

Makeni Ecumenical Centre **2013 Annual Report**



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1. Executive Chairman's Foreword

Greetings to all our partners, donors, volunteers and visitors in and outside Zambia. We are grateful to God for enabling us to remain committed to our vision of:

**"Prosperity for all Zambians through self-development,
God being our help",**

and our mission of:

**"Providing skills training, education, settlement, health and
community services with the sole aim of empowering
people to live a decent life"**

We are grateful to all that have partnered with Makeni Ecumenical Centre in many areas of its programmes.

The year 2013 saw Makeni Ecumenical Centre come up with a Strategic Plan Covering the period 2013-2016. This was aimed at refining the vision and mission of the Centre and realigning our aspirations for the future in order to remain relevant. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the board, management and staff of Makeni Ecumenical Centre, as well as the consultants Paul Jongeling and Vera Ootes for their commitment and perseverance during the formulation and consolidation processes. I am grateful to all our stakeholders who found space, time and resources to help us achieve our goals in 2013.

During the year 2013, Makeni continued to implement and re-align programmes aimed at improving the lives of many Zambians as per our Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. As a Christian serving and non-profit making non-governmental organisation, Makeni Ecumenical Centre has made an impact on the people who are targeted by our activities in and around Lusaka as well as in the Settlement Villages of Mwembeshi, Kalwelwe, Mwomboshi and Chisamba.

In this Annual Report, we have highlighted what has been achieved in the past year and the challenges that Makeni Ecumenical Centre has experienced. It is indeed our pleasure to share this with you.

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness and we look forward to a blessed and increasingly successful 2014.

**Rev. Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN**

2. General news

A Critical Shortage of Water Hits Settlement Villages

Mwomboshi and Chisamba Settlement Villages have been hit with a critical shortage of water. This came to light during a land demarcation exercise that MEC staff carried out in September 2013. The two villages have been growing by a joint average of seventeen families each year in terms of population. Chisamba Settlement Village now has 227 families, but only 14 boreholes, so an average of 16 families shares each borehole.

Mwomboshi Settlement Village has 92 families and 7 boreholes, making 13 families



per borehole. This implies that families furthest from the water points have to walk for about 20 to 30 minutes to draw water. This is like crossing more than 5 by 10 acres plots (about 1.2km) to the water points.

Due to the serious shortage of water some families have dug shallow wells in the dambos (wetlands) near their homes. They do not have facilities to treat this water for drinking.

Men waiting for a friend to draw water from the nearest borehole

Hon Dorothy Kazunga Officiates at 42nd Graduation Ceremony

Hon. Dorothy Kazunga, the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mother &



Child Health officiated at the 42nd Graduation Ceremony held September 13, 2013 at Makeni Ecumenical Centre. This was a day when the Adult Training Programme (ATP) was witnessing the graduating of 63 students in Agriculture, Agriculture Settlement, Food Production and Electronic Systems Repair and Maintenance.

Hon. Dorothy Kazunga greeting MEC staff

In her speech she commended MEC for her tireless efforts in ensuring that the much needed services are provided to the community. "Your tireless efforts in ensuring that the Centre continues to provide such services are commendable", she said.

She challenged the graduating students to live and perform above the expectations of would-be employers to make a positive and lasting impact in society unlike other learners that have acquired knowledge and skills but are not relevant to society due to drunkenness and other social ills.

"Miracle Baby" Nicholas in School

Nicholas was admitted to the Orphanage four years ago when he was small and vulnerable. He is now steadily growing but has delayed in developing speech and was confirmed as a slow learner after going through medical examinations. The Centre is happy that he has started learning how to talk. He is 4 years of old.



Despite not being fluent in speaking, Nicholas is able to say so many words and imitate whatever the teacher tells him to do. He is very good at observing and doing what he observes. He is also learning how to paint objects. He can jump and touch any part of his body when told to do so. He is very energetic. No one really believed that baby Nicholas could be in school and learning so much.

"Miracle Baby" Nicholas, on his first day at school

Mwomboshi Settlement Village Commemorates International Women's Day (IWD)

Mwomboshi Settlement Village (MSV) was a hive of activity during International Women's Week, which started on the 1st of March, after Makeni Ecumenical Centre was selected to host joint activities in the village through the Non-governmental organisations' Coordinating Council (NGOCC).

Women arriving at Mwomboshi (Makeni) Community School during IWD



The NGOCC secretariat and its members took their various activities outside Lusaka to the communities within Chibombo District to share with women in rural communities the meaning of this day set aside to recognize the struggle of women for equality.

In addition to running an Agricultural Settlement Project, MEC is also involved in raising awareness of HIV and AIDS and family planning in the region. This activity is carried out in collaboration with the Zambian Helpers Society, who run mobile under-five, anti-natal and curative services.

