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Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

We can all agree that 2021 was another year of uncertainty, tough times, adaptability and extraordinary human kindness to help each other through the second year of the COVID pandemic. For us, the Foundation, it was a time of supporting communities through uncertainty and making plans for how we can make a more profound and more effective impact on young people, whose struggle was made even worse through COVID.

Pathways out of Poverty was born as our vision to equip young people with resources to create a better future for themselves. With research, historical knowledge, cultural engagement and a quality development framework, we started more activities that will give the best chance for brighter futures for young people.

Education is an essential factor, and supporting vulnerable children to finish grade 12 is our goal. During the teenage years, an understanding of adolescent health is critical for boys and girls to navigate difficult times in their lives and swerve away from the challenges that arise. We also know that girls growing their confidence to contribute even more to their family and community will drive positive change.

Exploring, learning and becoming curious about the options after grade 12 is one area we see as a game-changer for young people. Our livelihoods programme will open up pathways for further study, vocational skills or job readiness. We grew our local team in Zambia to four remarkable women who bring these programmes to life every day. All of these activities and progress are so exciting....we have one question remaining....

WHERE can we do all this?

In 2022 our first Youth Hub is to be born – a space that invites learning, curiosity, support and brighter futures. We have purchased land in Linda community in Livingstone, Zambia, to create a place for the services needed by young people. We are genuinely excited to start this community place designed for young people and their families to develop different pathways, different futures and a life where poverty becomes history for one young person at a time. You can read more about our youth hub plans on page 4.

I am so grateful that you have been a part of where we are today; the Foundation could not have gotten this far without you! We hope you will continue to follow the stories of success and the creation of our youth hub to serve young people in Livingstone.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Michelle and the Foundation team



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Youth Hub

Connecting youth to learning and livelihood opportunities and providing safe spaces for them to focus on their wellbeing.

We provide young people with pathways out of poverty through our programmes. Youth are a vital part of our future and can make a positive contribution when given the opportunity and knowledge they need. Young people can be a great force for development and change, with our holistic approach we aim to give young people in Zambia the best chance of real, long-term change to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their community through four pillars: gender equality, education, wellness and livelihoods.

With great joy, we announce our plans to build a youth hub in Livingstone, Zambia. The youth hub will serve as a centre for youth learning and livelihood opportunities. Currently, many of our programmes are conducted on mats under mango trees, which limits safety and impact. Our goal is to provide a safe and comfortable place for young people, especially girls, to access resources dedicated to creating a brighter future. Building a youth hub will allow us to have all our programmes in one location, which will enhance our existing workshops and support additional community members from nearby locations.

We provide our services to over 500 beneficiaries from various communities in Livingstone, so having a space that is accessible to all will enable us to reach more young people, provide additional opportunities for income generation, and create a safe environment in which girls can develop as leaders. Our health workshops will reach more young people and help them understand their reproductive health, thus avoiding and decreasing teenage pregnancy. This means that the younger generation in Livingstone will be better equipped to overcome the many barriers they face as they become young adults.

Our goal is to see girls, boys, women, and men working together to establish that education and proper support can uplift families, and entire communities. The youth hub will assist young people in completing grade 12 and in pursuing further education. Additionally, it will assist children with identifying options for their futures after grade 12 such as applying to universities, learning essential practical skills, or starting their own businesses. It will also be a safe place where young people can study and get support while completing their homework.

Connecting youth and the community to our programmes

How will the youth hub benefit: Youth | Community | Foundation

Expected outcomes :

Education

Safe place for children to do their studies and education curriculum is supported by enriching activities to broaden children's minds. More young people furthering their education and skills.

Gender Equality

Girls and women are able to make their own choices about their body, education, marriage, and livelihood. An increased number of women own businesses and are in skills-based employment.

Wellbeing

Information is available for young people to make better choices about their health and wellbeing. Services available to specifically assist young people through physical and mental health challenges.

Improved Livelihoods

An increased number of young people move out of poverty and have a sustainable income.



This is the purchased land for our Youth Hub in Livingstone Zambia.



Education For All

We improve access to education by sponsoring school fees, enhancing school facilities, and providing after-school study spaces. Our Sponsor a Child programme aims to unlock the power of education.

Results in 2021:

Sponsor a Child Programme



188 students were fully funded for the school year through our Sponsor a Child programme



9 of 11 students in secondary school passed grade 12

Educational spaces - Libuyu Community School

- The new classroom building created a sense of pride for the Libuyu community.
- The school image has improved and the community is more confident about bringing their children to the school.
- The new facelift has resulted in an increase of 84 students, from 570 to 654.
- Teaching quality has improved, teachers have enough time to plan lessons.
- 45 new desks were donated by a local business, allowing 2-3 students per desk, improving the learning environment.
- Teacher to student ratio decreased from 1:80 to 1:40.
- The principal of the school reported improved academic performance and an increase in attendance.



Benefit of the youth hub on Education For All:

Children will be able to find a variety of resources at the youth hub, such as computers that will assist them with homework and research projects, as well as areas for continued study.



Our Goal

Learners have the opportunity and ability to finish school and seek sustainable livelihoods.

The Challenge

Getting an education is a challenge for many children in Southern and Eastern Africa. Try maintaining high attendance and good marks when you're one of 80 children in a crowded classroom, your empty stomach grumbles as you try to concentrate, and you have no space at home to study. Education gives a child the chance to create a better life for themselves, their family, and their whole community. Without education, the cycle of poverty continues.



Youth Wellbeing

Our Youth Insaka programme focuses on connecting young people to share challenges, discuss solutions and support each other. It is a place for young people to gather and learn about health, wellness, and gender equality. Education and job challenges are also on the agenda to discuss ideas and share advice.

