



# Newsletter

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THE CHOICE  
YOU MAKE  
TODAY COULD  
MAKE THEIR  
TOMORROW

## Vision for the School

Vision for the school is: empower the orphans, the poor and the needy with knowledge to be able to read, write and be responsible citizens in Zambia. Therefore their motto is; **knowledge is power**. The realisation of this vision will see the school making a difference in the lives of these children at the same time the community where these children are coming from.

## Web site updated

We have updated the website so that our newsletters can be viewed just follow the link on the Discover page.  
5 more Children to be added to the website and more will be added soon.

## Providing Schooling

In their formative years children establish the cognitive, emotional and social foundations upon which they build their future. Colouring pictures, crafting and reading might seem to be pleasant pastimes to adults but are actual fact extremely important to a child's development. Yet in Africa too many children are deprived of this opportunity to develop these skills in childhood because their parents cannot afford their school fees.



Children with educational toys

In order to boost their education and provide better opportunities in later life why not consider asking your friends and family to sponsor one of the children on our website. [www.school4kids.org](http://www.school4kids.org)

## Up Date your Sponsorship

Those sponsors who were sponsoring a child that didn't show up at school and have not up dated their sponsorship need to pick another child so that we can keep everything up to date on the web site and you are able to have a connection with your sponsor child.

## Facebook Page

Why not check out our School4kids Facebook Page.



## Runners in Half Marathons

Samuel Goodway is running the Hadrain Wall half marathon on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and Esther Brown is running the Bristol half marathon on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to raise money for school4kids. Please consider sponsoring them and helping this important project.

If you would like more information email us at [info@school4kids.org](mailto:info@school4kids.org)

## Sponsorship

If you already sponsor a child in this project, thank you very much for your generous support. If you haven't already and would like to help a child you can do so by going to our website. [www.school4kids.org](http://www.school4kids.org)

Every penny you sponsor or donate will go directly towards this important work, so you really will be making BIG difference to a child in Zambia.

## Where is our school?

**The Beacon of Hope Community School** is located in Solwezi, Zambia.



Zambian Flag

Zambia is a land locked country that borders with the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania to the north, Angola and Namibia to the west, Malawi and Mozambique to the east and Botswana and Zimbabwe to the south. The country is listed as one of the poorest countries in the world. Education is unaffordable for many families, particularly those who live in rural areas. Parents are expected to pay school fees and also to purchase uniforms and books, which are expensive. The country is named after the Zambezi River, which flows from northern Zambia to the Indian Ocean and is the continent's biggest copper producer and the home of the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.



**Solwezi** is the capital of the North-Western Province of Zambia. Solwezi has approximately 65,000 inhabitants at an elevation of 1235 m above sea level.

Kaonde is the largest tribe represented in Solwezi, but you can also find large numbers of Lunda and Luvale speaking people.

North-Western Province is divided into 7 districts:

- Chavuma
- Kabompo
- Kasempa
- Mufumbwe
- Mwinilunga
- Solwezi
- Zambezi

Solweszi is a major centre for useful supplies it is basically a linear town, with most shops and offices along a tarred road.

## Education key to poverty reduction – United Nations

### **An article from The Post Zambia's leading Newspaper**

By Fredrick Misebezi 22 Apr,2015

UNITED Nations resident coordinator for Zambia Ms Janet Rogan says education is the first and best thing that can take people out of poverty.

Rogan, in an interview, said proper investment in education is one of the key tools to poverty reduction, especially for a country like Zambia.

She said lack of good governance and inequalities in communities were among factors contributing to high poverty levels in the country.

“Inequalities at the end of the day are about some people not having access to certain things. There are too many people who don't have access to good education. If you don't have good education, you can't get a job. They don't have access to good health care, and if you are not healthy, then it is not easy to keep a job, and at school, it is not easy to concentrate.”

Rogan said. “And so, for a country like this one, education is the first thing and the best thing that takes people out of poverty.”

She said many children in Zambia did not have good nutrition which was affecting their growth.

“If you look at statistics, 82 per cent of the people in this country are under the age of 35 ... that is a huge number. Now if those people are not getting good schooling, and are not having good health, and are not getting good nutrition, then how can they get a job? How can a company employ them, really, if they don't have the right skills?” Rogan wondered.

She said over 60 per cent of people in Zambia lived in poverty, with over 40 per cent in extreme poverty.

“People will tell you that they want education, not just education but they want quality education because they know that that is the only way to get a job. There is no one thing that people can do in three weeks that can change it (poverty). So when you listen to what everybody is telling us, people are saying education [can help reduce poverty],” said Rogan.

Recently, a University of Zambia lecturer Prof Jacob Malungo said demographic transitions in developing countries, including Zambia, require economic policy reforms that focus on investment in education, health and entrepreneurship to create wealth and decent jobs.

Prof Malungo was speaking on the panel discussion during the 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD48) at UN Headquarters in New York.

## The School Re-open on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and will close on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015