

# **COUNTRY DESCRIPTION**

**Currency:** Zambian kwacha

Zambia borders Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique. There is no exit to the sea

Population: 15 million people Income per capita: 1,215 euros Life expectancy: 61.8 years Human Development Index: position 145 Capital: Lusaka Territorial division: it is organized in 10 provinces Language: English and other native languages

# MAIN CHALLENGES AND ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION

Zambia has a fast growing population with estimated 17.2 million people in 2018. The country economy is to a wide extend depending on revenues from its copper industry as few as from commercial farming. However, the majority of people in the country rely on small holder farming in the rural communities and small businesses/ productions in urban settings.

Zambia has successfully raised the average annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate since early 2000s with in average 7,4 % per year. The growth rate was 3.5% in 2018 (World Bank data).

Economic growth has been accompanied by much better development outcomes in health and education. However,

Zambia's national poverty and inequality have remained stubbornly high, with a poverty rate in rural areas of 76% and 24% in urban areas. According to the Living Conditions Monitoring Survey (LCMS) Zambia is among the countries in the region with the highest inequality.

Zambia rank number 144 out of 171 countries Human Development Index (HDI) in 2017 showing the continued development challenges.

Global warming has been felt especially in the southern part of the country with prolonged draught spells, resulting in reduced income and food security for already empowered small holder farmers.



# **OUR LOCAL PARTNER**

#### DAPP Development Aid From People to People in Zambia

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### Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Zambia started its activities at 1990.

DAPP worked in all provinces and 30 district of Zambia in 2018 reaching over **1.1 million people** directly with developmental activities. Additional over estimated 1.5 million was reached, through being costumers in the 33 DAPP Clothes and Shoes retail shops. DAPP had in 2018 a workforce of **950 employees** and worked with **18,321 volunteers** in the **156 project units**.

## **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS BY ACTIVITY SECTORS - 2018**

## Education

Mkushi College of Education trained 130 students and graduated 26 in the year.

Human Rights in Prison worked in 9 facilities (8 for adults and 1 for juveniles) improving welfare and health for close to 1,500 inmates.

Children's Town supported 564 vulnerable children with academic (preschool to grade 9) education as well as vocational training.

#### Agriculture and rural development

The Farmers' Club project in Southern Province completed scaling up to close to 11,000 farmers and organized the farmers in Farmers' Clubs with a number of activities including marketing strategies using mobile platforms, construction of aggregations centers where farmers can collect grains for common sale and more.

## Health

Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) worked in 3 district and reached 23,284 with testing and identified 1,461 people living with HIV, who were linked to HIV treatment and care.

DAPP invested in two premised to improve the working conditions for key staff in Lusaka Partnership Office and the Economy and Administration Office in Ndola. These offices are as well a healthy investment for the organization.

Young Farmers' Clubs in Chibombo. The project is focusing on agriculture value chains – making the youth "Proud to be Rural" The internal evaluation showed that the surplus earned per farmer increased over 500%.

#### **Community Development**

The Child Aid ZAMFAM project was carried out in 10 districts and supported 150,000 children living in 72,000 families, through a cascade of activities including actions and lessons carried out in the Action Groups, Youth Clubs, educational support through school block grants, economy strengthening through saving clubs, pass on gifts of grains and small livestock and much more.

The project analyzed the yearly Child Status Index – which is assessments carried out through door to door visits to each household, and it showed significant improvement in child welfare in all the 12 elements analyzed such as health, nutrition, shelter and education. Child Aid Mumena, Nampundwe and Chingola successfully supported water and sanitation activities as well as preschool education with 32 preschool supported and 19 water-points constructed/ improved.

The Child Aid Family Planning Project managed to provide family planning services to over 240,000 women through Community Based Distributers.

The provision of long term family planning through injection carried out by the CBDs was recommended by the government for replication. An estimated 400,000 people were reached with family planning / sexual and reproductive health messages.