenga Community School is now catering for all of the youngest children in their community, providing quality education under the supervision of qualified teachers and running a feeding programme to boot. A total transformation in the lives of these marginalised rural children in Zambia.

Over the past 2 years we have invested further in this High Five Club 'adopted' school, which has grown in that time and now provides primary school education for 260 children in Mnkhanhya Chiefdom – 132 girls and 128 boys – from Grade 1 to Grade 7.

High Five Club Support: Our collective support over the past 2 years of **£4,633.59** (from H5C membership fees, support from St Peter's and Paul's Church in Shorne and the remaining balance of a previous grant we received from our long-term education benefactor Roffey Homes) has funded:

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- the construction of 3 teacher's houses adjacent to the school for the volunteer teachers from the community to live - £3,000



This intervention of the provision of houses for the volunteer teachers from the community has been a great morale boost to these 3 teachers, who serve their community without remuneration. All are now housed in these 1-bedroom



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apartments on land immediately adjacent to the school. Each has their own living/dining room and bedroom, along with access to a shared kitchen shelter, bathing shelter and a toilet block. As a result they no longer have to walk several miles each day to reach the school.

- the construction of 4 toilets at the school for use by both pupils and teachers - £1,000



This intervention was very much needed as the old school 'bush' toilets were a long walk from the school meaning that the children were spending precious time out of lessons just going to relieve themselves.

- the provision of learning resources including Teacher's Guides and text books - £506.87
- equipped the staff room with tables, chairs and bookcases - £126.72

The teacher's staff room was transformed into a conducive space for planning lessons and holding meetings, and Teacher's Guides were purchased for all subjects taught at the school along with some text books for the neediest pupils.