Results in 2021:



We developed plans for a new, youth-led programme that intends to continue serving youth.



Formed relationships with 4 new schools to trial Youth Insaka



We employed a new Youth Impact coordinator.

240

students are to participate in the trial programme in 2022.

Ten youth ambassadors have been recruited to serve as community leaders.



Benefit of the youth hub on Wellbeing:

Having a youth hub will provide a space where everyone can get involved in community activities, young people can meet like-minded peers and positive adult role models. Interacting and cooperating with other peers in the community encourages youth to see the world in different ways.



Our Goal

Empowering youth with an awareness of physical and mental health to live their chosen pathway.

The Challenge

Adolescence is a time of physical and mental wellness vulnerabilities. With little support available, it can be an overwhelming time – bodily changes happen, risky practices can result in life-changing consequences and negative peer pressure becomes difficult to navigate. By providing support and safe spaces for youth to focus on their wellbeing, we hope to set them up for healthy and opportunity-filled futures.



Improving Livelihoods

Our Sponsor a Future programme focuses on bridging the gap in Zambia from secondary school to higher education. In 2008, we started addressing the need to keep children in school from primary school through to high school through our Sponsor a Child programme. The next step was to provide more options for youth in Zambia to continue their studies after grade 12 by sponsoring them to go to university, college, or vocational training institutions, both locally and internationally.

Graduates of higher education are more likely to have:

Healthier habits ~ Higher earnings ~ Civil participation ~ Healthier children
Be environmentally conscious ~ Reduced family sizes

Results in 2021:

We supported 2 students to apply for and receive bursaries for university



11 students passed grade 12



9 of the 11 students received 70% and above



we support a total of 7 young people (5 girls and 2 boys) to attend university

13 participants took part in our Farmers of the Future entrepreneurship training



We awarded 3 participants with kick-starter loans



Benefit of the youth hub on Livelihoods:

Young people will benefit from workshops and training services for business development and career exploration.



Our Goal

Creating bridges with partners to inclusive, sustainable livelihoods through entrepreneurship.

The Challenge

Even for the most ambitious young person, securing a livelihood when you are surrounded by poverty is almost impossible. Without the opportunity to further your education, learn skills or gain entrepreneurship experience, there are little to no options for employment. Their hope to make an income is lost and poverty persists. By connecting young people to further learning opportunities, we provide pathways to sustainable futures.



Empowering Girls

Our Girl Impact programme focuses on providing girls and young women with a support system and new opportunities. We also run programmes for boys and men to reshape gender perspectives, change gender norms, and achieve greater equality.

Results in 2021:

121 beneficiaries/people were fed through our Girl Impact feeding programme, in which all participants received a nutritional snack



72 girls participated in the Girl Impact workshops in 2021

25 boys participated in the the Girl Impact workshops in 2021

24 women participated in the the Girl Impact workshops in 2021

The following are the results reported on participants who took part in the Girl Impact workshops:

- A reduction in teenage pregnancies
- Retention of boys and girls in school
- Girls have become more assertive and supportive of each other
- Menstrual hygiene is better understood by girls
- Girls and boys have a platform to discuss issues that affect them
- An increase in community participation among women who participated in the workshops
- The women feel more comfortable supporting or speaking to their children on youth issues



Benefit of the youth hub on Empowering Girls:

Young people, especially girls, will be able to access valuable resources through the youth hub. Education, skill-learning, and social support have the potential to help girls flourish between the ages of 10 and 18.



Our Goal

Girls and young women are equipped to choose their own pathways to become healthy, positive, and prosperous leaders.

The Challenge

When young women are empowered to be confident, they can become leaders capable of overcoming the cycle of poverty within entire communities. Girls and young women are provided with a support system and new opportunities through the Girl Impact programme. In addition to reshaping gender perspectives, we also boost gender equality through programmes designed for young men and boys.

Masuzyo's story

Masuzyo joined the African impact Foundation in November 2021. She is originally from the Eastern province of Zambia and has always had a great passion for interacting with different people, especially youth, from all walks of life. She did early childcare and development because of her love for young people.

Masuzyo is the Youth Insaka coordinator, a programme she holds close to her heart. She believes that all young people, guided on the right path, can be whatever they want to be, regardless of challenges they may face. By taking part in this initiative, she will be able to fulfil her dream of making a positive impact on young people.

Youth Insaka is a programme that helps young people break the cycle of poverty through education and learning life skills. This programme focuses on the four pillars that the Foundation uses: wellness, education, livelihoods, and gender equality. In all these pillars, we have different topics that all aim to help young people attain a sustainable future or lead the life they dream of, despite the challenges they face in their daily lives.



Celebrating Our team & Partnerships

Our team's passion, drive, commitment to our communities and dedication to the cause is the driving force behind all of the success and impact we experienced in 2021. Thank you to our inspiring team members who dedicate so much to our projects, their development, and the impact we see today. We also appreciate the leadership, direction and guidance our Trustees have contributed to the African Impact Foundation. Together we will continue to make a difference in the lives of all our beneficiaries.

Our partnerships with many people in the community of Livingstone gives us the critical direction, learning and advice for our impact to be a success. A big thank you to the many principals, teachers, social workers, government leaders and, of course, our beneficiaries who trust our partnership. Together we will change the future for many young people in Zambia.



Celebrating Our Donors

We feel honoured to have established long-term relationships with our supporters. The African Impact Foundation would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all our donors and advocates for entrusting us with playing a role in improving the prospects of young people and contributing to the prosperity of Zambia. Your generous support and involvement have impacted many young people. We count on your contribution to our organisation's growth and continue our commitment to uplift the youth and communities we serve.



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