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Mission

To save and improve the quality of life of vulnerable communities in Zambia

Vision

Resilient and empowered communities throughout Zambia



Our Strategic Goals



PEOPLE ANTICIPATE, RESPOND TO, AND QUICKLY RECOVER FROM, CRISIS



PEOPLE LEAD SAFE, HEALTHY, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES, AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE



PEOPLE MOBILIZE FOR INCLUSIVE AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES

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A message from the National President



Welcome to the second newsletter of the Year for Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS). We are glad to share with you the various activities and initiatives we continued to undertake in delivering our mandate of saving and improve the quality of life of vulnerable communities in Zambia. We remain committed to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. Together, we aim to build resilient and empowered communities across our nation.

As we move forward, let us continue to work collaboratively in exploring evidence based and impactful interventions that allow us to anticipate, prepare, respond to, and quickly recover from crises together. Each effort we make contributes to safer, healthier, and more dignified lives for all.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our mission. Together, we can create inclusive and peaceful communities.

Martin Ng'onga
National President

FOREWORD- Secretary General

As we reflect on the various challenges and the vulnerabilities people experience in various settings in the country in the recent past, we are pleased to share the significant interventions undertaken by the ZRCS as we continue to deliver our mandate. Our commitment, guided by our mission to save and improve the quality of life for vulnerable communities in Zambia, has led us to achieve meaningful progress in various areas, both in developmental and emergency contexts.

The highlights captured in the newsletter signify our collective efforts and reflect unwavering dedication by the members, volunteers, staff, and partners in advancing the cause of humanity. The highlights also reflect our coordinated and collaborative approach with public authorities to deliver efficient and sustainable humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable.

Our work is people centered, ensuring that the affected populations have a voice and participate in the entire project cycle; from designing to evaluation, integrating diversity and ensuring dignity in delivering humanitarian aid.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter and appreciate our collective effort in the humanitarian space as we endeavor to uplift the lives of vulnerable people.



Cosmas Sakala

Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer

ZRCS HANDS OVER CHILUMINO SAFE HAVEN WASH INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE GOVERNMENT



Two modern waterborne ablution blocks were constructed at Chilumino Primary School in Namwala District, and a 20,000 solar-powered water reticulation system was installed to provide safe and clean water to the school and the surrounding community

In a significant step toward strengthening disaster resilience, on 7th April, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) handed over a solar-powered water reticulation system and two waterborne toilet facilities to Chilumino Primary School, a designated safe haven for communities during floods in Namwala District.

Funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO-PP) at a cost of ZMW 879,447, the infrastructure ensures reliable access to clean and safe water and improved sanitation for the safe haven during emergencies such as floods.

Chilumino Primary School serves as a safe haven during floods, offering shelter to displaced families. The new facilities will not only benefit the school but also enhance the school's capacity to host affected populations in times of emergencies.

"This initiative aligns with our commitment to disaster preparedness and community resilience," said ZRCS National President Mr. Martin Ng'onga. *"By equipping safe havens like Chilumino with clean water and proper sanitation, we ensure that vulnerable populations have dignity and protection during emergencies."*

Southern Province Permanent Secretary Dr. Norman Monze, represented by Namwala District Commissioner Mr. Ephraim Shandavu, commended ZRCS for its collaboration with the government.

"Safe havens are vital in our disaster response strategy," he said. *"This project supports the 8th National Development Plan by safeguarding health and improving living conditions for displaced persons."*

This intervention was part of ZRCS's three-year ECHO-PP program, which focuses on epidemic preparedness, livelihoods, and climate adaptation across Namwala, Mazabuka, Monze, and Choma districts.



