



**Every child has the right to a clean, healthy,
sustainable and abundant environment.**

Protecting Zambia's Future

Zambia faces escalating environmental challenges that disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, especially children. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, and prolonged droughts threaten food security in a nation heavily reliant on agriculture, where smallholder farmers produce 90% of the food. Declining maize yields and reliance on hydropower, which accounts for over 85% of electricity, further strain livelihoods and the economy during droughts.

Compounding these issues are deforestation, limited clean water access, and climate-sensitive diseases like malaria. Despite contributing less than 0.1% to global emissions, Zambia is working to address these challenges through policy and adaptation efforts. However, gaps in financing and implementation hinder progress toward building resilience and safeguarding livelihoods.

Centering Children in Building Sustainability

ChildFund is driving child-centered environmental action by aligning its programs with Zambia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which prioritize resilience, adaptation, and mitigation in agriculture, water resources, health, and energy. The government's focus on strengthening health systems and enhancing food and water security aligns with ChildFund's core interventions in maternal and child health, nutrition, and livelihood resilience. By addressing the unique vulnerabilities of children and marginalized communities, ChildFund ensures that its programs in education, nutrition, food security, livelihoods and disaster preparedness directly complement Zambia's environmental goals.

Through these efforts, ChildFund is building resilient communities where children can thrive despite escalating environmental challenges. By integrating NDC priorities into its child-focused programming, ChildFund contributes to sustainable livelihoods, improved health outcomes, and enhanced disaster resilience. This alignment not only supports Zambia's national strategies but also ensures that children remain at the heart of environmental adaptation and development efforts.

About ChildFund Zambia

ChildFund operates in 10 districts in Zambia through 6 local implementing partner organizations, reaching over 500,000 children, their families, and communities annually.

Focus Areas:

Child Protection, Early Childhood Development, Environmental Sustainability, Education, Food Security, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, WASH, Youth Development, Emergency Response and Advocacy.



Strategic Priorities



Community-Based Disaster Risk Management



Education on Environmental Care



Smart Agriculture



Circular Economy



Natural Resource Management



Water Resource Management



Youth for Environmental Sustainability



Energy-Efficient Technologies

Flagship Projects



Youth Day of Service:

Each August, ChildFund collaborates with LEAP Africa and its local partners to mobilize over 500 youth for the Youth Day of Service, a week-long Pan-African, youth-led campaign championing environmental conservation and volunteerism. In 2024 alone, through tree-planting activities, nearly 1,000 trees were planted in schools, and public spaces, benefiting over 15,000 children and 3,000 community members in Kafue, Chongwe, Luangwa, Mumbwa, and Shibuyunji districts.



Environmental Resilience and Adaptation Project:

This project in Shibuyunji and Mumbwa districts planted 500 trees and reached over 10,000 individuals. By promoting sustainable livelihoods like agroforestry and beekeeping, it reduced dependency on deforestation while equipping communities with skills for environmentally friendly income generation. These efforts advance forest regeneration and community resilience, ensuring long-term environmental and socio-economic benefits.



Community Alternative Source of Energy Project:

ChildFund introduced biodigesters in Kafue district, training 320 people, in biogas use for cooking and bio-slurry for farming. The project reduced dependence on firewood by 75%, saving women and girls up to 6 hours daily previously spent on fuel collection and cooking. Improved agricultural yields from bio-slurry fertilizer enhanced food security, tackling malnutrition (currently at 35%) and fostering gender equality by redistributing household labor burdens.



Smart Agriculture and Afforestation Initiative:

ChildFund, in partnership with its 6 Local Partners and the Ministry of Agriculture in 2022, trained 21,960 farmers in conservation farming and smart agriculture. This initiative improved soil productivity, increased crop yields, and strengthened resilience among small-scale farmers. Additionally, ChildFund supported the planting of 5,000 fruit trees in primary schools, raising awareness on environmental care among children while promoting afforestation and providing long-term nutritional and environmental benefits.

Partnerships for Impact

ChildFund partners with diverse organizations to drive sustainable environmental action, scaling initiatives, fostering innovation, and enhancing community resilience.

- **Government Bodies:** Ministry of Green Economy, Forestry and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Community Development and Social Services. ChildFund aligns its efforts with national climate action plans, including Zambia's NDCs and NAP. These partnerships focus on integrating adaptation and resilience strategies into child-focused programming, building community resilience, promoting sustainable agriculture, and addressing environmental vulnerabilities affecting children and families.
- **Civil Society Organisations:** Adventist Development and Relief Agency, LEAP Africa and Supa Moto (Emerging Cooking Solutions)
- **Local Communities:** Collaborating directly with community groups to implement disaster risk preparedness, response strategies, resilience-building efforts, and environmental conservation initiatives.

Future Focus

ChildFund is dedicated to addressing environmental challenges with innovative solutions that strengthen community resilience, promote clean energy, and create sustainable livelihoods. Through our programs, we integrate strategies such as smart agriculture and alternative energy solutions to adapt to environmental changes.

We provide proven, child-centered solutions that ensure the voices and needs of children and youth are central to every action. Our initiatives—such as sustainable farming, smart stoves, and biodigesters—reduce environmental impacts, improve food security, and reduce dependence on harmful biomass fuels.

In alignment with Zambia's NDCs and NAP, our environmental programs focus on building resilience among the country's most vulnerable populations. By prioritizing youth leadership, environmental education, job creation, and entrepreneurship, we strengthen national efforts to care for the environment.

As a trusted partner, ChildFund delivers locally driven solutions that align with both local frameworks and global initiatives, such as the Paris Agreement and the SDGs.



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