Invitations were sent to the village headmen, villages, farms and schools surrounding MSV to commemorate the day and over 500 people from MSV, Mweemba, Herdon, Shibwato, Kamano and other villages participated. Many women and several men took part in a colourful march past the MSV community building, some wearing their church uniforms. There were also performances of educational sketches, poetry and drama for entertainment.

The guest of honour was Mrs Isabel Sibongo of the NGOCC. In her speech, Mrs Sibongo emphasised how to deal with women's issues such as early marriages, gender-based violence, and the role of women in decision making and safe motherhood.

Mrs Wenda Dil, the co-founder of MEC, and Chief Shibwato were also in attendance. The chief was very grateful that such a wonderful occasion could be commemorated in his chieftdom.

Clinic activities with the Zambian Helpers also took place.

3. Adult Training Programme – By Edward Phiri



The Adult Training Programme covers the Computer, Electronics, Home Economics, Carpentry & Joinery, and Agriculture departments. We started the year with six Lecturers; two in Agriculture, one in Home Economics, two in Electronics and one in computer studies.

Some of the Settlement Students marching during the 2013 Graduation Ceremony

In October we bade farewell Mr Benjamin Zulu who was one of the longest serving staff. He started as a lecturer and retired as the Head of Agriculture Department and Agriculture Settlement Officer. He was also in the Executive Committee. While with the Centre, he proved to be versatile and hardworking. He was called upon to

manage several portfolios including Sport Administrator, Training Coordinator and Manager of Human Resources and Administration. Mrs Sharon Zulu has been appointed to act as Head of Department for Agriculture while a replacement has been employed for her portfolio.

The enrolment for long duration courses stood at 66 students. In the various computer short courses 128 students were enrolled. Carpentry and tailoring had no enrolments. Given a similar trend over the past few years, it is clear that these courses shall be removed from the list of courses registered with TEVETA and offered by the Centre. Table 1 shows a detailed breakdown.

Table 1: 2012/2013 Students' Enrolment

Courses	General Agriculture	Agriculture Settlement	Electronics	Food Production	Computer short courses	Carpentry & Joinery	Tailoring & Designing
Enrolment	21	19	8	18	128	0	0
Total Enrolment							194

Examinations and Graduation We recorded a 100% pass rate for students in General Agriculture, Agriculture Settlement and Food Production, while in Electronics we suffered two casualties in Engineering Mathematics. 63 students graduated in the 42nd Graduation Ceremony officiated by the Hon. Dorothy Kazunga, Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mother and Child Health.

3.1 Agriculture Department – Sharon Zulu

The Agriculture Department operated well though it suffered a setback in staff retention. The staff changes affected the stability of the department since most of the energies were directed towards the orientation of new staff. However most of the set objectives were achieved.

Training The department set the target of enrolling not less than 12 students in the Agriculture General and 15 Settlement students. But the number of agriculture students increased to 22. This was because the department enrolled 10 young women under the sponsorship of the Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED). The Agriculture General class had an equal number of women and men.



A dehuller being installed at the Milling Project next to the Carpentry Dept

By the end of the year, 17 students who graduated are working in various farms as managers and farm supervisors. 19 students were enrolled in the Settlement course, surpassing the targeted number of 15. All the Settlement students completed their course and were settled in Mwomboshi and Chisamba Settlement Villages.

To enhance the training, two educational tours were carried out to Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust and Kasisi Agriculture Training Centre (KATC). On the tour to KATC, we learned lessons on the growing of *Aloe Vera*, now commonly used for wound spray. The department is doing trials on the growing of the crop and will report on progress. During the year, we partnered with DAPP in Chibombo and Chikupi Training Institute in Chilanga to facilitate General Agriculture examinations under TEVETA for them. 22 students sat examinations at our facilities in the April/May and November/December sessions.

Production The department planned to grow maize and a variety of vegetables



and to raise K17,510 through banking, K48,600 from pig sales and K60,480 from broiler sales. The department managed to raise K19,015 through banking, 28,431 through pig sales, and K23,553 through broiler sales.

Some of the fattening pigs in Piggery Unit

The piggery income was affected by an outbreak of African swine fever in Lusaka, which led to a sales and distribution ban, though our own pigs were not affected by the disease.

The poultry income was largely affected by the non-availability of day-old chicks when purchasing was due. Production was also impacted by changes of staff in the department who were familiar with schedules and experienced in handling the Poultry enterprise.

3.2 Computer Department – Milton Tembo



Training is the Computer Department's main activity. It targets Adult Training Programme students, school pupils and external students. Its main emphasis of training the ATP and external students is to prepare them for industry, while with pupils we concentrate on computer literacy, such as Microsoft Office suite use.

Modern computer laboratory

In 2013, 66 students were trained from the Adult Training Programme, over 320 school pupils were taught, together with 128 external students, giving us an average of 10 students per month and about 18 students enrolled per taught module. The modules taught were Introduction to Computers, Windows, Word processing, Spreadsheets, Presentations, Internet Skills & email and Publisher.