WASH infrastructure built at Chilumino Primary School in Namwala District to provide access to safe and clean water and sanitation to the school and the surrounding community



ZRCS INTRODUCES THE CHRONIC CRISIS PROJECT IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE



(Left) Dr. Jack Bbabbi, ZRCS Director of Programs, greets Choma District Commissioner Mr. Funds Mubele. (Center) Dr. Bbabbi meets Southern Province Permanent Secretary Dr. Norman Monze. (Right) During the courtesy call at the Provincial Administration offices to introduce the Chronic Crisis Project

On April 8, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) Director of Programs, Dr. Jack Bbabbi Mukulu, along with Disaster Management Manager Wina Wina and Choma Project Officers, visited Southern Province Permanent Secretary, Dr. Norman Monze, and Choma District Commissioner, Mr. Funds Mubele. The purpose of their visit was to introduce the Chronic Crisis Project, a two-year initiative that ZRCS is launching in the Choma, Sinazongwe, and Kalabo districts.

The Chronic Crisis Project aims to strengthen household livelihoods through climate-smart agricultural practices, support small livestock farming, improve health and nutrition, enhance access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and address cross-cutting issues such as Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA), as well as Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI).

Dr. Norman Monze, the Provincial Permanent Secretary, expressed the province's eagerness to collaborate with ZRCS. He emphasized the importance of convening a quick roundtable meeting to discuss how the project can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the communities.

The District Commissioner commended ZRCS and expressed optimism about the project's rollout, highlighting its potential to support the government's efforts in addressing the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities. The Chronic Crisis Project, supported by the Dutch Government through the Netherlands Red Cross, aims to reach approximately 37,608 households across the three districts, with a budget of 1 million Euros. This initiative reaffirms ZRCS's commitment to empowering vulnerable communities through sustainable solutions.

WORLD WIDE FUND PAYS COURTESY CALL ON ZRCS



On April 15, 2025, a delegation from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) visited Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) to explore potential partnerships in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and nature-based solutions.

The delegation was led by WWF Country Director Ms. Nalucha Nganga Ziba and included Chief External Engagement Officer Mr. Fungai Musana and Freshwater Programme Lead Ms. Beauty Mbale. They met with ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala, Netherlands Red Cross Country Representative Ms. Jo-Lind Roberts Sene, and members of the ZRCS Disaster Management Unit. The discussions focused on strengthening collaboration between humanitarian and environmental efforts. By integrating nature-based solutions with community resilience programs, both organizations aim to enhance protection for vulnerable populations and ecosystems affected by climate-related disasters. This meeting represents a significant step toward adopting integrated approaches for safeguarding communities and the environment through anticipatory actions.



ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala and WWF Country Director Ms. Nalucha Nganga Ziba



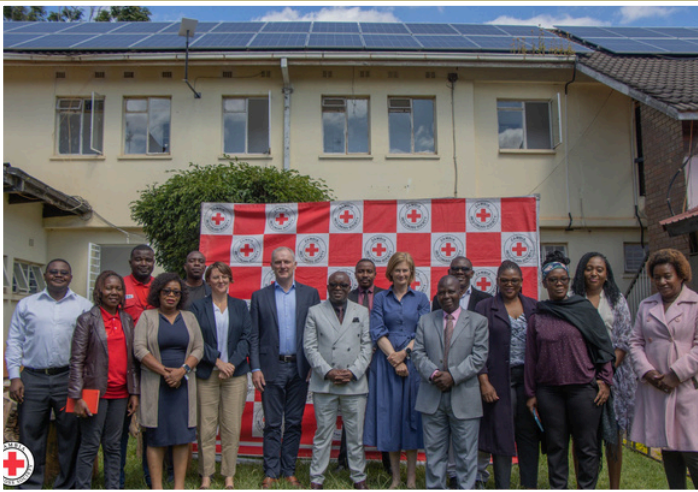
WWF Pays a Courtesy Call on ZRCS to Discuss Potential Partnership and Collaboration Between the Two Organizations



WWF Delegation headed by the Country Director Ms. Nalucha Nganga Ziba (Far Right), Chief External Engagement Officer Mr. Fungai Masana (Centre) and Freshwater Programme Lead Ms. Beauty Mbale (Left)



NETHERLANDS RED CROSS LEADERSHIP VISITS ZAMBIA RED CROSS SOCIETY



Netherlands Red Cross Secretary General, Harm Goossens, and Netherlands President Ms. Heleen Kersten pose for a group photo with ZRCS Secretary General, Director of programs, and managers from various units within the national society

On June 5, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) welcomed Harm Goossens, who is the Secretary General of the Netherlands Red Cross, and Heleen Kersten, who is the Netherlands Red Cross National President. This visit reaffirmed the strong partnership between the two National Societies.

