

Makeni Ecumenical Centre

2012 Annual Report



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Executive Chairman's Foreword

The year 2012 was very challenging for Makeni Ecumenical Centre. A number of things happened which demanded a lot of time and resources. Early in the year, the Centre lost one valuable member of staff, the late George Halubobya, headmaster of the school and a member of the Executive Committee of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. It was a sad moment for us. His death left a gap in our school administration and this gap brought a number of difficulties. The Centre also saw the closure of the Family Planning Clinic, which could not continue operating due to limited funds within and outside. We are grateful to Mrs Dapheen Mkandawire who took charge of the Family Planning Clinic until its closure.

We thank all members of staff of Makeni Ecumenical Centre for their commitment to seeing that our core business of empowering people through skills training and education is sustained, despite various challenges.

We also pay tribute to the Government of the Republic of Zambia, our cooperating partners and donors for their unwavering financial, material and moral support. It is our hope that they will continue to support Makeni Ecumenical Centre more as she continues with her work of helping the vulnerable in our society.

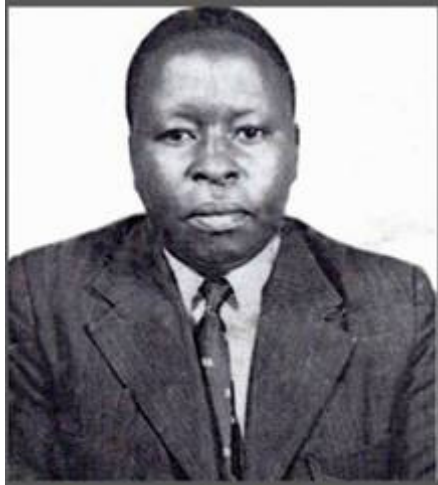
It is our prayer and hope that 2013 will see a number of our plans coming to fruition and we encourage all stakeholders to seize the opportunities that are available in this country to do even better than last year in their respective departments and areas of operation.

Fr. Rev. Andrew Mukuyamba
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

2. General news

Headmaster Mr Halubobya dies

March 3rd 2013 was a sad day for Makeni Ecumenical Centre when we heard the news that Mr George Maxwell Halubobya had passed away at the University



Teaching Hospital, Lusaka, after a short illness. The late Mr Halubobya had been the Headmaster of the Makeni Ecumenical Centre School since 2000. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Centre and was highly respected for his contributions and approach to work. He served the Centre for 12 years.

The late Mr Halubobya brought about a lot of improvements to the school that saw it earn recognition and respect among other schools, the community and key stakeholders. Notable among many things he did were the improvement of pass rates of Grade Seven from below 30% to above 95%

from 1999 to 2011. He also worked on the upgrading of the school to Grade 9 and subsequently up to Grade 12. He left a big gap in the school, which was hard to fill. Management and staff wish his surviving wife and children the Lord's comfort and may his soul rest in peace.

3. Adult Training Programme

In 2012 the Adult Training Programme 41st Graduation Ceremony was graced by Hon. John Phiri, Minister of Education. In his address to the occasion, he challenged Makeni Ecumenical Centre board, management and staff to continue exploiting new opportunities in skills training. He implored students to go out and serve the nation with diligence. Sixty-one students graduated in General Agriculture, Agriculture Settlement, Food Production and Electronics Systems Maintenance and Repair.

3.1 Agriculture Department – Benjamin Zulu

In 2012 the department targeted to train 20 settlement and 10 agriculture general students; to grow maize and a variety of vegetables and raise K14m through sales (bankings); and raise K40m and K45m from pig and broiler sales respectively. To carry out the above targets, the department worked with four members of staff – The Head of Department, Lecturer, Agriculture Supervisor and the Stockman.

Our activities include training, production and settlement. Settlement is considered separately due to the uniqueness and size of the project.

Training

Enrolment for agriculture and settlement students was the lowest in 4 years, with 8 and 19 students respectively, 10% less than the targeted number. Figure 1 below shows trends of enrolment from 2009 to 2012.

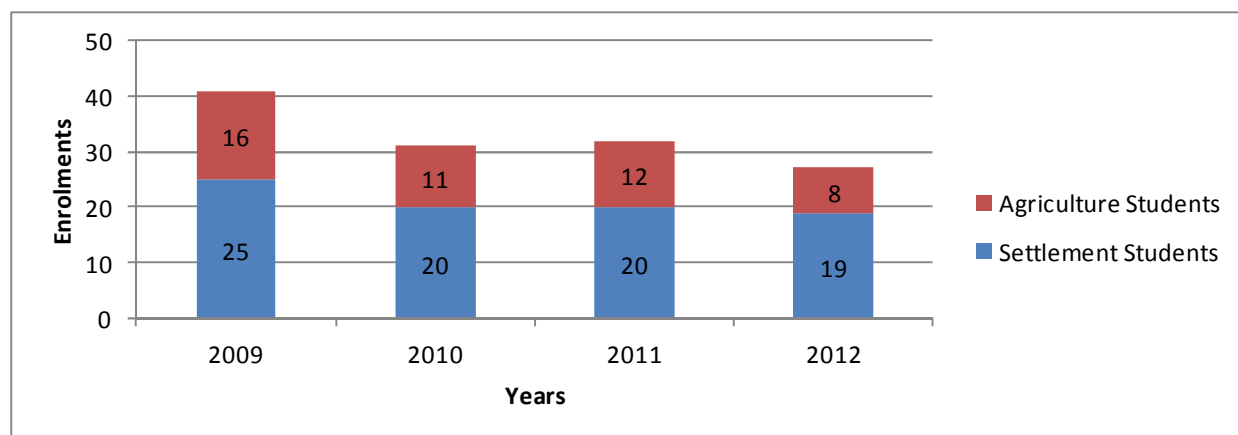


Figure 1: Enrolment Trends from 2009 to 2012

We continue to recruit fewer female students in general agriculture, as shown in Figure 2.

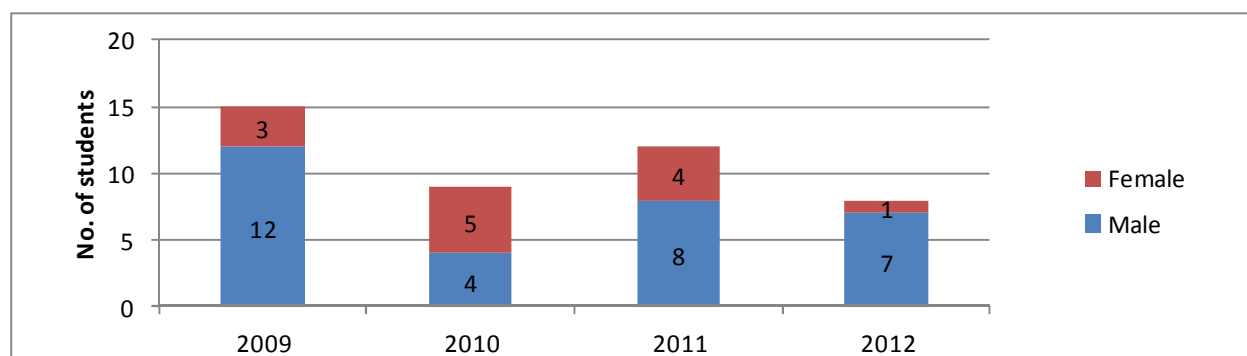


Figure 2: Gender Enrolment Trends

Crop Production

The department managed to meet its target for production of maize and vegetables. The orchard performance was poor, primarily due to insufficient water supply since the orchard was established. The centre has suffered a general problem with water, due to an aging infrastructure and leakages. Workload also contributed, since for much of the year one member of staff was away for studies.