Publisher and Internet Skills were two new modules that were introduced to meet the demand of our clients. More promotion will be needed in Publisher. In September and October of 2013 we conducted the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) training to some external students and three school teachers. The teachers were trained to provide them with the skills they needed to handle e-learning and ICT-based teaching methods.

The major challenge facing the Computer Department is lack of appropriate cooling equipment. The computer laboratory is always hot and this may lead to reduced life span of computers.

3.3 Electronics Department – Edward Phiri

The Electronics Department is running two streams in Electronics Systems Maintenance and Repair (ESMR) known as ESMR I and ESMR II for 1st and 2nd year, respectively. The ESMR II started with 4 male students in the 2012 academic calendar. ESMR I had 1 female and 3 male students. ESMR I started in January 2013. The course has suffered the lowest enrolments in recent years. The course will be suspended in 2014 until enrolments improve. Plans to introduce a new course in Power Electrical are being scrutinised.

3.4 Home Economics Department – Regina Nyirongo

The Home Economics Department has Food Production training and cafeteria sections. The aim of the department is to meet the learners' needs of knowledge and skills in food production and tailoring and design. The department had targeted to enrol at least 15 learners and to improve the learning environment by upgrading the kitchen. On the cafeteria side, the department planned to increase sales by providing extra services such as serving tea and bread for breakfast and selling of soft drinks on the menu.

The enrolment in 2012/2013 Academic Year was 18 female students. All students wrote both internal and TEVETA examinations, passed and graduated in September 2013. The enrolment from 2011 to date has been progressively positive registering 8, 17 and 18 for 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

One new dish was introduced as well as the sale of soft drinks. The income generated was K22,900, while the expenditure was K10,800 resulting in a surplus of K12,100. A renovation of the kitchen was partially done. Planned improvements to the kitchen walls and adjustment of the roof were not carried out due to limited funds.

3.5 Library & Internet Business Centre – Martha Mbiya

At the beginning of 2013, the volume of books in the main library stood at 3851 while the children's section stood at 1124. At the end of the year the total stock increased to 5230 owing to the various donations we received from the various stakeholders and partners. The Library received a number of books on various subject matters from Friends of Makeni, Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural cooperation (CTA), Netherlands, Gordon and Julia Lowes and Mrs W. Dil. (See Table 2 below.) One of our visitors, Michael Lowes, purchased a laminator and a rotary cutter for the business centre.

Table 2: List of Donors of Books and Other Publications

Organisation/Individual	Number of Books/Materials	Titles/Category
Friends of Makeni	158	Carpentry – 5, Business Management – 1, Religious – 1, Novels - 151
Gordon & Julia Lowes	54	Children’s dictionaries, books on art, geography, nature and story books etc.
Mrs W. Dil	33	Encyclopaedias – 24, National Geographic magazines - 9
Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural cooperation (CTA) Netherlands.	10	Periodical – Spore and ICTupdate
TOTAL	255	

The frequency of utilizing library resources stood at 3766, similar to the year 2012. History, Literature and Entrepreneurship publications were not consulted as much as in 2012 because the subjects were no longer taught in this school. Encyclopaedias were used more frequently by external students for research purposes.

Table 3: Statistics on use of Library Resources

No.	Category	Attendance/Frequency	
		2012	2013
1	000- 190 Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries	158	171
2	300-390 Entrepreneurship	69	35
3	400-490 Communication Skills and English	327	348
4	500-590 Sciences	1,241	1,299
5	600-690 Agriculture, Home Economics and Electronics	652	690
6	700-790 Arts and creative Studies	63	33
7	800-890 Literature	88	23
8	900-990 General Geography and History	46	69
9	Fiction and Journals Novels/Magazines	1,122	1,098
T o t a l		3,766	3,766

4. Basic and Secondary School – Kandala Mwanangombe

The School is one of the largest departments of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. The main focus has been on improving enrolments from an average of 25 pupils per class to 30 in order to consolidate self-sustainability and competitiveness. The School has a need to build two more laboratories in order to adequately cater for senior secondary school pupils.

Enrolment The School continued improving its enrolment with the number increasing from 293 in 2012 to 351 in 2013, a 19.8% increase. (In the 2012 the increase was 1.4 %.) The higher enrolment is largely attributed to improved marketing and a continuous improvement philosophy being pursued by the school authority.



There were 224 girls and 127 boys, i.e. 64% and 36% of enrolment, respectively.

Some of the educational materials the school received from the Friends of Makeni

Staffing The school suffered a most challenging year where staffing is concerned. Out of the 19 teachers, 4 left for appointments in various government schools. They were some of the most long-serving, valuable and experienced teachers the Centre had. Unfortunately, we cannot compete with government salaries and so it is difficult to retain our best staff. However, the staffing situation was quickly taken care of and there has been stability in the school.