During their stay, the delegation visited the Mazabuka District in Southern Province to witness the impact of the ECHO-PP project. Key highlights included rehabilitated boreholes that provide clean water to communities, upgraded school classrooms that enhance learning environments, and newly constructed animal troughs that support livestock health. These interventions aim to improve living conditions and build resilience among communities in Mazabuka District.

The delegation also met with Satellite Disaster Management Committees (SDMCs), which emphasized ZRCS's vital role in strengthening community resilience.

"This visit reinforces our shared commitment to local humanitarian action," said ZRCS National President Martin Ng'onga.

Netherlands Red Cross President Heleen Kersten echoed this sentiment, stating, *"We value this partnership and look forward to deepening our impact."*

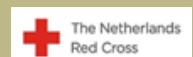
Together, the collaboration continues to transform lives, ensuring that vulnerable communities are better prepared for crises.



Netherlands Red Cross Secretary General, Harm Goossens, and Netherlands President Ms. Heleen Kersten meet Mazabuka District Administrative Officer Mr. Timothy Mulenga during the visit in Mazabuka to appreciate the work done under the ECHO-PP project



Netherlands Red Cross Secretary General Mr. Harm Goossens and President Ms. Heleen Kersten meet with Mazabuka's Satellite Disaster Management Committees and tour completed ECHO-PP Project interventions, including animal troughs and rehabilitated boreholes





COMMEMORATING WORLD RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT DAY - ZRCS MANSA BRANCH

On May 8, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) joined the global Red Cross Movement in honoring the legacy of its founder, Henry Dunant, with a special commemoration event in Mansa. The event was attended by District Commissioner Ms. Ireen Chiweta, ZRCS National Information Chairperson Mr. Eusebious Musonda, and ZRCS Provincial President Mr. Ndalama, all of whom highlighted the impact of humanitarian action.

The celebration included a march-past led by volunteers, followed by the distribution of donated clothing and shoes to 85 vulnerable members of the community, as well as inmates at the Mansa Correctional Facility. The items, generously provided by LC Waikiki and individual well-wishers, offered tangible relief to those in need.

Ms. Chiweta praised the initiative, describing it as *"a beacon of hope for humanity."*

She also officially commissioned the new ZRCS Mansa Branch Office, which marks a significant milestone in expanding the Society's humanitarian outreach in the province.

The day underscored ZRCS's commitment to service, solidarity, and community resilience, cornerstones of the Red Cross mission.



The commissioning of the newly constructed ZRCS Mansa Branch by the Mansa District Commissioner, Ms. Ireen Chiweta



During the Commemoration of this year's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, ZRCS donated various Items to the vulnerable members of the community.

HONORING A CULTURE OF SAFETY

On April 25, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) partnered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security to recognize seven organizations for their outstanding workplace safety practices. The event took place ahead of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, which is commemorated on April 28. ZRCS celebrated companies that have prioritized employee well-being.

The award recipients included Zambeef Products Plc, ZANACO Bank, Garden Court Hotel, TotalEnergies, Stanbic Bank, Absa Bank Zambia, and ZESCO Limited. ZRCS commended these organizations for setting industry standards in occupational safety. Their commitment contributes to creating healthier and more resilient workplaces across Zambia.

"Safety isn't just a policy—it's a culture," stated ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala. "These leaders demonstrate that protecting workers' benefits everyone," he added.

The awards highlight ZRCS's ongoing efforts to promote safe working environments through partnerships with government and private sector stakeholders. Congratulations to all honorees for making safety a shared value.