Table 1: Crop Production Profile

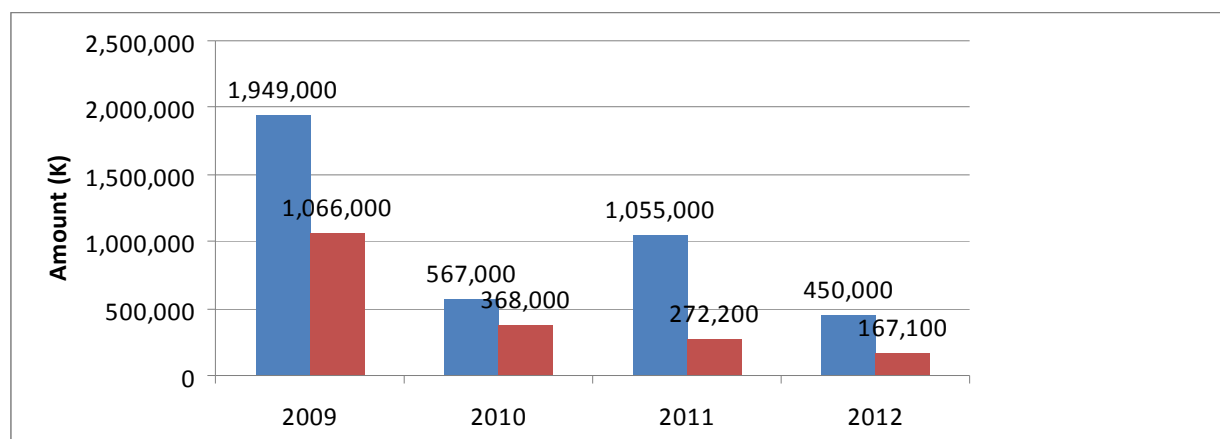
Item	Budgeted	Achieved
Vegetables	600,000	607,000
Maize	300,000	517,000
Orchard	200,000	0
	1,100,000	1,124,000

Note: This report uses the older exchange rate of K5,400 = \$1.

In 2012 three zeroes were dropped from the Kwacha, meaning that K5.4 = \$1.

Students' Production unit

Performance in the agriculture general class was below the budgeted sales of K1.2m at K450,000 with costs of K167,100. The shortfall is largely as a result of the low enrolment compared with the year 2011. In 2011 we had 12 students while in 2012 we had 8 students under general Agriculture. Details are in Figure 3.

**Figure 3: Agriculture General Income & Expenditure Trends: 2009 - 2012**

The settlement students' sales (banking) were K13.3m while the costs were K10.2m. The department recorded a surplus of K3.1m, the smallest margin ever recorded, because cost sharing was introduced with regard to settlement land demarcation. The overall performance in students' banking in the settlement course was 100%. Figure 4 below shows the trends of settlement sales (banking) from 2009 to 2012.

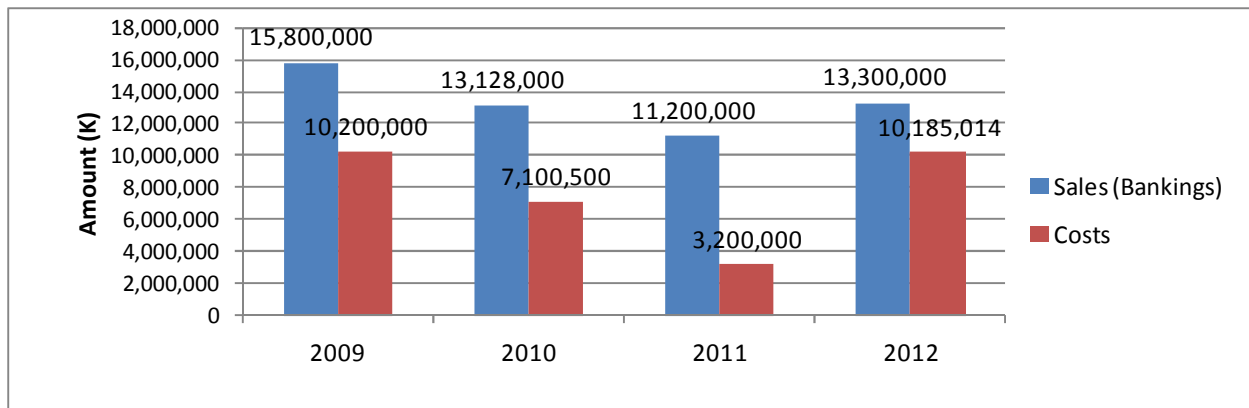


Figure 4: Agriculture Settlement Income & Expenditure Trends: 2009–2012
Production Units

Broilers Production Unit - The department planned to raise 1,800 broilers (9 batches), with the aim of raising K45m. However, due to non-availability of day-old chicks from suppliers and delayed procurement due to cashflows, the department only managed to produce 570 broilers (3 batches) and raised K13.9m. This level of performance falls short of the target by 70%. Further, the performance of sales in 2012 was 23% lower than 2011. It is, however, necessary to note that there is more stability in the broiler production unit trend as compared to 2009 and before. Figure 5 below shows the performance trends from 2009 to 2011.

