



# Serenje Orphans School Home (SOSH)

## JANUARY, 2010 REPORT

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### Introduction

SOSH would like to apologize for not reporting in time these two months. This has been a problem due to poor network in rainy season. We also extend our apologies for the same reason to all donors and supporters that there has been a delay in sending vote of thanks to them. The support SOSH has received has made a very big difference at SOSH environment, infrastructures, orphans' health, education, happiness, orphanage's property protection, SOSH volunteers visiting accommodation and improvement of children's feeding standard. SOSH management is very grateful for all support it receives from all well wishers. This report illustrates the stand of the orphanage at this early time of the year 2010.

### Orphanage surrounding

Despite rainy season when grass is growing high in the surrounding, SOSH has maintained its cleanliness and made sure that grass remains short to keep snakes and thieves away. As such, there has been a continuous slashing, leveling and some sweet potato cultivation to help keep surrounding clean and neighbor admirable.



Front view of cleared orphanage surrounding

### Canteen/Laundry Use

The laundry and canteen is a very useful structure to the orphanage. Currently, children are eating from a very clean and well ventilated big room, canteen side. Nevertheless, the social welfare of the government of Zambia recommended. The wash troughs will dry soon so that care givers start washing from the laundry. Water connections are in the process. The washing machine will start being used immediately ZESCO connects electricity. They will be used together with wash troughs to fasten children's clothing wash.



Water pipes being worked on



wash troughs to dry & cemented out

### Children's Education

SOSH is happy to communicate that orphans are performing well in school now. Nearly all of them have been upgraded into higher classes. A number of them have passed positions ranging between 1 and 5 out of the whole classes. Being the children's future building tool, SOSH is achieving its goals with support from donors.

Subject	Grade
English	1
Kiswahili	2
Math	2
Science	2
Social Studies	2
PE	2
<b>Average</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Overall Grade</b>	<b>Good</b>

e.g. Chama's school report, position 1

### Orphanage Play Grounds

Children are very happy at the orphanage. They enjoy playing on swings, playing football, netball and other games. The play grounds are currently being repaired, especially the goal posts for netball and foot ball. Swings are still usable but will need replacement into chains for durability.



Poles being worked on to replace goal posts.

### Fence Construction and plantation

A very great task has been done on fence and plantation. The hedge plant and pine trees as wind breakers have been planted along the boundaries. Fruit trees have been so far planted in an orchard field. Nearly all plants have picked. This ensures us of clear boundaries and self sufficiency in fruits in the future.



Hedge picking up



Avocado fruit tree picking



pine trees planted

### **Electricity Connection**

There is a great need of electricity at the orphanage. It is already paid for and awaits the use of washing machine at the orphanage and efficient use of TV set and office. Currently Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) has planted one pall and promises to connect anytime. The pillar for three phase distribution box and meter location has been constructed and that's where all structures will be fed from.



ZESCO planted pall & a meter pillar



3 phase distribution meter box

### **Volunteer House furniture**

A rented volunteer house is nearly fully in furniture. A stove, fridge, dining set, sofa set, beds and other small kitchen utensils are now in place. This will help volunteers be assured of accommodation when they want to work or visit SOSH at considerable agreements through SOSH sponsor facilitator.



Part of property at volunteer house

Finally, SOSH says happy New Year!!!!

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