ZRCS Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, presents a Workplace Safety Certificate of Excellence to Absa Zambia CEO, Mrs. Mizinga Melu, in recognition of the bank's commitment to workplace safety



ZRCS proudly recognizes seven organizations for prioritizing employee protection. of these organizations for making employee protection their top priority

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ZRCS HONORS ZAMBIA SUGAR FOR EXEMPLARY WORKPLACE SAFETY

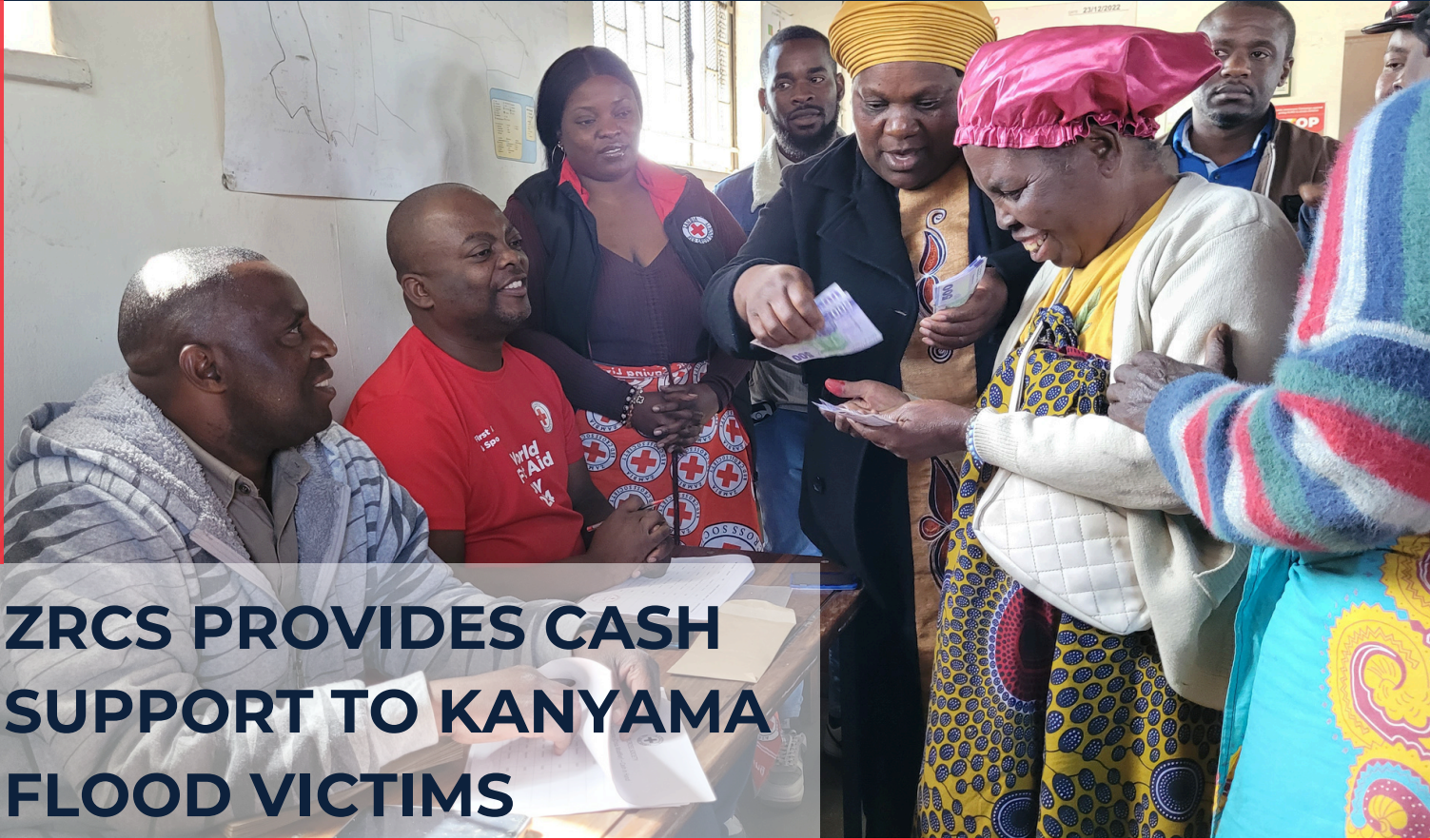


On June 10, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) recognized Zambia Sugar PLC for its outstanding commitment to employee safety during a visit to their Nakambala Sugar facility in Mazabuka. The company has exemplified the importance of workplace safety by ensuring that all staff members are trained in first aid, enabling them to respond effectively to emergencies.