Academic The School academic programmes proceeded very well. A 100% Grade 7 result was replicated in 2013 as in the year 2012. The Grade 9 results stood at 71% and 67% for Grade 12. Efforts are being made to improve the results.

4.1 Extra-curricular activities

Sports activities in order to keep the pupils physically fit and to help some of them discover their sporting talents were conducted every Thursday, which included football, netball, volley ball, chess and athletics. Athletics were held during the Inter-house competition in the first term.



Clubs have so far been largely active in the secondary section of the School. All the clubs meet every Tuesday from 1430 to 1530hrs. The clubs include Art, Debate, Anti-aids, JETS, Red Cross, Drama, Peace club and Scripture Union. The Drama club has gradually been gaining momentum with some sketch performances performed during parade time to entertain and educate pupils on various pertinent issues.

Two pupils that excelled during the inter-schools quiz competition

The Debate club has been one of the best in our local zone, placing first or second in local competitions.

Educational Tours are an integral part of the academic spirit of the school. During the year a number of tours were organized in order to afford pupils academic and social exposure. Pupils were taken to Parliament as part of their Civics education. Other tours were made to the Olympic Youth development Centre, Crocodile farm, Zoo and museum.



Special Days The School arranged for a Traditional Day in order to allow pupils to showcase different traditional activities such as traditional dances, attire and foods. The importance of this event was to help pupils appreciate Zambian culture and diversity. The school also organised Independence Day celebrations on 23rd October, 2013.

Pupils showing their skills in traditional dance

Visitors from the Netherlands, United Kingdom and from within Zambia facilitated and conducted training and created awareness in new areas of skills and knowledge.



Tienieke Zwarts (R) demonstrating new teaching techniques in Grade Three

Henri and Tienieke Zwarts came from the Netherlands to facilitate courses in Identifying Learning Problems, How to Teach Mathematics and Teaching Like A Champion. These training sessions were followed by practical demonstrations with pupils to ascertain depth and give support to teachers. Teachers received much needed help and have improved the teaching of slow learners. The couple also donated a television set and music instruments.

Wim Westerndorp and team, also from the Netherlands, conducted an awareness programme on solar cooking. The Agriculture Department took the initiative to create awareness among agricultural settlers. It is hoped with time there will be more adoption of solar cooking technology.



Gordon and Julia Lowes, together with J.J. Elliotts and Michael Lowes from the UK conducted a summer school for selected primary school pupils in the holidays. They taught the pupils sports, spellings, pen-writing, and maths for a week.

Michael Lowes conducting a one week summer school during his visit to MEC

Visitors from Thornpark Dental College taught the children how to keep their teeth healthy and clean. They also donated tooth brushes and tooth paste!

5. Health and community support

5.1 HIV/AIDS Prevention, Awareness and Mitigation Project – Catherine Oreta

The HIV/AIDS Prevention, Awareness and Mitigation Project as one of Makeni Ecumenical Centre's social projects provides HIV/AIDS and family planning services to the community in Lusaka and three rural sites. Family Planning services were only integrated for rural sites since such services not easily available in these areas.

The objectives for 2013 were to contribute to zero HIV infections; zero HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination and zero HIV/AIDS deaths. The strategy is to promote voluntary counseling and testing so as to improve quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS, while encouraging behavior change and instilling Christian moral values. HIV/AIDS public discussions were conducted and access was provided to HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing and family planning services in order to contribute to maternal and child health.

HIV/AIDS and Family Planning Services & Outreach HIV/AIDS awareness, Voluntary Counseling and Testing and Family Planning Services were carried out at Makeni Centre and the rural outreach was to Munyati, Shikatende and Mwomboshi once every month.

i) Outreach with Zambia Helpers Society went on smoothly in Mwomboshi. Zambia Helpers Society offered maternal and child health care and curatives. We also had Henri and Tienieke (volunteers from the Netherlands) assisting for the outreach in Munyati.

ii) New Outreach Partnership with Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia & Zambia Cancer Trust

We collaborated with Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ) & Zambia Cancer Trust as new partners. The PPAZ went for outreach with us for 4 months to Shikatende and Mwomboshi. They offered the long term family planning method known as Jadelle which is effective in a mother for 5 years. The Zambia Cancer Trust (ZCT) joined us during the month of October.



PPAZ staff giving advice on Family Planning

They sensitized on and conducted breast and cervical cancer screening in Mwomboshi and Shikatende.

