



SECOND HAND CLOTHES CREATING JOBS

"...I used to wash laundry for a living, but now I make over K2,500 per month from reselling clothes," Nathalia.



IN PICTURE: Nathalia Phiri buying clothes for resale from DAPP Chachacha Shop, Lusaka.

“Before 2020, I used to do pieces of work such as laundry for people to sustain my family. We are 10 altogether. It was always a struggle to take my children to school and provide for my family,” recalled Nathalia Phiri, 34 of Marapodi Compound as she sorted through some clothes from Chachacha DAPP Shop in Lusaka.

It is closeout sales at the end of the two weeks’ cycle and Nathalia –

like many other traders buying for resale is getting her clothes for as low as K10 per piece this Thursday, 29 February 2024. This is the thriving business that has sustained the mother of four and her family since 2020.

“It was in October I remember. I got paid a K50 from one of the families I washed clothes for. I then decided to buy clothes from DAPP for resale. At the shop where I first

bought my clothes, it was at the end of the cycle and each piece cost me K3. I sold the clothes to my neighbours and I earned K100.” she added.

That October decision marked the beginning of her journey into reselling clothes. Her capital has since grown from K50 to K6,000 over 3 years later and she does not plan to stop.

“This business has been life changing. I make a profit of up-to K2,500 per month. Together with friends doing the same business, we started a Savings Group, which helps to grow our income and save money for unforeseen expenses,” explained Natalia.

DAPP Zambia in 2023



82

districts in all 10 provinces of Zambia



1.2 million

people reached



2,457

staff countrywide

I am a proud, young rural farmer

“...Like many youths after completing school, I also wanted to leave my village to look for greener pastures in urban cities, but then I joined this Young Farmers’ Club under DAPP and my mind changed completely,” explains

Brian Walubita in Chibombo district. Walubita is the Secretary of Kanongobe Young Farmers’ Club in Solochi Village.

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TCE links more people to HIV treatment...

...as more people increasingly take up PrEP as a method for HIV prevention in 2023.



IN PICTURE: Field Office under the Total Control of the HIV/TB Epidemics, TCE project conducting an HIV test in Kanyama Compound of Lusaka district.

TCE 2023 RESULTS

278,679

people tested for HIV

28,381

people tested positive for HIV

28,343

people linked to HIV treatment (ART)

82,193

people brought back to care (treatment for HIV)

25,176

small treatment adherence support groups (Trios) formed

131,227

people linked to TB Preventive Therapy (TPT)

DAPP's Total Control of the HIV/TB Epidemics (TCE) recorded an increase in the number of people linked to HIV treatment in 2023 by more than 33 percent compared to the year 2022.

The DAPP HIV testing, treatment and care programme funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC linked 28,343 people to treatment out of 28,381 who tested positive for HIV in 2023 — an increase of 7,125 compared to the 21,218 people linked to treatment in 2022.

The project also recorded an increase in people taking up Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) with 75,133 people enrolling for the HIV prevention treatment in 2023, compared to 33,178 people in 2022.

DAPP Managing Director, Elise Soerensen disclosed this during a recent Media Breakfast held to launch the 2023 DAPP Progress Report in Lusaka.

"In 2023, we further brought back to care 82,193 people that had dropped off on treatment. We also linked 131,227 people living with HIV to TB prevention treatment to mitigate the high number of TB-related deaths in people living with HIV. Our dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers are locals, known by the people they support. They build community trust through working closely with the community and the local leadership to fight HIV," explained Elise.

She added; "In all of our health projects, we

focus on strengthening people's capacities to take control of their own health outcomes. By starting with the people and not just focusing on the disease, we believe communities can make informed choices to work together towards better health."

Meanwhile, the project also helped to form 21,664 treatment adherence support groups called Trios for people starting HIV treatment in 2023. The Trio comprises the person newly diagnosed with HIV and two people of their choice to support them on treatment.

Between 2006 and 2023, DAPP Zambia, through the TCE project has reached over 2.4 million people with HIV/TB interventions as part of global efforts to achieve epidemic control by 2030.



"We used to walk for over two hours daily to fetch water from a shallow well. We had no choice even when we found dead frogs in our water. The closest water pump was about 5 kilometres away. Since DAPP with the support of Sign of Hope replaced our shallow well with a water pump, we have clean water closer to home and cases of Diarrhoea among our children have gone down," says Dorcas Kanyembo of Kalumbila district in North Western Province.

DAPP lauded for using skills to fight streetism



IN PICTURE: Student under the Youth Academy showcases products they are making in metal fabrication to the delegation from (L-R) DAPP MD Elise Soerensen, Children’s Town Project Leader Elizabeth Kandunda, Community Development and Social Services PS, Angela Kawandami, Chibombo DAO Brave Mazuba, Community Development Director of Planning, Policy and Information, Patrick Choolwe and other delegation members.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, Angela Kawandami has commended Development Aid from People to People, DAPP in Zambia for providing what she describes as “the missing link” in the fight against streetism.