During this engagement, ZRCS presented Zambia Sugar with a Certificate of Recognition for its exceptional safety standards, an honor received alongside nine other industry leaders last month. This award highlights their proactive approach to safeguarding employees by equipping them with practical first aid skills. Zambia Sugar has demonstrated that safety goes beyond theory; it is implemented daily through concrete actions. Their investment in first aid training sets a benchmark for corporate responsibility in workplace safety. ZRCS encourages other organizations to prioritize workforce safety by adopting customized first aid programs. Join us in equipping your team with life-saving skills and become part of Zambia's growing network of safety-conscious companies.





ZRCS PROVIDES CASH SUPPORT TO KANYAMA FLOOD VICTIMS



On June 13, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) provided cash assistance to 45 families displaced by flash floods in Kanyama Constituency earlier this year. Each family received ZMW 2,000 per month for three months, totaling ZMW 6,000. This support aimed to help the affected families cover rental costs after losing their homes.

The assistance was funded by the Netherlands Red Cross through the Response Preparedness III (RPIII) project. This initiative followed ZRCS's earlier distribution of essential relief items, including blankets, mosquito nets, 20-liter containers, sleeping mats, security lamps, and multipurpose bar soap, to the displaced families.

Lusaka District Commissioner Mrs. Rosa Kayuni Zulu attended the handover event.

At ZRCS, we remain committed to supporting communities in times of crisis and helping them rebuild their lives.



Families displaced by the floods earlier this year in Kanyama and Chaisa compounds of Lusaka

TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY

ECHO-PPP LESSONS LEARNT TO EVALUATE THE PROJECT'S SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES



Since May 2022, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS), with funding from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO PP) and support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Netherlands Red Cross (NLRC), has been implementing a three-year project in Mazabuka, Choma, Monze, and Namwala districts.

The project aims to empower disaster-prone communities to take proactive measures by anticipating, preparing for, withstanding, responding to, and recovering from disasters through innovative and integrated strategies.

The ECHO-PP project focused on three thematic areas: disaster risk reduction, epidemic preparedness and response, and cash and voucher assistance.

As the project nears its conclusion this year, on June 20, 2025, ZRCS and its partners convened a lessons learned meeting to discuss and document the project's successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

The meeting brought together representatives from various government ministries and supporting partners, including the Netherlands Red Cross, to review the project's implementation. The insights gathered will contribute to enhancing the National Society's project management best practices in the long run.



ZRCS AND MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION SIGN A 2-YEAR MOU



ZRCS Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, exchanges an MOU with the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation's Permanent Secretary, Romas Kamanga

He stated that the MoU should not just remain a ceremonial agreement but must be activated through action plans, coordinated implementation, and ongoing monitoring to ensure tangible impact on the ground. "This collaboration will also align with Zambia's Vision 2030, the Eighth National Development Plan (8NDP), and Sustainable Development Goal 6, ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all," he said.

In his remarks, Zambia Red Cross Society Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, reaffirmed ZRCS's role as an auxiliary to public authorities in humanitarian efforts. "Zambia Red Cross Society is fully committed to supporting the government's vision for improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services," he said. "Through this MoU, we will work hand-in-hand with the Ministry to implement vital projects, particularly in underserved areas where access to clean water and proper sanitation remains a pressing need."

This collaboration aligns with ZRCS's strategic goal number 2, which states that people lead safe, healthy, and dignified lives and have the opportunity to thrive. Over the next two years, the partnership will focus on innovative solutions, community engagement, and capacity-building to create lasting change in Zambia's WASH sector.

Water Development and Sanitation (MWDS). This strategic partnership aims to strengthen collaboration and coordination in the sectors of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).