HIV/AIDS Outcomes We continued receiving HIV Testing kits from the Medical Stores through Lusaka District Health Management Team. We have also continued to receive male and female condoms from the Medical Stores. The condoms received and distributed are for HIV/AIDS/ STIs/STDs prevention and for family planning. 11473 people were counseled on HIV/AIDS related issues and 1108 were counseled in general and diverse matters. 4167 were HIV/AIDS tested, out of which 632 tested positive (15%). All positive cases were referred for further body evaluation to respective clinics or hospitals. Table 4 shows the progression in voluntary counseling and testing from 2009 to 2013. We recorded the highest numbers for counseling partly due to the combined programme with PPAZ and ZCT

Table 4: Static and mobile HIV/AIDS counseling from 2009 - 2013

Year	No. Counseled	General Counseling	No. Tested	No. Negative	No. Positive	% Positive	No. Referred
2013	11473	1108	4167	3535	632	15	632
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

Family Planning Outcomes Since the static clinic closed, MEC Management decided to donate the Family Planning tools and equipment to the United Church of Zambia. We are glad they happily accepted the offer.

For the Mobile Clinic, the family planning methods available during the year were Oralcon-F pill, Microlut pill, Microgynon Pill, Depo Provera injection, Noristerat injection and Male and Female condoms. 15923 clients were attended to as indicated in the Table 5 below.

Some of the Family Planning tools and equipment donated to the United Church of Zambia



Table 5: Family Planning Outreach Statistics 2013

Site	Continuing Clients	New Clients	Total Clients per site
Mwomboshi	4057	6211	10288
Munyati	1634	1386	3020
Shikatende	1144	1491	2635
TOTAL CLIENTS	6835	9088	15923

We receive oral and injectable contraceptives from the Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia (PPAZ). Table 6 shows the quantities of various contraceptives dispensed in the three rural sites.

Table 6: Quantities of Contraceptives Dispensed

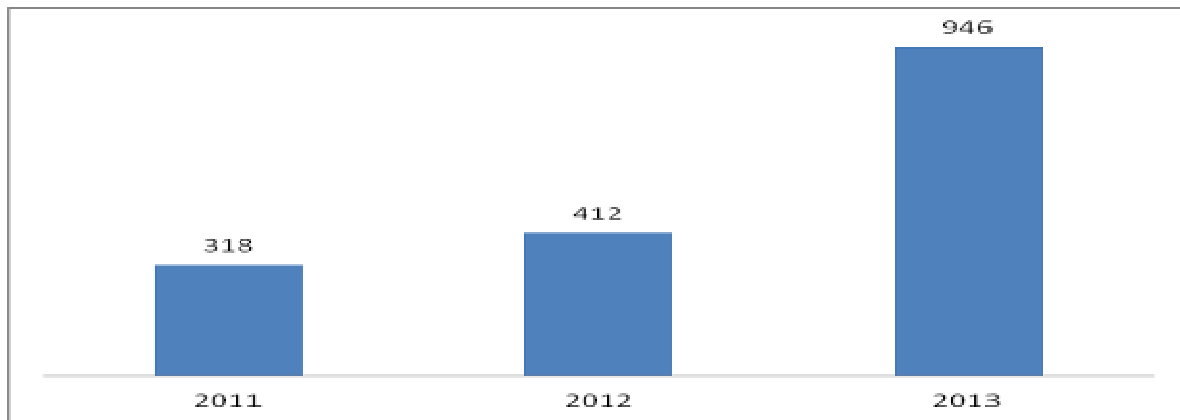
Site	C O N T R A C E P T I V E S						
	Oralcon -F Pill	Microgynon Pill	Microlut Pill	Depo Provera	Noristerat	Condoms	
						Male	Female
Mwomboshi	2062	2520	294	6255	2388	63000	3000
Munyati	690	990	189	1362	1035	49000	2000
Shikatende	452	1440	246	1537	385	40000	2000
TOTAL	3204	4950	729	9154	3808	152000	7000

5.2 Home-Based Care/Orphans & Vulnerable Children Support

The Objectives of the HBC/OVC support programme were to meet HIV affected people's needs as close to them as possible, to provide the necessary information, skills, care, materials and support to everybody involved or interested in HIV/AIDS matters and to support orphans and vulnerable children through education. The main activities that were done were home visits and educational support.

Home Visits were made to 946 homes in John Laing, Kanyama, Kuomboka, Makeni Konga, Makeni Mula, Makeni Panjira Cooperative and Makeni Kankole areas during 2013. The number of homes visited in 2013 increased by 230% from 412 to 946. In 2011, the number of homes visited was 318. See Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Number of Homes Visited from 2011 to 2013



Visits were largely made for support and follow-up purposes. Often the neighbours of those visited also requested to be visited. 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 had no funding for school fees and other educational requisites for the 58 home-based care children under support. This was because the NGOCC Basket Fund, the largest source of financial support of the education support programme, was not available in 2013.

Several orphans and vulnerable children were however assisted by Makeni Ecumenical Centre with a few school requisites, assisted by donations from African AIDS Angels, Gordon and Julia Lowes and the Friends of Makeni. One child was fully sponsored by Makeni Ecumenical Centre. Henri and Tienieke Zwarts, through the Pearl Foundation, supported 3 Home-Based Care children in Grade 9, 11 and at teacher training college.