“It is amazing work that is being done here, and it is actually the missing link. You can have programmes where you are removing children from the streets and you put them in homes, or reintegrate them with their families, but there is no rehabilitation that has taken place. But it is good when you have a programme like this where they actually learn skills and are living in a community so that

they develop their social skills and more importantly, they will be ready for independent living. This is the missing link,” she said.

The Permanent Secretary said this on Friday, 26 April 2024 when she led a delegation on a familiarisation tour of DAPP Children’s Town in Chibombo district to appreciate how DAPP is supporting government’s efforts to reduce the number of children in the street.

Meanwhile, DAPP Managing Director, Elise Soerensen explained that DAPP collaborates with the ministry to remove children from the streets and provide them with an environment for growth, care and development through the Youth Academy.

I am a proud, young rural farmer!

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“...At first, we received Groundnut seeds from DAPP, which we grew and passed on to fellow farmers. From one bag, some of our group members are harvesting up to 20 bags of groundnuts. We learnt about climate smart agriculture, hence we treat farming as a business. We plant early and diversify our farming. The

Water Pump from DAPP has also increased our vegetable production for the club and we are supplying Lusaka. We are active all year round and rely on gardening when rainfed crops fail. I have been able to buy 10 cows from my agricultural activities. I am now a proud young, rural farmer and I don’t even think of leaving my village,” he explained.

A TEACHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE!

“It was hard for our children to walk over 10 kilometres to go to school, only to find there is no teacher for them. Some teachers did not even stay a full month before asking for transfers to an urban schools,” explains Ruth Mweetwa, a parent of a child learning at Milele Primary School in rural Mkushi district.

She added; “when we received teacher Mercy, it was immediately clear she was here to stay. She actively participated in community mobilisation activities with her administration to push for the construction of these teacher houses here.”

Mercy Sikota, 33 is a former student of Mkushi College of Education, a college dedicated to deliberately molding teachers for service in rural areas. The college compliments government’s efforts to improve teacher retention in rural schools through preparing teachers with a passion, practical skills and knowledge to live in rural areas and ensure no child is left behind in accessing their right to education.

Agriculture and Climate Change in 2023

- 11,143**
Farmers in 287 Farmers’ Clubs, as well as Young Farmers’ Clubs
- 143**
Micro-Aggregators trained in crop marketing
- 72**
Farmer Service Centres
- 19,760**
farmers sold 449.5 tonnes of crops to the Farmer Service Centres
- 61,153** Trees planted to restore vegetation in degraded lands

I am happy my grandchildren don't have TB anymore...



IN PICTURE: Ireen pose for a photo with her three grandchildren at their home after fully recovering from TB

“For some time in 2023, I noticed my three grandchildren losing weight. One of the twins, aged 3 could not walk. Their older sibling, aged 5, was often ill. They had fever, were sweating at night and lost their appetite. I

take care of the children when their mother is at work,” explains Ireen Chimumbwa of Mazyopa Compound in Lusaka district.

Two years earlier, Ireen had TB. She completed her treatment, but was unaware that she had exposed her grandchildren.

She explained; “After a while, a DAPP TB Officer working in our area advised that my entire family gets tested for TB and all three of my grandchildren tested positive. They were put on treatment and the rest of my family was initiated TB prevention.”

“It has been over six months and I am now relieved that my grandchildren are well. The nutrition support that DAPP gave us helped the children to regain their weight and they are now playing with friends,” she added.

The Total Control of TB (TCTB) in Lusaka is one of DAPP's TB interventions in Zambia.

"At Chipata and Katete Correctional Facilities respectively, we ran the TB in Correctional Facilities Programme aimed at improving access to quality TB services for inmates. We created a community model of inmates and facility staff working together to boost TB screening and diagnosis, provision of care for inmates with TB and linking those at risk to TB prevention treatment,"

stated project Leader Praxedes Bukoko.



Working together unlocks opportunities for Choma and Namwala farmers



“The Saving for Change helped me to raise extra income and invest in expanding my farm production and business,” said Sibajene Sichaala (in picture above), 49 – a farmer and Crop Aggregator of Kaundula area in Namwala district of Southern Province.

She added; “after joining Kaundula Farmers’ Club. I started Saving with my fellow farmers and grew my savings from K5,000 to K14,446. With this money, I started buying crops and provided my fellow farmers a ready market after DAPP trained me as a Micro-aggregator. I now treat

farming as a business.”

Elsewhere, Annette Mawawa’s Farmer Service Centre in rural Choma, is cutting down transport costs and time for farmers as they access inputs and crop markets closer to their homes.

“Our roads are very bad and town is far. When it rains, we are cut off from town. Nowadays, I buy seed from our Farmer Service Centre without losing much time and money going into town. It is easier to work with someone from our community who understands our needs,” said Suzanne Muleya of Choma.

2023 TCTB KEY RESULTS (LUSAKA)

252 children (0-14 years) linked to TB treatment

1,063 children (0-14 years) linked to TB prevention



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