Welcoming Dolika Banda

The Time + Tide Foundation is excited to announce that Dolika Banda has joined our Foundation Council. Dolika Banda is an independent consultant with extensive experience in banking and development finance.

Managing portfolios of several billion US dollars, she has served with Citibank, Barclays, the IFC, CDC Group and the African Union’s African Risk Capacity Insurance Company. She currently holds several board roles and is a Global Ambassador to the Global Steering Group on Impact Investing (GSG). She is passionate about education and climate resilience (in which she includes a passion for wildlife and nature preservation) as the means to achieve inclusive, transparent and fair economic development for all. Moreover, Dolika has a personal connection to the South Luangwa, Zambia, where she spent many happy childhood holidays with fond memories of Norman Carr himself. We look forward to the expertise and passion that Dolika brings to our organisation.
Nosy Ankao:
MEDICAL SUPPORT

During the last quarter, we continued to work with Dr Julien Andriamampianina, who provided free consultations during his weekend visits to 9 mainland villages, serving a total of 5,444 residents. Some of the most common conditions that Dr. Julien treated were diarrhoea and pulmonary and respiratory complications.

In November, we were also able to recruit 3 additional nurses to support Dr. Julien on the mainland. The nurses will be working full-time in three villages that are currently visited by Dr. Julien only on weekends: Ampangia (20 km from the nearest clinic), Ambanifilao (19 km away), and Ampasimadera (25 km away). Their presence will ensure immediate treatment of common local conditions, with basic medications and supplies available on site. In 2021, we aim to further our partnership with Freedom from Fistula by sending more nurses for training on how to diagnose this condition and identify women for treatment.
South Luangwa:
HOME-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In July 2020, the Time + Tide Foundation supported extensive refurbishments at Hanada Orphanage to ensure the facility was safe, secure and habitable for children.

All works were carried out by Time + Tide South Luangwa maintenance team. In December 2020, the Time + Tide Foundation partnered with the Department of Social Welfare to convene a meeting of local stakeholders to explore sustainable ways of generating long-term support for Hanada Orphanage.

Thirty representatives from the local business community, churches, and NGOs attended, and nine people expressed interest in joining the Hanada Orphanage advisory board. In 2021, the Department of Social Welfare will formalise this board as the official governing body of the orphanage.
Through theatre, we not only impart important life skills to the girls enrolled in our programme but also give them an opportunity to share the importance of female education with a wider community audience. Following several weeks of preparation, the girls held their first public theatre performance on the 5th of October. The purpose was to sensitise the community of Mugurameno on the benefits of educating girls, such as improvement in family health and increase in income generation potential. The girls performed to an audience of 150 parents and community members, who enthusiastically requested follow up performances. Theatre is an important outlet to showcase language skills, including listening, speaking and comprehension. Functional literacy assessments conducted in December show that on average 21% of girls progressed at least one literacy level over the course of 2020. However, when we isolate those girls with high club attendance (girls who attended a minimum of 70% of girls club sessions), this average more than doubles to 47% of girls who progressed at least one literacy level. These figures show the importance of consistent attendance to achieve educational outcomes. In 2021, we will engage parents more closely, including them in the club curriculum design and in activities, so that they fully understand the benefits of the programme and support their daughters to attend all lessons.

In the Lower Zambezi, the focus of the Theatre for Development programme has been on strengthening public speaking, literacy and self-confidence for primary school girls.
In January 2016, the first student from Liuwa Plain was enrolled on our student sponsorship programme.

Chinyama left his home village of Mangolondo, inside the national park, to study at Kalabo Secondary School. In the town of Kalabo, which is substantially better resourced than villages in the national park, Chinyama benefited from a high-quality boarding school with teachers trained in specific subjects, as well as all required school supplies and guaranteed three meals per day. We also supported him with extra tuition in key subjects to enhance his overall academic performance. In December 2020, Chinyama wrote his Grade 12 examinations and became the first person from his village to complete secondary school. By April 2021, his exam scores will be publicized, and we can then evaluate the best higher education options for Chinyama based on his results and desired career as a medical doctor.

“I am grateful to TTF for coming to Liuwa to help the less privileged like me. If not for TTF I would have not completed my grade 12. I want to study medicine so that I can heal the sick. I want to be among the increasing number of doctors in Zambia. I will also be able to help my family especially my aged father. If I become successful, I want to help children through sponsorship.”

- Chinyama, grade 12 graduate, Kalabo Secondary School
Liuwa Plain:  
FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

For the second time in two years, members of our girls’ clubs in Liuwa Plain commemorated International Day of the Girl Child.

The celebrations were held in Munde community on Sunday the 11th of October, where Senior Headman Neta, parents and other community members joined in the festivities. Munde and Sibemi Girls’ Clubs came together to provide entertainment through songs, dances, poems, and theatrical sketches. The Time + Tide Foundation also took the opportunity to publicly recognise the best performing Grade 7 students with awards. This presentation had a two-fold objective: to inspire the girls to continue working diligently in school, and to motivate parents to encourage and support their children at home.

“We are grateful for this programme for the girls... We have learnt the goodness of school and we are advising Nakweti to focus on school so that she can have a bright future. I was very excited when I saw her bag and I was told it was an award. I am asking that this program should continue for years to come.”

- Mrs. Sitali Namushi, mother to Nakweti

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