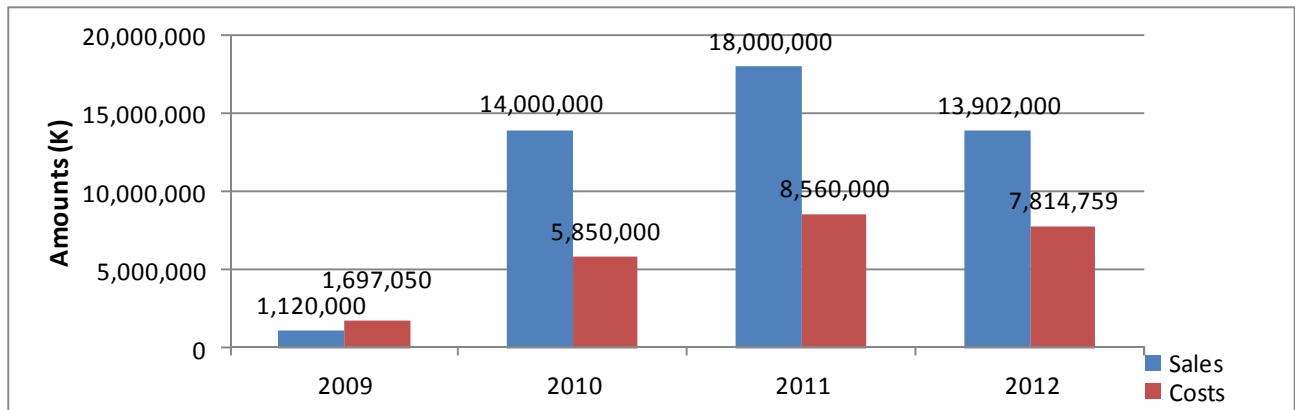


Figure 5: Broiler Performance Trends from 2009 to 2012

Layers Production Project - The layers enterprise started in April 2011 with 100 birds at point of lay. In August 2011 the department purchased another 100 birds at point of lay. In July 2012, after the layers were spent, the department sold the first batch of the layers and in October 2012 the second batch was also sold as spent. The department made a profit of K4.1m. The project could not be continued because of a small profit margin, which is attributed to the scale of production. The

performance of the layers project is as shown in Figure 6 below. Plans are underway to invest in the facilities to enable the project start with a larger number of layers (above 500) so economies of scale can be exploited.

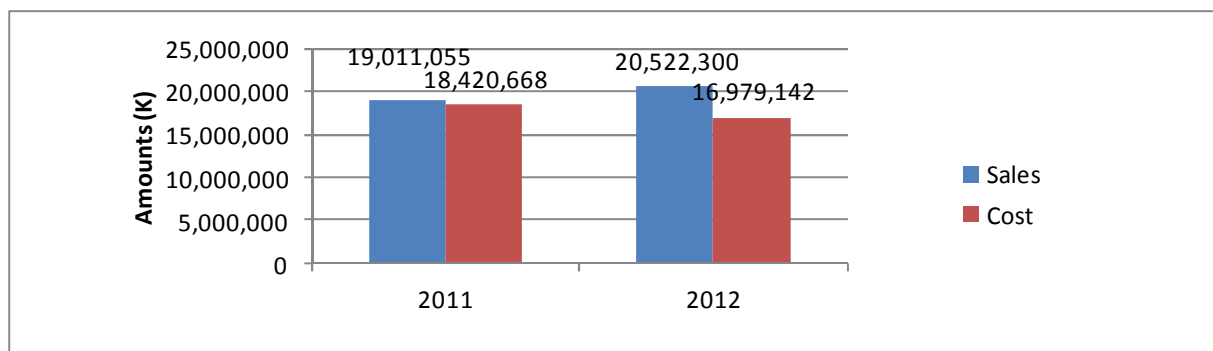


Figure 6: Performance of the Layers Project

Piggery Production Unit

Breeding sows increased from 11 to 12. Only one boar has been maintained. The level of productivity of the fattening stock is still lower than is required. By the end of year we had 98 fatteners (21% short of target). However, the breeding was more successful in 2012 than in 2011, in which only 56 fatteners were produced. See Figure 7 for end of year production trends for three years.

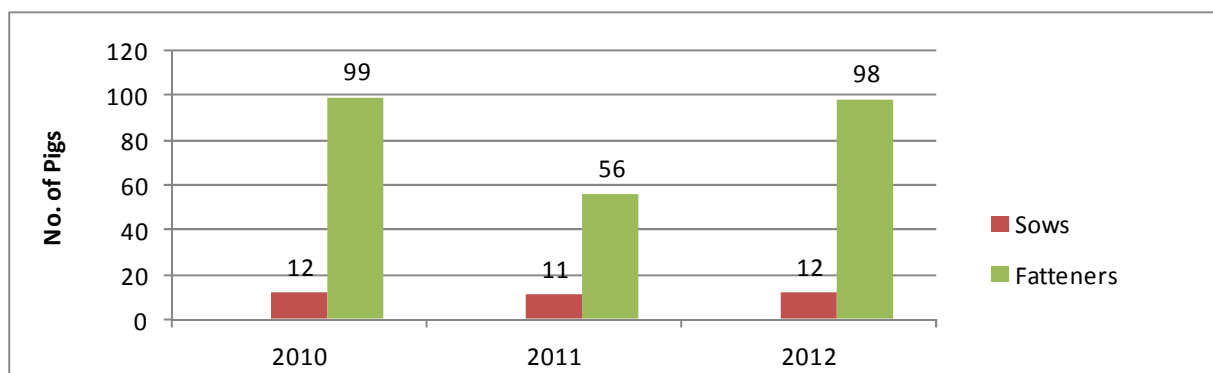


Figure 7: End of Year Production Trends from 2010 to 2012

Although we have a fair number of livestock, the piggery enterprise infrastructure is in a deplorable state and needs proper renovation. The state of infrastructure is a risk for staff and students who carry out daily of cleaning and feeding of the pigs. External support may be necessary to deal with the renovations.

The total sales for the year 2012 (January to November) were K43m. The 2012 sales were 9% (K3.7m) higher than in 2011 and the department made a profit of K21.6m.

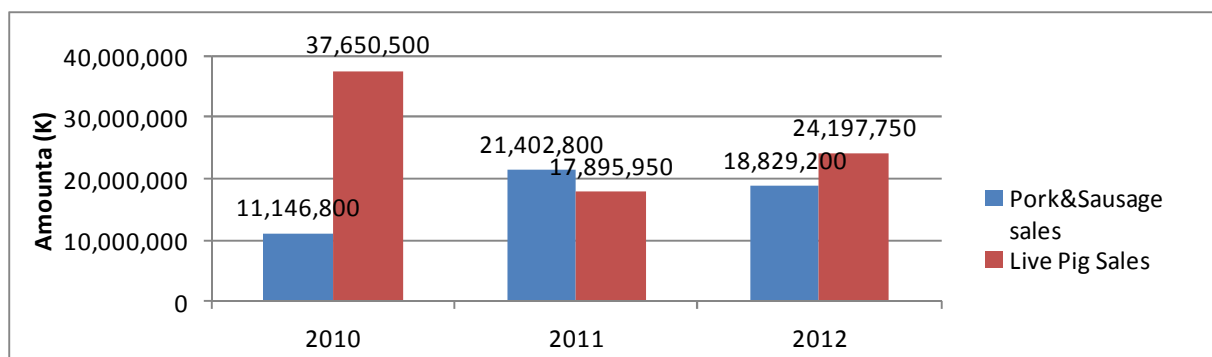


Figure 8: Piggery Performance Trends from 2010 to 2012

3.2 Carpentry and Joinery - Edison Ngandu

The department has two major activities under its mandate – training and production. Furniture production has been predominant.