International Women's Day

celebrations under the auspices of the NGOCC were held in Mwomboshi. MEC was requested to host the event.

Women marching during International Women's Day

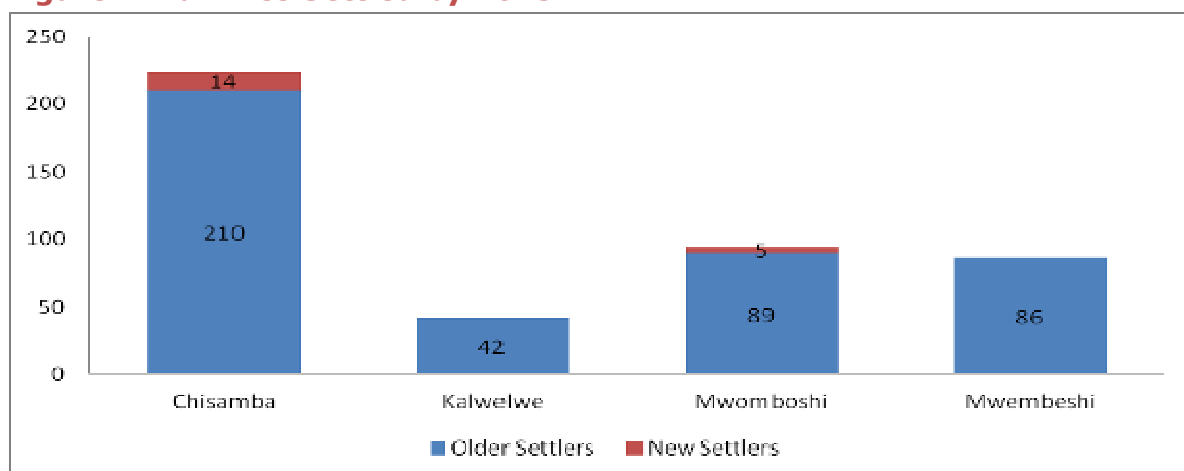
The NGOCC found it appropriate to extend the IWD celebrations to the

grassroots so that even the people in the rural areas benefit in terms of awareness and participation on matters that concern and affect women.

6. Agriculture Settlement Project

The Agriculture Settlement Project went on well despite the serious challenge of water in relation to population growth. The settler population went up to 471, an increase of 10.3%. 19 settlers and 25 staff were settled. Of the new settlers, five families were settled in Mwomboshi and 14 in Chisamba. The Figure 2 shows the current population by families settled by the year 2013.

Figure 2: Families Settled by 2013



Loan Recovery The 2012/2013 rainy season was one characterised by long dry spells and a shortened growing season. This meant that it was difficult to recover loans. It is hoped that the 2013/2014 rainy season will be favourable and MEC will go out to recover amounts outstanding.

Land demarcations were carried out in both Mwomboshi and Chisamba. 27 plots were demarcated in Chisamba and four in Mwomboshi Settlement Village. The mission for the MSV survey was to secure the borders of the settlement on the east and south of the Settlement covering 2095.75m and 1393.14m, respectively. This was done successfully. There is now little land remaining to settle families in Mwomboshi Settlement Village. It is estimated that less than seven settlers will be required to be settled before the Settlement is completely full by 2014.

6.1 Development Projects

Drilling Boreholes The Project did not sink any boreholes in Chisamba and Mwomboshi Settlement Villages due to lack of funds. Two international charities involved in water development were contacted, but discussions did not yield any positive results. The focus for 2014 will be to contact other potential partners involved in water development for support. The water situation in the settlement is serious.

Borehole Maintenance and Repairs After works on the water system at Kalwelwe Settlement Village with Huib van Zessen and Arie Noortenboom from the Netherlands, a pay-for-water system was introduced in order to fundraise and ensure continuous repair and maintenance of the water infrastructure for the future. The method was adopted for Chisamba and Mwomboshi. This required the installation of a locking system and ensuring only paid-up users could access the water. Users are required to pay K10 (£1) per month per family.

The initial stages appeared to be promising, but self-sustainability seemed to be unguaranteed. The method proved extremely challenging predominantly due to the level of economy and practical limitation of the local circumstances (for example, there is no conveniently located bank to keep money safely). However, Chisamba Settlement Village settled for a case-by-case approach where affected farmers are requested to contribute towards the repair of existing borehole. The response was remarkable for two boreholes while others proved more difficult. It is a work in progress.



One of the water points secured with a padlock in Kalwelwe

Goats Pass-On Project (GPOP) The Chisamba GPOP project proceeded very well with 14 goats recorded at the close of 2013. Kalwelwe was empowered with three female goats and are awaiting the purchase of a hybrid male goat for breeding purposes. The Goats Pass-On Project suffered severe losses in Mwomboshi, where all the community goats died or went missing in a severe storm. However, the 4 beneficiaries who benefitted in 2012 still enjoy the stock of goats they received.

