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Update

The School reopened on the 4th January 2016 after the December break.

A new teacher has started, Precious Nalwimba, replacing Stella Masumba who has joined the government.

The school has lost contact with Estella Ndonga who had qualified to grade eight (secondary school) Estella has not replied to attempts to contact her therefore we will be removing her from the sponsorship programme unless we hear anything very soon.

A PO Box has been reinstated and once we receive confirmation of its correct address this will give us the opportunity to send things out to the school and children on occasions.

Year End 2015

At the close of 2015 we had 15 children sponsored by 11 sponsors. The remaining were being funded by the Church. Our aim for 2016 is to have more children sponsored by individuals. If you know anyone who may be interested in sponsoring a child please point them towards www.school4kids.org or email info@school4kids.org

Zambian former child bride speaks out

26 November 2015 - BBC

Chipasha Iliamupu was married off by her father at the age of 15 years, in a rural village in Zambia. She was the last of eight children and her mother had died.

Her father received the equivalent of \$30 (£19.82) as a bride price from a soldier 20 years Chipasha's senior.

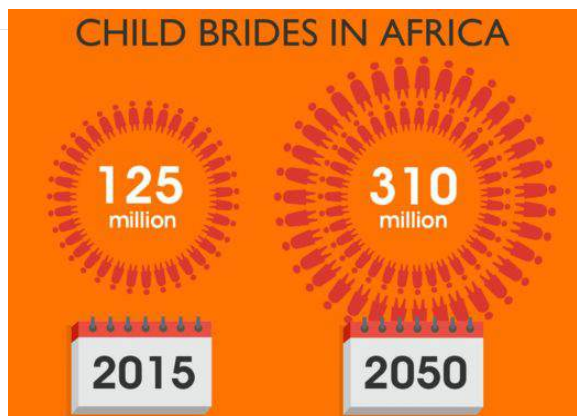
She had a baby girl in her first year and nearly died during childbirth. A chance encounter with an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) made her realise she could escape her very abusive marriage. After two she years she divorced her husband and returned to school.

She is now 22 years old and in her second year at the University of Zambia.

Chipasha spoke to the BBC at the start of the African Union's conference in the Zambian capital Lusaka.

The conference is trying to find a way to end child marriage - a growing problem on the continent, according to the children's charity United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef).

It warns the number of child brides will more than double by 2050 if the current trends - just over one in three African girls marry before the age of 18 - continue.



The charity says the number of child brides in Africa makes up more than 40% of the worlds total by 2050, if current trends persist.

Africa could overtake South Asia as the region with the most number of child brides, it warns.

Unicef Executive Director Anthony Lake said: "The sheer number of girls affected - and what this means in terms of lost childhoods and shattered futures - underline the urgency of banning the practice of child marriage once and for all.

"Each child bride is an individual tragedy. An increase in their number is intolerable."



The African Union is campaigning to raise the age at which it is legal to marry to 18. In about a dozen African countries, it is currently 15.

The proportion of young women in Africa who married before the age of 18, now at 34%, has dropped by 10% since 1990.

But Africa's population is growing faster than that of other continents, meaning the fall is relatively low.

Zambia sets Presidential Election

4th January 2016

Zambia will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on 11th August 2016 under a new constitution.

The new constitution has a fixed election date and that will take effect as soon as the president signs.

The elections are expected to be a tight, contest between Lungu's ruling Patriotic Front (PF) party and Hichilema's opposition United Party for National Development (UPND).

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