Enrolment under training in the year under review was a very big challenge despite extensive advertisements through radio and brochures. We did have inquiries over our training programme from the surrounding communities but none resulted into enrolment into the long-term course. We, however, managed to conduct two separate short intensive courses of 4 weeks for four participants. We also provided hands-on training and internship to three students from the Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) for two months. They were trained on how to safely operate woodwork machines such as the thicknessing, circular saw, sanding and routing machines. This exposure helped them as they were preparing to graduate in the trade.

Localisation of the Curriculum Programme (LCP) - The LCP is a skills training programme conducted for the pupils from the secondary school section of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. It is currently aimed at giving pupils skills in woodwork that they could use in the future. We had a class of 35 pupils who attended lessons from 1440 to 1530 hrs every Monday and Wednesday of the week. The combination of different grades presented difficulties in teaching and imparting skills. The composition of the group was shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Participation in the Localisation of Curriculum Programme under Carpentry & Joinery

Grade	12	11	10	9	8
Number of Pupils	3	11	15	3	3
Total					35

After the basic introductions on tools and safety, the one project that was done was on wooden pen holders for the offices.

The challenges associated with the LCP were insufficient time allocated to this programme, lack of protective clothing for pupils and the combining of different grades into one group, compounded by lack of time for the intended purpose to be met. Further, it was noted that pupils did not conform to requirements for protective clothing and attendance was erratic.



Pupils' Shelter funded by the Friends of Makeni. The roof was constructed by the Carpentry Department. It is called the "Friends of Makeni Pupils' Shelter"

Production & Projects - Our production plan for the year was for products such as bunk beds, panelled doors and head boards. The actual production carried out in the year was just about 50% of planned projects. This was so due to limited funding and in some instances shortfalls in manpower when machines broke down. The income generated was K11.4m while the costs incurred stood at K5.3m. The activities and projects undertaken are summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Carpentry & Joinery Projects in 2012

Item	Quarter 1 & 2	Quarter 3 & 4
Construction Projects	1	1
Joinery (furniture) Projects	5	6
Maintenance & Repair Projects	3	3

Second-hand tools from Gered Geeredschap - The department received several second-hand hand and electrical tools from the Dutch charity known as Gered Geeredschap. We had a short supply of very important carpentry and joinery tools and equipment. Consequently, our training and production demonstrations have remarkably improved. Storage cabinets were made in order to accommodate all tools for safe storage.

3.3 Computer Department – Joe Silwenga



Further to the renovations that were made to the computer department in 2011, the department was upgraded to an ultra-modern facility. Twenty computers and auxiliary hardware were installed, replacing the old facilities. The operating software for all the new computers is Edubuntu.

The computers were installed with a wide range of educational materials: books, charts, games, illustrations and videos for the benefits of pupils, students and teachers. The teacher, student and pupil use of the facility has increased though there remains a lot for staff to learn about using the facilities and materials.

The improved facility was officially opened on 25th January 2012. In attendance were Makeni Ecumenical Centre members of staff, officials from the Ministry of Community Development, Truus & Jan Veldkamp, Vera Ootes and Geert and Paul Jongeling. The facility has been named after its prime mover, Paul Jongeling.

3.4 Electronics Department – Edward Phiri

The Electronics Department continues to offer a two-year course in Electronics Systems Maintenance and Repair. The modules covered are Electronics, Communication Equipment, Trade mathematics, Engineering Science, Office Equipment, Communication Skills and Entrepreneurship. There were 12 students (4 first year and 8 second year students) enrolled in the 2012 intake. Enrolment has remained a challenge and so regrettably the course may have to be discontinued in future if the pattern of low enrolments continues. Since graduating students are usually quickly employed by local companies, this is a disappointment.

Seven second year students sat for TEVETA Examinations with 4 passing and 3 failing (in a single module each). One candidate dropped out due to financial difficulties.

3.5 Home Economics Department - Regina Nyirongo

The Home Economics Department has been improving in terms of enrolment. We had 17 students doing the Food Production Course in 2012, including one male. Twelve students sat TEVETA trade test examinations and passed.

The hiring of one more staff member still remains critical to the operation of the department. The kitchen still needs some upgrading on the walls, electrical installations and the roof.

The cafeteria has been going on well. The income generated for 2012 amounted to K20.2m while the expenditure was K13.1m, resulting in a surplus of K7.1m. A shelter for the cafeteria will need to be constructed where food can be served instead of using the classrooms, which inconveniences students.



3.6 Library – Martha Mbiya

Donations - The library has continued to progress with regard to reading materials though the space remains limited. The volumes of the main library stood at 3,693 while the children's section had 1,070. We had seven individuals who donated about 142 different publications ranging from children's stories to science, mathematics and journals. These were Mrs Tenekoon, Mrs Dil, Mrs Joyapa, Shreya, Sumeh and Tapas. Our appreciation goes to CTA for the Spore and ICT update magazines they send us regularly.

Statistics – The number of pupils and students visiting the library increased at the end of the year when the grade 7s, 9s and 12s were preparing for their final examinations. Table 4 below shows that the largest number of books consulted by pupils was from section 500-590. This is the sciences section, covering biology, chemistry and physics. This was followed by the fiction and journal section.

Table 4: Use of Library Resources

Category	Attendance /Frequency
000-190 Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries	159
300-390 Entrepreneurship, Commerce and Business studies	69
400-490 Communication Skills and English	327
500-590 Sciences	1241
600-690 Agriculture, Home Economics and Electronics	652
700-790 Arts and creative studies	63
800-890 Geography	88
900-990 History	46
Fiction & Journals (Novels/Magazines)	1122
	3814

4. Basic and Secondary School – Kandala Mwanangombe

As mentioned earlier, we sadly lost our head teacher, Mr George Halubobya, in May 2012. He was briefly replaced by Mr Sampande Lubinda until Mr Kandala Mwanangombe was appointed as head teacher. Mr Mwanangombe was previously the acting deputy head teacher. Further changes were made to the school administrative structures in order to improve supervision and performance in the secondary school. New Social Sciences and Languages, Mathematics and Natural Sciences sections were created, each having a head of section. There has been an increased emphasis on promotions and an improving work climate.

Enrolment - In 2012, the pupil enrolment of the school increased by 1.4% to 293. Table 5 below shows that there were more pupils in the five secondary classes than the seven primary classes. The population of boys and girls in the school was almost equal.