The challenge in the GPOP is participation of the community in taking turns of grazing and watching over the animals. This has affected the progress of the project negatively since a lot of husbandry practices are not followed accordingly.

The **Teacher's House Project** started in 2011 with material and financial support from the Area Member of Parliament, Hon. Moses Muteteka, and the Friends of Makeni. In 2012 about K14,761 of the pledged K33,000 was received from the Friends of Makeni for the house project to cover Phase I of the Project. The money was used for transportation, labour, roofing sheets, cement and other minor building materials. Phase II of the project stalled in 2013 with some iron mongery work, plastering, glazing, painting and other finishing works still to be done. The cost of these works were estimated at K17,651.



Mwomboshi Teacher's House Project at Phase I

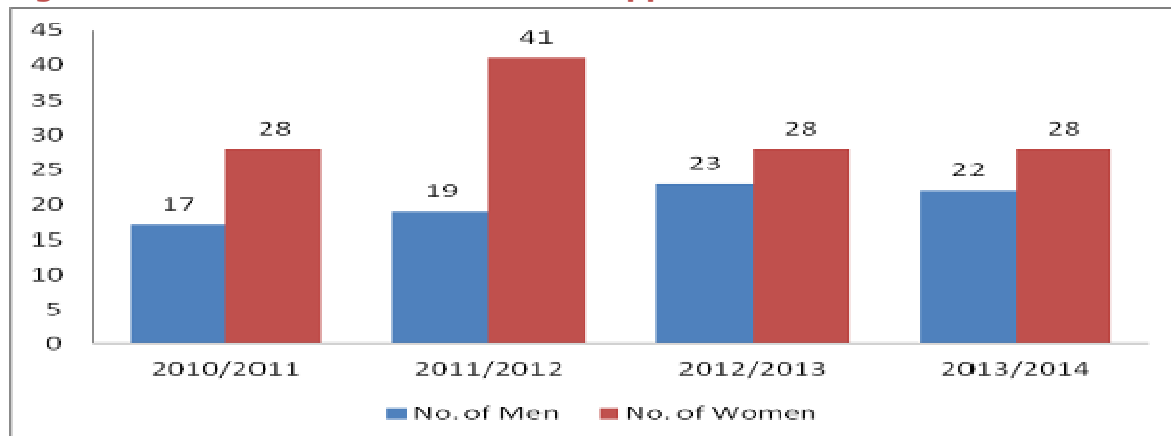
African AIDS Angel Extension Support Project (AAA-ESP)

The AAA-ESP was established to help vulnerable farmers in the Agriculture Settlement Project increase their crop production and improve food security through targeted extension and inputs support. The Extension Support Project entered its 6th year of funding by African Aids Angels of Canada in 2013. The numbers of beneficiaries were 55 in 2010, 60 in 2011, 51 in 2012 and 50 in 2013. The drop was due to the balancing act of matching the beneficiaries to resources available. The biggest effect to available resources was the annual price increases of inputs.

There were 22, 16 and 12 beneficiaries in Chisamba, Mwomboshi and Kalwelwe Settlements Villages respectively. New entrants were 28 while 22 were continuing beneficiaries ranging from their 2nd to 4th year of support.

Women have benefited more from the AAA-ESP than men in the last four seasons, with 28 women and 23 men in 2013/14.

Figure 3: Beneficiaries of Extension Support from 2010 to 2013



Bicycle Donations from Friends of Makeni Chisamba, Kalwelwe and Mwomboshi Settlement Villages benefited from a donation of two bicycles in each village from the Friends of Makeni. The bicycles were donated in order to ease movements of the Village Management Committee members in coordinating activities within the settlement projects. The bicycles proved useful to the committees in enhancing coordination and communication in the villages.

7. St Nicholas Children's Village – Ireen Chinyama

St. Nicholas Children's Village is mandated to take care of and support orphans and vulnerable children, especially those whose parents were affected by HIV/AIDS. The Orphanage has been in existence for 13 years and has been taking care of children from new-born to 19 years old.

In 2012 the Orphanage had 31 children, three more than in 2011, and three children were reintegrated with their families. There are 16 girls and 12 boys. Four children completed Grade 12 in November and are to be reintegrated with their families in 2014.

There are 10 requests for admission of orphans and vulnerable children being processed for possible admission in the year 2014.

Education All the children are in school, with "baby" Nicholas being the new entrant in pre-school in January. Despite a technical recommendation for him to be at a special school, it was felt that he had improved sufficiently in language development to attend regular school, and was able to follow instructions given to him by the teacher. Table 7 below shows the distribution by gender and grade.