The MoU sets out a strengthened emergency response in times of disasters, promotes hygiene awareness on community behavioral change, and builds climate-resilient and modern WASH infrastructure.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, MWDS Permanent Secretary, Engineer Romas Kamanga, highlighted that the partnership comes at a time when the country continues to face complex WASH challenges from infrastructure gaps to the growing impacts of climate change.



Signing of the MOU between ZRCS and the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation aimed at strengthening collaboration in the areas of Water, Sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

ZAMBIA RED CROSS SOCIETY JOINS THE WORLD IN COMMEMORATING WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2025



On June 25, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) joined the global community in commemorating World Refugee Day. This year's theme, "Ubuntu in Action," emphasizes the importance of compassion and solidarity with refugees.

The event was attended by the Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Hon. Jack Mwiimbu. World Refugee Day is an international observance established by the United Nations to honor refugees worldwide. The day recognizes their strength and courage, raises awareness of their challenges, and calls for global support and protection for those who have been forced to flee their homes.

As part of its initiatives, ZRCS supports refugees through its Restoring Family Links (RFL) program, which operates in association with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). This program aims to reunite families separated by conflict, natural disasters, migration, or other crises. In Zambia, RFL services are available at Mantapala Refugee Camp, Meheba Refugee Camp, and Makeni Transit Camp. Through these services, ZRCS continues to bring hope to refugees by reconnecting them with their loved ones.



IFRC DELEGATION VISITS KAPIRI MPOSHI TO MONITOR ZRCS OVC PROJECT IMPACT



IFRC Delegate visits Mulungushi Primary School to witness activities implemented under the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs including the planting of trees

On Thursday, 3rd July 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) received delegates from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Pretoria Cluster Office for a monitoring visit of the Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project in Kapiri Mposhi District, Central Province.

The visit aimed at appreciating the work ZRCS is implementing under Phase One of the OVC project, which focuses on enhancing the well-being, protection, and access to essential services for orphans and vulnerable children in Kapiri Mposhi District. Phase One of the project focused on improving school retention, access to healthcare, and psychosocial support for orphans and vulnerable children through the efforts of care facilitators, teachers, and community structures.

During this visit, the IFRC delegation, comprising Faith Dube (IFRC Pretoria Cluster Office Health and Care Coordinator) and Linda Nene (IFRC Pretoria Cluster Office Health Programmes Officer), visited Mulungush Primary School, which is now Baraka Primary School, where they met the school head teacher, Mr. Kalunga Emmanuel. They discussed matters related to pupils' attendance records, school health interventions, and teacher engagement to assess the impact of the OVC project in the community.

The IFRC delegation was accompanied by Ruth Asaile Muzizi, who is ZRCS Health & Care Manager, Henry Kapyra, who is ZRCS Kapiri Mposhi Branch President, and project officers.



SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS KICK OFF MEETING



Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) hosted a 2-day strategic reorientation workshop for the Saving Lives & Livelihoods (SLL) programme under the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), funded by the Mastercard Foundation. The SLL project aimed to strengthen Africa's ability to respond to future epidemics and pandemics. The programme's key focus areas are risk communication and community engagement, vaccine provision (including COVID-19), and life-course immunization. The primary objective of this workshop is to equip National Societies with knowledge of the programme's scope, compliance, and reporting requirements, in line with the Mastercard Foundation's donor guidelines.

Dr. Lul Rick, Africa CDC Regional Director for the Southern Africa Regional Collaborating Centre, graced the meeting. It was also attended by Secretary Generals from six Red Cross Societies, including:

- Zambia Red Cross Society Secretary General – Mr. Cosmas Sakala
- Zimbabwe Red Cross Society Secretary General – Mr. Elias Hwenga
- Malawi Red Cross Society Secretary General – Mr. Chifundo Kalulu (represented by Head of Health, Dan Banda)
- Namibia Red Cross Society Secretary General – Dr. Glynis Harrison
- Botswana Red Cross Society – Mr. Kuthlwano Mukokomani
- Lesotho Red Cross Society – Mr. Sechaba Mokhameleli
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Head of Delegation, Pretoria Cluster – Mr. Kopano Masilo

During the workshop, the teams discussed various program matters, including fostering collaboration among National Societies within the cluster to ensure timely grant implementation and effective use of funds, among other key issues.