Table 5: Total Enrolment in 2012

No	GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1	Lower Primary (Grades 1 – 4)	46	35	81
2	Upper Primary (Grades 5 – 7)	31	20	51
3	Secondary (Grades 8 – 12)	69	92	161
GRAND TOTAL		146	147	293

4.1 Academic activities

Educational tours - Grades 1-7 were taken on educational tours of the Olympic Youth Development Centre, Kabwata Cultural Village and Munda Wanga Botanical Gardens to as part of their Integrated Science and Creative and Technology Studies. The Grade 10, 11 and 12 classes went to Nitrogen Chemicals of Zambia in Kafue as part of their science lessons.

Zonal Quiz and Professional Day - The School hosted the Bayuni Zonal Quiz which saw more than 8 schools contesting for the first prize. The MEC Grade 7 class emerged second highest, which was a very good achievement.



Top: Pre-school pupils demonstrating preferred careers during Professional Day

The school held a successful professional day. Various professionals were invited to present talks on various career options such as management, nursing, law and journalism.

Drug Enforcement Commission - The School was visited by the DEC to sensitize pupils to the dangers of drug abuse.

During this educational talk, the pupils interacted with the DEC officers who answered all the questions the pupils asked on the subject.

4.2 Academic performance

Grade 7, 9, and 12 ECZ Examinations - Examinations for Grade 7 and 9 under the Examination Council of Zambia were conducted successfully. The Grade 12 pupils were enrolled under TUM School, where they sat their examinations. There were 18 Grade 7s, 42 Grade 9s and 23 Grade 12s. Coordinating Grade 12 Examination was hampered by distance and transportation costs.

We particularly thank Mrs Mulimba Mponda, the Grade 7 teacher, for her hard work in achieving a pass rate for Grade 7 of 100%. The Grade 9 pass rate was 63% and that of Grade 12 was 41%. The majority of Grade 12s had difficulties with mathematics and so in 2013 more emphasis will be placed on mathematics tuition.

Primary (General) - The performance of pupils from Baby Class to Grade 6 was generally good. This is partly because of the stability of the teaching staff. However there is still a need to build capacity in staff through continuous professional

development activities. The quality of services will be worked on and we hope to ensure that each grade is well stocked with text books.

Secondary (General) - The secondary school pupils' performance was average. The pupils' behaviour is a concern and this is being addressed. The criterion for admitting pupils shall be revised further so that only suitable pupils are admitted to any given grade. We intend to help teachers to know how best to help each pupil in their areas of need and to make it easy for school management to recommend a particular pupil for remedial help.

Teaching Aids - The school was given a 'shot in the arm' when it received a donation of whiteboards, computers and text books. The work of teachers has been eased and this has encouraged teachers to work harder than previously.

Skills Training - The skills programme has not been effectively implemented due to staff payment issues as well as coordination. More progress was noted in Carpentry and Agriculture while less was seen in Home Economics and Electronics. Pressing staff issues concerned the need for additional payments for extra work and understaffing in Home Economics.

Sports & Clubs - Sports activities have been hampered by a lack of sports



equipment. In 2013, a Sports Committee will be constituted to help coordinate sports. The performance of clubs was also not very good. This has been due to lack of systematic monitoring procedures. The Peace Club was the best performing club of all and even managed to host a farewell party for the country representative. The

school plans to have a targeted approach of activities for each club. This will make the club patrons answerable and responsible.

Need for New science laboratory - Educational building officers from the school board measured the current science laboratory as part of a plan to modify it into a science laboratories block. Unfortunately the dimensions are smaller than the required standard. This means that MEC has to find the resources to build two science laboratories if we are to achieve Grade 12 accreditation.

Information And Communication Technology - There has been an improvement in the use of information and communication technology by teachers, especially in the primary school. The school management will next year embark on a compulsory approach for all the teachers to use the facility. This will be achieved

by making sure that every teacher plans and uses the computer laboratory or library ICT facility in their lessons at least once in a week.

5. Health and community support

The Family Planning, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Home-Based Care Projects have been the drivers of Makeni Ecumenical Centre's health services programmes.

In 2012 the Family Planning Static Clinic located at MEC was finally closed. The main reasons were lack of funding and a feeling that we were duplicating the work of the Government Clinic, which has also expressed its willingness to expand and continue the services.

The HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention Project has been integrated with family planning aspects for our rural sites. The family planning portfolio shall still largely dispense oral and injectable contraceptives.

5.1 HIV/AIDS & Family Planning Projects – Catherine Oreta



These projects aim to improve quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS and to reduce new HIV infection. We promote and conduct voluntary counselling and testing, encourage behavioural change and instil Christian morals. Public discussions are encouraged to raise awareness and reduce stigma and discrimination. We also aim to contribute to Maternal

Child Health through the provision of enhanced VCT and family planning services.

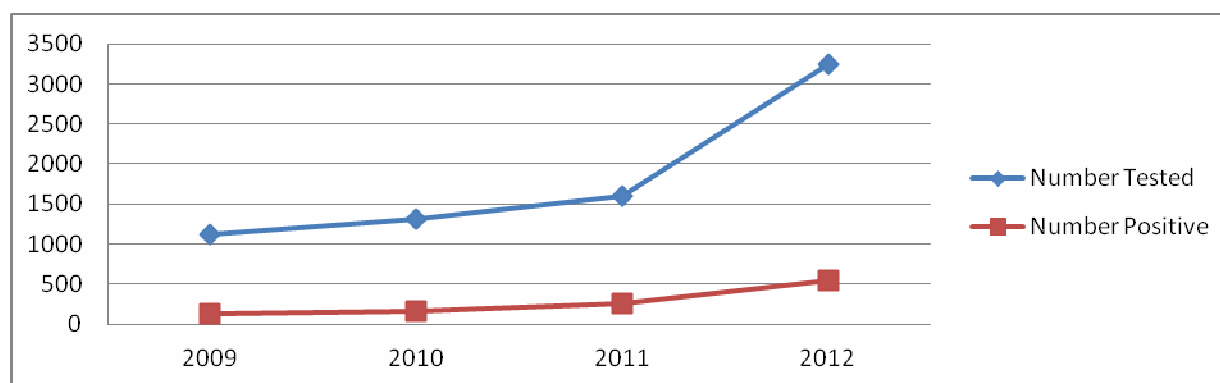
Video shows – 4,800 people were reached through video shows within Makeni Ecumenical Centre. About 600 clients borrowed our HIV/AIDS video tapes to watch with their families at home.

HIV/AIDS and Family Planning Outreach – Voluntary Counselling and Testing and Family Planning Services were carried out at Makeni Centre, Munyati and Mwomboshi every month. Outreach activities with Zambia Helpers Society went on smoothly in Mwomboshi. Zambia Helpers offered maternal and child health care and curatives. Table 6 shows that 5680 people were counseled on HIV/AIDS related issues. At total of 3244 were tested out of which 554 tested positive, 17% of the people tested. All positive cases were referred for further action to government clinics or hospitals.

