PROJECT REPORT

Donor:
Be One Percent

Grant Amount: £3,705

Project Duration: 15 months

Project Start Date: 01/12/2023

Project End Date: 31/03/25

Location:

Katubya School, Livingstone District, Zambia

No. of beneficiaries: 123



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Project Aim: The School Demonstration Farm (SDF) at Katubya School aims to support a school feeding program while teaching sustainable agriculture to parents, teachers, and students. Additionally, it creates income streams for the school, strengthens community food security, and establishes financial savings groups.

Background and Context: Katubya Community School, established in 2019 to improve literacy and educational growth, is transitioning from community-managed to government-run, facing challenges that require strategic solutions. A major issue is the lack of a feeding program in this food-insecure area, leading to hunger, poor concentration, and absenteeism. This has driven students to migrate to schools with meal provisions, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable food support.

Beneficiaries: A total of 67 children (35 boys and 32 girls aged 3-14 years) are registered at the school. Additionally, 4 teachers and 52 parents received project training.

Outcomes:

- A 50mx50m school vegetable garden has been prepared and cultivated.
- A water tank, pump, solar panels were repaired and a drip irrigation has been installed to provide water for the garden.
- Parents and teachers have been taught to choose the right crops and use drought resistant and sustainable farming methods in their practice.
- A mixture of okra, rape, cabbage, sweet potatoes, onions, tomatoes, sweetpeas, have been grown and harvested.
- Students at the school benefited from seeing and helping with the small garden, providing vocational support.
- Two savings group set up, financial literacy training provided, ongoing monitoring of profit share.

Challenges: The fruit trees outside the fence got eaten by wild pigs, teachers often don't turn up due to inadequate transport, pest infestations and prolonged droughts.







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Highlights:

- Vegetable garden
- Water tank, pump & drip irrigation
- Agricultural training
- Free school meals
- Gardening equipment
- Savings groups

Related SDGs:







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Future directions: As many of the teachers and parents have been trained, the school vegetable garden should be able to sustain itself with minimal costs to support a school feeding programme. Any excess produce can be sold to the local market and then profits can be used to buy more seeds, gardening equipment and cover maintenance costs. Play it Forward will continue to monitor the project with visits to the school every 6 months.

Conclusion: The funding provided by Be One Percent has really made a difference at Katubya Community School. As a result of the free school lunches, attendance is higher than ever and the children are evidently happier and healthier. Due to the success of this small scale project, we are confident that it can be replicated at other rural schools.

Project officer salary	£727
Water tank repair	£427
Irrigation pipes	£978
Transport and delivery	£307
Labour for installation	£168
Seeds and fertiliser	£124
Gardening equipment	£340
Financial literacy training	£160
Project visits	£234
Overheads in Zambia	£240
Total	£3,705

Thank you for supporting our Everyday Nutrition Project! We hope we can work together again!

Lwanga Bwalya, Programmes Manager