ZRCS BOARD MONITORS CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE CONFERENCE CENTRE



On April 28, 2025, the board of the Zambia Red Cross Society visited the newly constructed Conference Facility located in the Libala South area of Lusaka. The team expressed their satisfaction that the National Society, in partnership with the Netherlands Red Cross, had initiated this important income-generating project.

The Conference Centre features multiple conference halls, a boardroom, and a restaurant. The meeting rooms are available for corporate board meetings and events, as well as for institutions and individuals seeking First Aid training.

Currently, the facility is a two-story building, with only the first floor completed and ready for use. The Zambia Red Cross Society is actively seeking additional support to finalize the completion of the second floor.





STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS: ZRCS ENGAGES WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT TO ENHANCE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

ZRCS National President Mr. Martin Ng'onga meets the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Mrs. Mutale WK Nalumango

In our ongoing efforts to enhance engagement and collaboration with public authorities while fulfilling our mandate, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) leadership established a biannual meeting with Her Honor, the Vice Republican President of the Republic of Zambia, Mrs. Mutale WK Nalumango. The purpose of these meetings is to update her on the activities and plans of the National Society in the humanitarian sector, aiming to improve complementarity and deliver coordinated, efficient, and impactful humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations.

On August 7, 2025, a delegation led by the National President, Mr. Martin Ng'onga, and the Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, met with the Vice President to provide an operational update. This report highlighted key achievements and lessons learned during the first half of 2025 as the national society worked to fulfill its mandate.

Mr. Ng'onga expressed gratitude to the Vice President for her commitment to supporting the efforts of ZRCS. He acknowledged her role in creating opportunities for the National Society to engage with her office and the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) on issues related to Disaster Risk Management (DRM) programming.

"We commend you, Your Honor, for the continued collaboration with us directly and through your key line ministries and departments, particularly the DMMU, as we collectively provide life-saving humanitarian assistance and developmental aid to vulnerable populations across Zambia," Mr. Ng'onga stated.

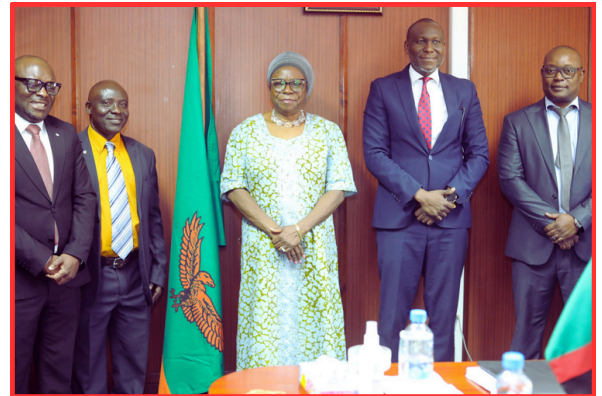
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During the meeting, the Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, presented ZRCS's nationwide program portfolio, which includes disaster preparedness, anticipatory action, public health, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), population movement, and climate change adaptation. This presentation underscored ZRCS's commitment to saving lives and improving the well-being of vulnerable communities.

In response, the Vice President, accompanied by Mr. Ndiwa Mutelo, Permanent Secretary for Parliamentary Business, reaffirmed the Government's recognition of ZRCS as a vital humanitarian partner and pledged continued support.

"I am pleased that ZRCS took the time to meet with my office to provide a humanitarian operational update report. ZRCS is a key stakeholder in managing emergencies and disasters. We need to continue working together, especially given the complexities of hazards caused by climate change. Humanitarian actors must remain innovative in handling and managing disasters," she remarked.