Table 6: Static and mobile HIV/AIDS counselling from 2009 to 2012

Year	Number Counselling	General Counselling	Number Tested	Number Negative	Number Positive	% Positive	Number Referred
2012	5680	-	3244	2690	554	17	554
2011	6390	480	1604	1348	256	16	256
2010	4200	-	1316	1160	156	12	156
2009	-	-	1118	987	131	12	131

The number of people coming for testing has been increasing over the years, as shown in Figure 9. We have never lacked for HIV testing kits as these are provided by Lusaka District Health Management Team and Medical Stores. 299,000 male and 11,000 female condoms were distributed at the Centre, mainly through Makeni ART Clinic within MEC's catchment area.

**Figure 9: Trends showing the Increase in clients testing for HIV/AIDS**

Family Planning Outreach - The family planning methods available during the year were, Oralcon-F pill, Microlut pill, Depo Provera injection, Noristerat injection and condoms. Nearly 5000 clients were attended to as indicated in Table 7, which also shows how much was dispensed of the various contraceptives. We have been getting our contraceptives from the Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ). Medical Stores has been providing us with condoms only.

Table 7: Family Planning Outreach Statistics

Site	Old clients	New clients	Oralcon F Pill	Depo provera injection	Condoms	Noristerat injection	Microlut pill
Mwomboshi	1117	990	5040	2622	39,000	745	240 cycl
Munyati	1667	1210	7200	3760	54,000	1550	426 cycl
Total	2784	2200	4320	6,382	93,000	2295	666 cycl

5.2 Home-Based Care/Orphans & Vulnerable Children Support

The Objectives of the HBC/OVC support unit were to meet HIV affected people's needs as close to their homes and relatives as possible, to provide the necessary information, skills, care, materials and support to everybody involved or interested in HIV/AIDS education and prevention and to support OVC through education and supplementary feeding. The main activities that were done were home visits, education support and supplementary feeding.

Home Visits - 412 homes in John Laing, Kanyama, Mapepe (in Chilanga) and Makeni Konga/Patel areas benefited from the home visit programme during 2012. Visits were largely initiated by spouses of individuals who were not reluctant to discuss the issue of HIV/AIDS. We also visited those who requested this as a follow up after an HIV Test. Often the neighbours of those visited also requested to be visited. HIV testing was also conducted each time. (The statistics are combined in Table 5 above.) The individuals and families visited were encouraged and regained hope. Issues related to HIV/AIDS were openly discussed, myths and fears were clarified, and internal stigma and discrimination were minimized.



Educational Support - The project benefited from the Non Governmental Organizations Coordinating Council (NGOCC) Basket Fund, out of which the project was able to provide educational support to 58 orphans and vulnerable children living with their guardians in the compounds and Makeni Settlement Villages.

Food supplementation and provision of adequate toiletries – This support largely benefited the 33 orphans at St Nicholas Orphanage. Beneficiaries receive foodstuffs such as soya chunks, cooking oil and sugar as well as toiletries.

6. Agriculture Settlement Project

The Agriculture Settlement Project is the largest project under Makeni Ecumenical Centre and requires heavy investments in time, infrastructure, community leadership and skills capacities.

In 2012, the Project settled 19 people. One family was settled in Mwomboshi and 18 in Chisamba. The population in the settlement villages now stands at 427 families. A detailed breakdown is shown in Figure 10 below.

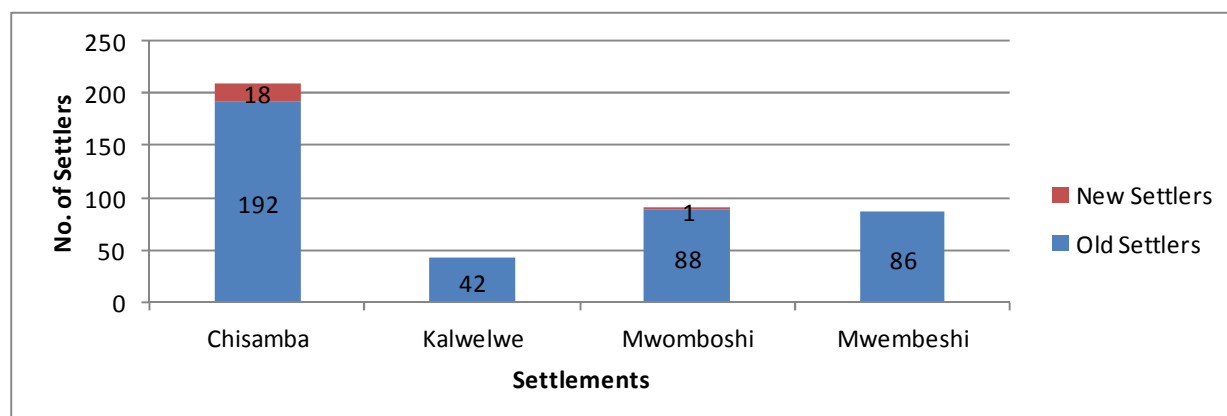


Figure 10: Total Number of Families Settled by 2012

6.1 Loan Recovery

We planned to recover 20% of the total outstanding loan of K27.7m and to recover all the ground rent from settlers in all four settlement villages. Table 8 below shows that by November 2012 we had recovered K3.1m, about a tenth of the target. In the year 2011 we recovered K12.6m, which was 9.2% recovery of the then loan balance. Mwomboshi paid most, followed by Chisamba, Kalwelwe and Mwembeshi. (Mwembeshi was least because the amount paid constituted the last loans settlers owed Makeni Ecumenical Centre.)

Table 8: Loan Recoveries and Ground rent payment for 2012

Settlements	Loans Paid(K)	Ground Rent (K)	Total Recovery per SV
Chisamba	991,000	2,364,600	3,425,600
Kalwelwe	566,000	1,450,000	2,016,000
Mwembeshi	214,000	2,544,985	2,758,985
Mwomboshi	1,296,000	2,936,000	4,232,000
	3,067,000	9,365,585	12,432,585

Figure 11 shows that we had a drastic drop in our annual loan recovery and a slight annual drop in the annual ground rent recovery. This was due to a number of reasons: low yields, financial difficulties of settlers and settler attitudes - defaulting on purpose. Measures are being taken to penalize defaulting settlers.