Table 7: Orphanage Children Attending School

Grade	Nursery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Girls	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	2	6	-	1	1	16
Boys	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	-	2	-	3	12
TOTAL	1	1	1	-	1	4	3	1	3	6	2	1	4	28

The children in primary school have remained more impressive in their academic performance than our secondary school children. Extra lessons and remedial teaching are being applied to ensure improved academic performance. Following the academic trends of the year it can be said that results were fluctuating with the averages for Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 standing at 54%, 51% and 56% respectively. One notable thing was that a number of slow learners showed some improvements in reading and writing.

We had 11 children who sat examinations in 2013. This included 1, 6 and 4 for grades 7, 9 and 12, respectively. All children did very well except for one child in Grade 12 who had difficulties in mathematics.

Health We did not have serious health problems in 2013. We had 20 children with different out-patient health cases that were attended to at the clinic.

Counselling Children's behaviour always poses a challenge. However, various forms of counselling were conducted to help various aspects of the children's development. A number of staff from other departments and other people rendered their help. Among these were Mrs Martha Mbiya, Mr Jonathan Chishimba and Fr Nathan Ngoma. Generally children related very well to the staff. They were free to discuss various personal issues.

8. Visitors, Volunteers, Donors and Partners

Visitors & Volunteers As usual, we had visitors from outside and within Zambia who helped in different ways. The orphanage had by far the highest number of visitors and donations. Some visitors did homework with children; others played games, or went on tours or movies with the children. Some presented talks to children to encourage them in academic and spiritual matters. We are grateful for their invaluable support, fellowship, donations and contributions to the work of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. A list of visitors is shown in Table 8 below.

Table 8: A list of Visitors & Volunteers

Visitors & Volunteers	Country
Hon Dorothy Kazunga – Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mother and Child Health	Zambia
Barclays Bank staff	Zambia
Paul Jongeling and Vera Ootes	The Netherlands
Sandy Adams	Scotland
Trinity Haambikoma	Zambia
Henri & Tienieke Zwarts	The Netherlands
Rowland Robinson	United Kingdom
Jumbe Ngoma	Zambia
Grace Phiri	Zambia
Gertrude Shinkanga	Zambia
Ardi Stoios-Braken (Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Zambia)	The Netherlands
Dorcas Mothers – Makeni Mission	Zambia
Gordon Lowes, Julia Lowes, Michael Lowes & JJ Elliot	United Kingdom
Stephena Kristina Baler	United States
Sunset Villas	Zambia
Rev. Sitali Lubinda (Health Secretary UCZ Synod)	Zambia

Donors & Cooperating Partners We are always grateful to the invaluable assistance received from different organizations, companies and individuals from abroad and locally. It is our greatest wish that they be well and be blessed in all their endeavours. A list of donors and partners is given in Table 9 below.



A set of uniforms for children at St Nicholas Children's Home procured with the financial help of Joke Ruiters

Table 9: Foreign and Local Donors and Cooperating Partners

Donor/partner	Kind of Assistance/Area of Assistance
A. Foreign Organisations & Individuals	
Friends of Makeni, The Netherlands	Material and budget support to orphanage and school
Kloosterkerk Worldwide, The Netherlands	Financial and budget support to orphanage
African AIDS Angels, Canada	Financial and budget support to Settlement Project (Extension support) and orphanage
Little St. Mary's Cambridge and Sarah Hinton, UK	Financial and budget support to orphanage
St John the Baptist Church, Piddington, UK	" " " "
Rowland Robinson, UK	Financial and budget support to orphanage and OVC
Friends of Flanders	Financial and budget support to orphanage
Rotary Club and George Muller, RSA	" " " to the primary school
Andrew Knowles, UK	Financial and budget support to orphanage
JC Swinburne, UK	" " " "
Paul Jongeling and Vera Ootes	Technical support to administration, washing machine
Henri and Tienieke Zwarts	Birthday presents for all the children and fruits every Friday
Gordon and Julia Lowes	£125 for Christmas food and clothes
Joke Ruiters	Money for school uniforms, jerseys and school shoes for the children at the orphanage, clothes
B. Local Organisations & Individuals	
Barclays Bank (Z) PLC	Orphanage support
Mrs Wenda Dil	Library books
Madam Telisa	For Diana Mbaio at St Nicholas to buy ice cream after passing exams
Mr and Mrs Lungu	K1500.00 budget support to orphanage
Sunset Villas through Mrs Sipiwe Mutale	Food stuffs
Madam Kimmy	Various fruits
Seventh Day Adventist, Dorcas mothers	60 cups, 30 plastic plates, 25 washing powder, 1 packet diapers, 2 packets pads, 6 bottles lotion, 12 glycerin, 1 set of pots, 2 mops, 36 pants, two brooms, 10 plastic washing dishes.
Ms Pauline Allen	2 bags of maize
Mrs Mary Haambulo	1 bag of maize

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