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‘Shedding light on Lundazi District’



Mathias Zimba Executive Director RFDP

RFDP Hands over VIP Latrines to Ministry of Education.

The month of November was an exciting moment for the communities around Kanele M B School. RFDP handed over 10 Ventilated Improved Pit latrines to the Ministry of Education (MoE) at the school. On behalf of Rising Fountains Development Program and of course on behalf of SIMAVI a Netherlands based partner for RFDP handed over the VIP latrines to Kanele school.

“On behalf of RFDP and SIMAVI on this day of November I do hand over the 10 VIP latrines to MoE and Kanele School in Particular Mr. Zimba said”

RFDP invited for Walk for Life in Kapiri Mposhi-Zambia.

On the 4th October 2009 Rising Fountains Development Program was invited by Ophelia Orum Haanyama a Zambian working with Noaksark and based in Sweden. The main purpose of the walk for Life was to provide support to people accessing ART and walking longer distances from their villages to Kapiri Mposhi district hospital to access the drugs. Several companies, NGOs, Parastatals and government departments in Lusaka, and on the Copper belt province took part in the walk for Life. Rev Siyani Zimba, RFDP Board Chair and Mathias Executive Director were requested to facilitated during the workshop which took place at Sony Ericsson Offices in Lusaka.



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**Lackson Chipeta RFDP Program
Coordinator in blue getting ready for a
25Kms walk in Kapiri Mposhi.**



RFDP handed over 20 ventilated improved Pit Latrines to Ministry of Education.

In middle November RFDP handed Over 10 VIP Latrines to Kanele Middle Basic School and 10 to Kazembe Basic School on 31st November through the Ministry of Education, the colorful ceremony was attended by different government heads of department, Teachers, Parents Teachers Association Executive, Media personnel, pupils, guardians, parents and members of the Community. RFDP Director said that it is estimated that at least 400 Million School going children are infected by round worm, guinea worm, bilharzia, hook worm the majority of these people live in poor countries. It was for this reason that RFDP embarked on improving School sanitation.



The Government of Zambia Commends RFDP and SIMAVI school Sanitation Project.



The District Education Board Secretary (DEBS) who was also acting District Commissioner said while it is government responsibility to provide adequate and proper Sanitation services to the communities, in no Way it can perform this important duty single handedly considering limitations in the government Budget allocations. Therefore Government commends RFDP and SIMAVI for the initiative taken to supplement Government efforts by constructing ventilated improved pit latrines at four schools in y district. **DEBS appealed to SIMAVI to continue funding the school sanitation project as there was a lot of need to improve sanitation in schools in Zambia.**

← **District Education Board Secretary (DEBS) Lundazi giving his speech on behalf of Government of Zambia and MoE.**

Focus on the Community Outreach Workers-Isaac Nyirongo.



Isaac Nyirongo is the community outreach worker for RFDP, based in the valley chief Kazembe. He has been with RFDP since its inception. Every month he walks long distances conducting meetings with the community in the catchment area.

Isaac found his work difficult because of lack of transport, his area is too vast, and needs a bicycle for him to carry out work effectively. Isaac is pleased with what RFDP is doing in his area and for being part of RFDP. A bicycle only cost US\$80.



RFDP Lunch Programs in the New Catchment Areas on the plateau part of the District.

RFDP recently scaled up its works on the Plateau parts of the district, three areas were brought on board because the problems they are facing are not different from the people in the valley part of the district. The communities of Kopenja, Chiwe and Romase in chief Phikamalza and Kapichila are very excited and welcomed RFDP in their areas. RFDP field team visited the area and introduced the organization and programs being carried out.

RFDP Commemorates 2009 World Aids Day

1st December every year is world AIDS Day commemorating relatives and friends who died from HIV/AIDS. This year's theme was universal access and human rights. RFDP commemorated the World AIDS day in Kazembe chiefdom. The event attracted a lot people including the chief and her indunas and the area Counselor and a lot of activities took place ranging from singing of choral songs, Bicycle riding men and women, egg and spoon race, sack race, drama and Football competitions. More than 900 people attended the world AIDS day commemoration in Kazembe organized by RFDP. The colorful event started on Monday night by candle Lighting and singing of choral musical from different choirs of different churches. Lighting candles brings out darkness as a symbol of hope.



(Images above) A choir singing on world AIDS day and a drama performance by the community



"It's once again time for us at district and village level to take stock of our collective actions and response to the threat of HIV/AIDS" RFDP Director said as he was giving his speech as guest of Honor during the commemoration.

Director RFDP as Guest of honor speaking during 2009 World AIDS Day Commemoration in Kazembe.



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Support RFDP

How can you help RFDP support communities in the Lundazi District?

RFDP is looking for grants for water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, orphans and vulnerable children, Livelihood and Micro Enterprise Development and agriculture so that we can continue to implement some of our major projects. If your organization can help or you know of someone who might be interested please email risingfountain@yahoo.com for further information.

We are also running a number of fundraising campaigns to help make a real difference to the communities that we work with. If you would like to donate to the any of the projects outlined below or help us to fundraise please get in touch via email on risingfountain@yahoo.com. More information on specific projects is also available on our website www.risingfountains.org.

Help local community schools: Zambia has both government schools and community schools. The walk to government schools can be long and dangerous for small children, who often have to contend with wild animals and cross rivers to reach their destination. Community schools have therefore been set up by the community to provide education to children who would otherwise go without and rely on the goodwill of teachers who work for free. These teachers have already taken the first step to securing education for the future generation, help us fundraise to ensure these schools continue and provide the best possible education they can.

Supplies for school children: There are 1080 orphans and vulnerable children in the RFDP's catchment area. Many of these children cannot go to school because they don't have a uniform, books or other school supplies. With your support, RFDP can distribute school requisites to these children and help ensure they get the education they deserve.

New bicycles for community outreach workers: RFDP focuses its majority of work in the valley. The valley is a long distance from the office along some of the worst roads in Zambia. To ensure that our projects are well managed and monitored we have a fantastic network of outreach workers based out in the valley. Due to the often impassable terrain the bicycles they rely on to carry out their work are in urgent need of changing. Help us raise money for new bicycles which will allow outreach workers to carry out their jobs more effectively and serve the community better. It only requires \$75 to buy a new bicycle for the outreach worker.

If you would like your donation to go towards a specific project please specify on the donation form.



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