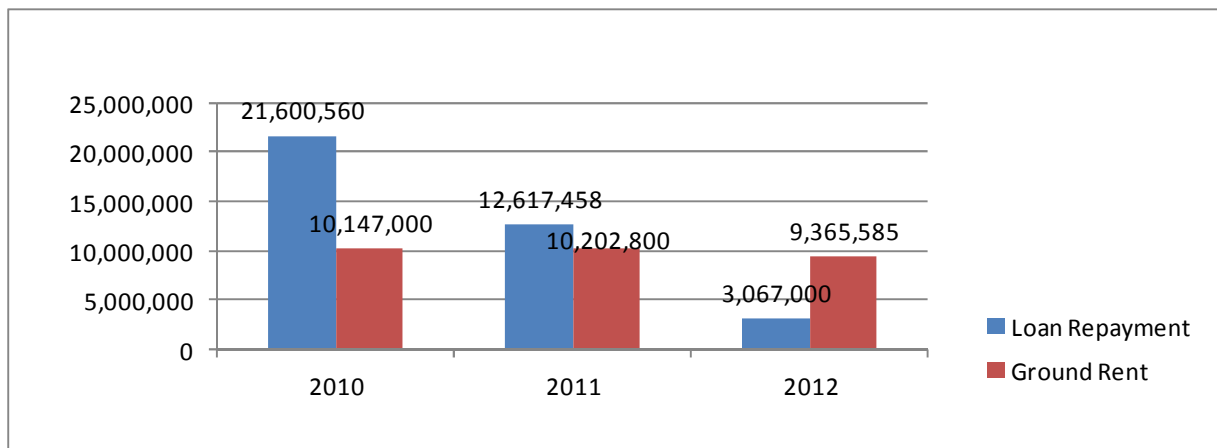


Figure 11: Loans and ground rent repayments from 2010 to 2012

Boundary survey - The Centre conducted a boundary survey and verification exercise to establish the borders of Chisamba and Mwomboshi settlement villages. It was discovered that Chisamba Settlement Village was encroached by 15 families over a vast area of about 700 acres. The squatters were informed but refused to move. A court ruling is awaited. Mwomboshi had only very little area that was outside the known boundaries so it was easy to reconcile what was on paper and the ground.

6.2 Development Projects

Chisamba and Mwomboshi Settlement Village Water Development Project



The Project managed to sink two boreholes in Chisamba Settlement Village sponsored by Kloosterkerk Worldwide of the Netherlands. Our plan to also sink two boreholes in Mwomboshi could not be completed since the project sponsors stopped funding of the project and no new sponsors were found.

Goats Pass-On Project - The Goats Pass-On Project finally passed on the benefits to the first four families. The event was officiated by Fr A. Mukuyamba, the Executive Chairman of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. Others in attendance were representatives of the Friends of Makeni in the Netherlands: Truus and Jan Veldkamp, Paul Jongeling and Vera Ootes.

The beneficiaries were those who were part of the group that were managing the goats and ensuring that the animals were looked after properly on behalf of the

village. These were Mr Stanley Khondowe, Mrs Felistus Njobvu, Mr Michael Kasompola and Mrs Paulina Gondwe.

During the handover ceremony on the goat pass-on project, the settlers received presents of clothes from Truus Veldkamp and Vera Ootes. Receiving the gifts on behalf of the Village Management committee was Chairman Mr David Kakiyungu. Bags of clothes were presented to Chisamba and Kalwelwe Settlement Villages also.



Top: Vera Ootes presenting some clothes to the Village Management committee chairman Mr David Kakiyungu.

Teacher's House Project - During the year, progress was made on the



construction of a teacher's house, which was started in 2011. The project was facilitated by material and financial support from the Area Member of Parliament, Hon. Moses Muteteka and the Friends of Makeni.

About K14 million of the pledged K33 million was received from the Friends of Makeni for the house project. The house has been roofed. Ironwork, plastering, glazing, painting and other finishing works remain.

Community School Improvements -

Mwomboshi Community School building had a face lift when two members of the Friends of Makeni from the Netherlands, Huib van Zessen and Arie Noortenboom, repaired the staircases and doors of the building. The stairs were badly damaged owing to poor construction design and workmanship. The doors were damaged due to poor handling as well as lack of preventive maintenance. We thank Huib and Arie for their interest, initiative and leadership of the project.



Kalwelwe Settlement Village Water Development Project – Although Kalwelwe Settlement Village is not part of our five-year water development plan, the need for water development is a critical area. A related issue is the need for locally driven maintenance, which has been lacking in the community and the leadership. Huib van Zessen and Arie Noortenboom helped the settlers to repair one borehole, which later led to the repairing of four boreholes.



The visitors purchased a complete pump and pipes and worked with the community to repair the first pump. The pump was sponsored by Cofely West Industry, Netherlands through the two visitors. A water payment system was introduced in order to fundraise and insure continuous repair and maintenance of the water infrastructure now broken down and for the future.

African AIDS Angel – Extension Support Project



The AAA Extension Support Project is a project funded by African Aids Angels of Canada. The project entered its fifth year in 2012. The number of beneficiaries dropped from 60 to 51. There were 21, 17 and 13 beneficiaries in Chisamba, Mwomboshi and Kalwelwe Settlements Villages respectively. The drop was due to high costs of transporting the agriculture inputs from Lusaka to the Settlements Villages. Figure 12 below shows the

number of beneficiaries for agriculture years 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 which were 55, 60 and 51 respectively. More women have benefited more from the AAA-ESP than men in the last three seasons. For 2012/2013, there were 28 women and 23 men. This was the smallest difference between the genders.

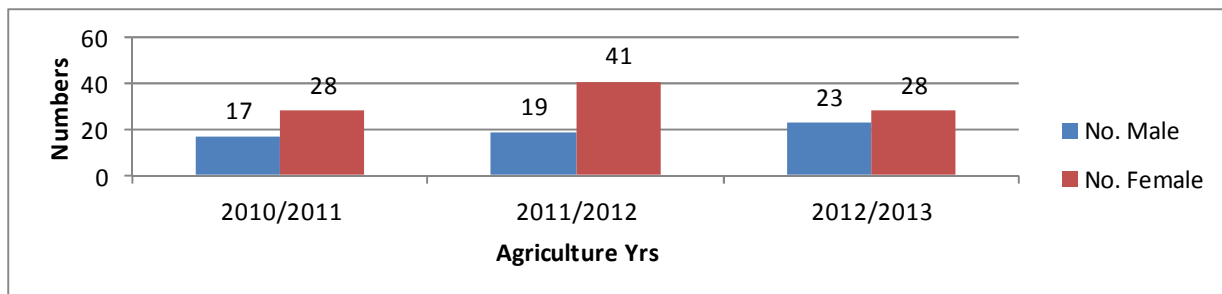


Figure 12: Extension support beneficiaries 2010/2011 - 2012/2013

7. St Nicholas Children's Village – Ireen Chinyama

This year St Nicholas Children's Village was home to 17 girls and 14 boys. Two Grade 12 school-leavers were reintegrated with their families, James Chininga and Wisdom Kabwe. They were the top students in the Grade 12 class of 2012.



James Chininga - 'I have run part of the race'

Education - All the children went to school except for Nicholas Tembo, who will need to be admitted to a special education school when he reaches the age of 7.

During the year the orphanage received many visitors who contributed several academic books and story books and spent time coaching the children. This really helped some children improve their reading. House mothers also took a keen interest in helping children in reading.

