



# Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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## Introduction

This time is the hottest in Serenje, Zambia. October is the month when farmers get prepared that any time in November rains would start. Being hottest time, there is usually less or no water in most of streams. This affects gardening and fish farming. Despite this, some projects such as furnishing the laundry, part-time orphans education, feeding orphans and chicken rearing at SOCH are in progress.

## Laundry Shelves

There was very poor work done in the laundry by the carpenters who were hired at first. This has given us no choice but to dismantle them and make new ones. Currently another carpenter has been hired to fix better furniture in the laundry. These include children's clothing shelves and the ironing bench. The idea is that all dirty clothes would be kept in the laundry and clean clothes would be ironed from there before they are taken to dormitories.



## Children Feeding

The feeding program is well in progress at SOCH. A very well balanced diet is given to the orphans according to the menu. This day as shown below, children were having their Nshima with chicken and vegetables. Usually nshima at this meal of the day is always “not enough” because the relish is delicious and salivating. Check out for the meals below (nice meal!!-“Bonapitito!!”):



Nice meal!!! ("Bonapitito!!!)

### Chicken Run

Chicken has become very expensive at our local market here. The rearing costs have also become high. However, the chicken run at SOCH is still in progress and the chicken buying costs have been subsidised. Children like chicken meals.



Chicken run in progress

### Garden and Orchards

The fruit trees that were planted four, three and two years ago are growing tall and healthy. The area is looking great in fruit tree shades as shown below.

It has been very tough to keep the vegetables green in this month of October, onwards, because the water furrow is dry. The water level at the source dam has become too low to supply the furrow with gardening water. This has not only affected the vegetables but also the fish pond in which there is no water inflow and so the fish pond water level is badly lowering. If rains do not come soon, a forced fish harvest will be done to avoid fish dying of suffocation.



Fruit trees behind the dorm and seen from afar in the orchard, and the dry furrow.

## Education

According to the assessment of the children's performance in schools, the school reports indicate that our children are failing end of term examinations. This is a sad situation because SOCH is NOT there only to make children's stomachs full but also to prepare for their future in terms of education. There is no option but to start part time lessons by hiring teachers to teach them on extra time. So, two teachers have been hired to help improve our orphans' performance in education. Currently, only grades eight and nine children are being taught as they are preparing for national examinations. As SOCH, we have tried our best to encourage orphans and supplement their normal schools learning through extra lessons BUT there performance is still not impressive as illustrated on the data attached bellow. We will still have to wait and see their national examination results.



The hired teacher instructing children at SOCH

## Children's Education Results Data for two terms, 2013

	Name	Total Marks	Term 1 score	Term 2 Score	Term 3 Score	Grade	Position in class/comment
1	Bwalya Matilda	600	224	148			--- Fail
2	Chama Lesa Mumbi	440		321		7	3
3	Tembo Silvia	600	372			8	--- Pass
4	Nkandu Benson	600	209			8	--- Fail
5	Lungu Gift	600	249	251		9	Below Average
6	Mulenga Wendy	600	270			8	Below Average
7	Ngosa Eunice	600	266	251		9	Below Average
8	Mambwe Justina	600	174	117		9	--- Fail
9	Musonda Blessings	600	374	278		9	Below Average
10	Chibuye Esther	150	42			6	27
11	Mulenga Blessings	140	88	107		4	4
12	Kalunga Thomson	175	78	72		6	25
13	Bwalya Madai	210	95	88		6	14
14	Chibuye Enika	210	81	65		6	16
15	Longwa Elizabeth	210	91	80		6	12
16	Kalenga Javaness	210	92	126		6	Average
17	Kalunga Dorcus	440	153/200	249		7	16 --- Pass
18	Chinakila Bilison	420		232		7	7 --- Pass
19	Kunda Curtis	420		273		7	2 --- Pass
20	Mandyondyo Dorcas	420		265		7	5 --- Pass
21	Kasomo Mervis	150		107		5	7--- Pass

22	Grace Mambwe	175	85	87		6	20 --- Fail
23	Musonda John	175	96	76		5	21 --- Fail
24	Chilundu Kapeya	175	121	138		5	4 ---Pass
25	Kasama Wellington	175	146	141		5	1--- Pass
26	Chiluba Fredrick	175	128	128		5	7--- Pass
27	Teleka Noah	175	121	136		5	5--- Pass
28	Lombe Nancy	140	79	93		4	9--- Pass
29	Kalunga Evelyn	140	114	102		4	8--- Pass
30	Mushibwe Moses	140	64	111		3	4--- Pass
31	Kunda Innocent	140	80	114		4	4---Pass
32	Kunda Lackson	140	25	67		3	25 B/Average
33	Mukosha Debora	70	53	39		2	15---Fail
34	Kunda James	70	63	56		2	3---Pass
35	Kunda Isaac	70	19	16		2	29 B-Average
36	Bupe Iness					1	New Child
37	Miselo Evelyn					1	New Child
38	Daniel Mandyondyo	420	240	221		7	Pass
39	Musonda Bwalya					3	New child
40	Musonda Jonas					3	New Child
41	Miselo Reuben					B/Class	Pre-Sch
42	To join SOCH January					5	New child
43	Emmanuel Chanda					3	New child
44	To join SOCH January					---	New Child

## Conclusion

To put it in a nut shell, this is the update of what is happening at the orphanage. On behalf of the board of management and the staff here at SOCH, I would like to thank sponsors for all the hard working in fundraising for the support towards the orphans. Although it is becoming more difficult to fundraise and more expensive to run the orphanage, you have not given up in helping us. I recommend you for the good work well done and I encourage you to expand the source as much as you can.

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