The Vice President also encouraged the National Society to enhance its developmental assistance beyond emergency operations.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT COORDINATION WITH MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORT & ARTS

Volunteerism is the backbone of the Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS). In line with its auxiliary role in supporting government efforts, ZRCS Director of Programs, Dr. Jack Bbabbi; Branch Development Manager, Mabvuto Ng'ambi; and Communications and Public Relations Manager, Esther Phiri, were invited by the Ministry of Youth, Sport & Arts (MYSA) to discuss youth engagement between ZRCS and the Ministry.

During the meeting, MYSA Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe expressed a strong interest in establishing a partnership to ensure that young people are fully engaged.

Dr. Jack Bbabbi provided an overview of ZRCS activities, highlighting that 75% of the organization's members are youths. The Permanent Secretary confirmed that entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) would enhance the mission and vision of the Ministry.



ZRCS Director of Programs, Dr. Jack Bbabbi (second from right), shakes hands with MYSA Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe (second from left)

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

The Fundamental Principles express the values and practices of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. They have served as both a guide for action and a common identity for our Movement for over 50 years, and are written in the [Statutes of the Movement](#).



HUMANITY



IMPARTIALITY



NEUTRALITY



INDEPENDENCE



VOLUNTARY SERVICE



UNITY



UNIVERSALITY



ZRCS COLLABORATES WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE HEALTHCARE AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN LUSANGAZI DISTRICT



In a demonstration of effective public-private partnership, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) led a high-level tour of its ongoing development projects for the District Commissioner and government officials in Lusangazi District on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The event showcased significant progress aligned with the Zambian government's national agenda for improving rural infrastructure, particularly in healthcare, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

The tour highlighted the critical role of ZRCS in supporting the government's infrastructure development goals. Key projects include the construction and equipping of new health posts at the Satellite 30 and Lusandwa Health Facilities. These facilities are essential for decentralizing healthcare, featuring fully stocked delivery rooms powered by sustainable solar water reticulation systems to ensure a constant supply of clean water.

Beyond construction, ZRCS's initiative embodies a holistic model for sustainable development. The Society has trained local Area Pump Menders (APMs) to maintain water sources, thereby building community capacity and ensuring long-term functionality.



ZRCS has built and equipped health posts at Satellite 30 and Lusandwa Health Facilities to enhance community access to modern healthcare

GWEMBE DISTRICT COMMUNITY RECEIVES HIGH ENERGY PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS (HEPS) FOR DROUGHT RELIEF THROUGH ACUTE CRISIS PROJECT



ZRCS donated high-energy protein supplements (HEPS) to support communities affected by drought in Gwembe District, Southern Province, aiming to alleviate malnutrition in children under five years old

On August 8, 2025, the Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) officially handed over nutritional supplements valued at over K874,000 to the Ministry of Health in Gwembe District. The donation consisted of 500 bags of High Energy Protein Supplements (HEPS) aimed at combating malnutrition among vulnerable groups affected by the ongoing drought.

This initiative, funded by the Netherlands Red Cross, specifically targets children under five years old, pregnant and lactating women, and other groups most at risk due to the El Niño-induced drought that severely disrupted the 2023/2024 farming season.

During the event, Mr. Febian Habeenzu, speaking on behalf of the Gwembe District Commissioner, emphasized the critical need for such support: *“This handover comes at a crucial time when many families are struggling with food shortages caused by the drought.”*

We thank the Zambia Red Cross Society and its partners for their ongoing commitment to our community’s health and well-being.”

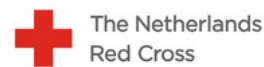
Dr. Jack Bbabbi, ZRCS Director of Programmes, highlighted the significance of this nutritional support, stating, *“This assistance will greatly improve the nutritional status of the most vulnerable individuals and help mitigate the effects of the drought.”*

Dr. Mary Miyomba, a member of the ZRCS Provincial Executive Committee for Social Welfare, described the initiative as *“a timely intervention that will save lives and build community resilience.”*

The handover in Gwembe follows a similar donation made to Sinazongwe District earlier this year, reflecting ZRCS’s ongoing commitment to transparency, partnership, and sustainability in disaster response throughout the country.



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