The results for the first and second terms show that children at the lower section of the school perform better than those in the senior section of the school. The average pass rate at the lower section was 79% while that of the senior section was 29%. We had 3 girls and 2 boys sit Grade 9 examinations. All the boys passed. Two girls and one boy sat for Grade seven examinations and they all passed. Esther Chisenga has applied to a number of Nursing Training Schools, but is yet to be admitted.

Health – Though in the year we did not have serious illnesses, we had 22 cases that were addressed at the clinic.

Counselling - The children were counselled on gender-based violence and many aspects of their life and relationships. Spiritual counselling was done to help the children realize the need to take care of each other. It is worth noting that the behaviour of the children greatly improved this year.

Achievements & Challenges - We had a workshop in intercultural awareness and ethics, as well as code of conduct for mothers. The mothers were also trained in how to make school uniforms by Joke Ruiters. We feel there is still room for improvement in skills on how to handle children's behaviour.

8. Visitors, volunteers, donors and partners

As usual we received many visitors, individuals, and representatives of partner organisations during the year.



Some of the jerseys donated to St Nicholas by Jeff Schaafsma, a student from Hanze University, the Netherlands. Here members of staff pose after some team-building games.

We are always grateful for our friends and supporters invaluable support, fellowship, donations and contributions to the work of Makeni Ecumenical Centre.

Visitors & Volunteers	Country/Place
Hon John Phiri – Minister of Education (Guest of Honour – 41 st Graduation Ceremony)	Zambia
Brain Maydew Mission Team	United States of America
Pilgrim Wesleyan Church	Zambia
Truus and Jan Veldkamp	FoM, the Netherlands
Rosalie van Es	The Netherlands
Mrs Shivkuma	Zambia
Joke Ruiters	The Netherlands
Jeff Schaafsma, Annamieke van de Riet and Klaske van der Veen	The Netherlands
Barclays Bank staff	Zambia
Tieneke and Henri Zwarts	The Netherlands
Make Me Smile youths	Zambia
Paul Jongeling, Vera Ootes and Geert Jongeling	The Netherlands
Liseli Youth Project	Zambia
Changano Ngoi (Chief Community Development Officer)	Ministry of Community Development
Prisca Simukonda (PESO)	Ministry of Education
Kisan Tennekoon	Italian School, Lusaka
Pierre, Lee Ann and Andrew Dil	Canada
LUCCEP	Lusaka, Zambia
ZHECT	Lusaka, Zambia
Huib van Zessen and Arie Noortenboom	The Netherlands
Sandy Adam	Scotland

We received a number of donations from different organizations, companies and individuals from abroad and locally. We are grateful to all of them for their invaluable assistance. It is our greatest wish that they be well and be blessed in all their endeavours.

Foreign Donors	Kind of Assistance/Area of Assistance
Friends of Makeni, The Netherlands	Material and budget support to administration, orphanage, settlement school and school
Kloosterkerk Worldwide, The Netherlands	Financial and budget support to Settlement Project (water projects)
African AIDS Angels, Canada	Financial and budget support to Settlement Project (Extension support) and orphanage
Scholengroep Zuidwest Den Haag, Holland	Laboratory equipment, educational materials, shoes and clothes for the children and settlers
Little St Mary's and Sarah Hinton, UK	Financial and budget support to orphanage
Piddington Church, UK	" " " "
Rowland Robinson, UK	Financial and budget support to orphanage and OVC
Friends of Flanders/Marie and Mike Claus	Financial and budget support to Orphanage
Rotary Club and George Muller, RSA	" " " "
Andrew Knowles, UK	" " " "
JC Swinburne, UK	" " " "
Jelle Jochem Trust Fund	" " " "
Truus and Jan Veldkamp	2 Philips pressing irons, 4 bathing dishes, 2 buckets, 9 spoons and 5 forks, 2 serving spoons
Rosalie van Es	Gave out clothes to all the children, 4 bed sheets, 2 pillow cases, a new wrist watch
Joke Ruiters	Clothes and a game
Jeff Schaafsma, Annamieke van de Riet and Klaske van der Veen	Two sets of football jerseys, 4 balls, cones, 28 stockings, 2 whistles and boots
Tieneke and Henri Zwarts	Story books, wall clocks for dormitories and dining room, television and aerial, K440,000 to pay for 8 children's attendance at a church conference; paid for Girls Brigade uniforms
Wilde Ganzen through FoM in 2011	Assortment of books from primary to secondary school levels
Joyce Moss	Assorted items for orphanage children
Brain Maydew Mission Team	2 boxes of rice, 3 balls, 26 skipping ropes, assorted medical items, 30 story books and 2 packets of assorted toys, 1 football pump; school packs for all the children and 20 tennis balls

We are also always grateful to our local supporters:

Local donors	Kind of Assistance/Area of Assistance
Non-Governmental Organisation Coordinating Council	Financial and budget support to HIV/AIDS & Home-based Care/OVC Projects (Education support) and orphanage
Barclays Bank (Z) Plc	Assorted books and educational material for the orphanage
Radio Phoenix	School requisites, clothes, toys and books
Central Zambia conference Dorcas Mothers, SDA	Mops, brooms, Vaseline, glycerine, lotion, disinfectants, pants and clothes for the children. They also sang songs and had Bible sharing with the children.
Mrs Rambakupetwa	2 pairs of slippers
Pilgrim Wesleyan Church	Clothes, 2 litres spirit of salt, 2 litres disinfectant, 8 boxes rice (food against hunger)
Mrs Shivkuma	Toys, 30 plates, 15 cups, 2 kg flour, a tin of cocoa, 1 kg sugar, 500g milk for baking cupcakes and ten 1 kg packets of rice
Mrs Joyappa	Sweets, toys for Nicholas, has been giving out sweets and biscuits every week when passing by the Orphanage
Pauline Allen	1 box of tomatoes
Mrs Wenda Dil	Fruits on many occasions
Aunt Kimmy and helpers	Jumping castle for a day, chickens for braai, drinks, biscuits, puffs, giggies, 4 litres juice
Barclays Bank	Biscuits, 6 packets of giggies, 6 packets of puffs, drinks, assorted clothes for boys and girls, Christmas packs for all the children and 2 bails of blankets, one cake, drinks, 3 packets sweets
Make Me Smile Youths	26 cups, assorted clothes, 19 pairs plastic slippers. 8 pairs of old shoes, 3 school bags, 3 cakes, 3 packets giggies, 3 packets puffs, boxes of biscuits, 6 packets sweets, gave out cup cakes to the children
Mrs Patel	Clothes, K100,000 and a bag of mealie meal
Liseli Youth Project	2 mops, 5 T-shirts, 2 trousers, one small suit
Sheraya	Brought ingredients to make a chocolate cake

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With all best wishes and warm regards from the staff of Makeni Ecumenical Centre.