



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH) **OCTOBER, 2011 REPORT** **28th October, 2011**

Introduction

October is the hottest month of the year in Zambia. This means that it is dry season, one month away from first rains. Generally it is a very conducive environment for construction projects which usually are delayed by rains in rainy season. It is a pleasure to provide an update to whom it may concern that there has been a general progress in all activities at the orphanage as illustrated bellow.

House/Sickbay

This has generally finished. The house part is now occupied by the director, saving from the expensive rentals that were being paid. As shown bellow, the structure is finished and what remains is equipping the sickbay with required tools and equipments.



House/Sick bay finished

Fish Harvest and Fishpond

After an eight months period of keeping fish, the fish was harvested on the 7th of October. The total harvest of fish was not very good. Only 80kg of fish was realized. With the presence of the treasurer, Mr Hara, we were advised that may be the management of the

pond was missed. As such it was discussed that all mistakes must be worked on so that the next stock gives bumper harvest. Out of 80kg, 40kg was sold and 40kg is refrigerated and being fed to children. Currently the fish pond was drained and maintained to allow it dry so that no disease is carried on to next stock in case that had an impact on first harvest. The number of fish was the same as what we had stocked and did not grow very big, which implied that fish did not breed. The government fisheries department experts said it might have been so because fish does not breed in cold months, May to July and feed less in that period. The next stock is expected to be done by 10th November so that time frame takes out cold season.



Mr Hara witnesses fish harvest



fish weighed and refrigerated

Maintenance

In readiness for rainy season, in one month time, the cool shelter is being worked on to avoid licking. New swings have so far been fixed and children enjoy them. The fish pond is also maintained as shown as follows. Workers in good relationship with children just like something special bellow.



Insaka shelter



swings fixed



something special for cooks

Gardening

There is now green maize and carrots growing in the garden. The water is consistently being supplied through the furrow. Nevertheless, children help a lot in gardening and watering of crops.



Summer green maize



fishpond cleaned

Elder Girls Dormitory & Storage Room Construction

The two important structures are running fast in terms of construction. This is fastened so that the rains do not delay us too much when it comes. The dormitory will help separate older girls from young ones and promote privacy amongst older girls. The store room will help secure orphanage properties and avoid misuse of other rooms for storage. Refer below for there level.



Dormitory construction in progress



Storage room Construction

In conclusion, the illustrations above are updates as of late. There is expected a great change by the end of November. Nevertheless, those who intend to visit the orphanage next year, will have something new to see. The management therefore extend thanks and well wishes to sponsors who are part of the orphanage both in cash and kind.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AK Chuma', written over a light-colored rectangular background.