

ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP)

15th Annual Report 2017-18

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- ZAP has enabled a clean water source for Mandota Village (320 households)
- ZAP Zomba values your support
- The people of Zomba need more support
- ZAP can assist improvements in various ways with your support

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ZOMBA

ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP) is a registered charity established in March 2003 by Coleraine Borough Council and now supported by Causeway Coast and Glens (CC&G) Borough Council.

ZAP raises and manages funds for approved projects to help disadvantaged people in ZOMBA, MALAWI and in doing so helps give the CC&G community an increased world vision.

ACTIVITIES:

Working with partners in Zomba:

- To identify and supervise projects that contribute most to alleviating disadvantage
- Assisting communities to enjoy better health and education and move towards sustainable development

CC&G ZAP Board of Management

Chairperson and Treasurer: Rev Dr Terry McMullan, Secretary: Mr Paul Snelling, Committee Chairpersons: Church - Mrs Christine Adams, Development: Cllr William King MBE, Education: Mr Ken Ford, Health: Mrs Joyce McMullan.

Co-opted Members: Ms Roisin McCaughan, Yvonne Boyle,

CC&G Borough Council Representatives: Cllrs Brenda Chivers, Stephanie Quigley, Trevor Clarke, William Blair

ZOMBA ZAP Board of Management

Co-ordinator/Consultant: Dr Nellie Mbanu, Chairman/Consultant: Mr Zondiwe Mbanu, Secretary: Mr L K Mteleka; Treasurer: Mr Benjamin Khoswe, Vice Treasurer: Mr T V Matande; Committee Chairpersons: Church: Mrs M Maluwa Banda, Development: Mr E J B Sekeleza, Education: Mr D M Phiri, Health: Mrs Jean Machinjili

Zomba City Council Representative: Mr Fred Nankuyu (now 2018 Mr Busta Chiona)

Consultants: Maxwell Mjathu (Church), Wezi Mjathu (Development)

Administrator: Mrs Maureen Saukira

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



The year 2017/18 is the **fifteenth year of the Zomba Action Project** and my sixth and last year as Chair of ZAP.

Over the past fifty years since Independence, the population of Malawi has multiplied five times and now stands at over sixteen million. It is the most densely populated country in Africa, and is among the poorest nations in the world. The increase in the population has put great pressure on the arable land available to grow the food necessary to feed the nation. The economy is very small and is not able to meet the expectations of Malawians to provide jobs for the rising generation; nor can it develop the health services or provide quality education for its young people. It is important to note that the churches in Malawi assist in providing health care through their hospitals and clinics, education in the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors and some development work in local communities.

It was into this situation that the Zomba Action Project entered in 2003 and the **main aim of ZAP**, as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils, **was to work for the benefit of the most needy people and communities in the Zomba area.** Over the past fifteen years ZAP has funded church, development, education and health projects in the Zomba community with the support of people and organisations in the Coleraine and wider Northern Ireland community.

On 1 April 2015 the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) came into existence, and ZAP has continued to maintain the link with the Zomba City Council (ZCC). We were delighted when the CC&GBC agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ZCC. **Last September I was privileged to present the MOU to the Mayor of the ZCC, who signed it and welcomed the renewal of the relationship between the two Councils. We hope that the relationship between the two Councils will develop further over the coming years.**



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT continued:

In the past year ZAP has continued to fund development, education and health projects in the Zomba area which are delivered by our partners in Zomba. **We thank most sincerely churches, schools, communities and individuals in the Borough, and in other parts of Northern Ireland for supporting these projects.** We thank the members of the **Management Board of ZAP Zomba**, who are all volunteers, for their work in vetting the proposed projects and for forwarding to our Management Board the projects they have approved for funding.

In May last year the CC&GBC appointed four Councillors to the ZAP Management Board, namely William Blair, Brenda Chivers, Trevor Clarke and Stephanie Quigley.

We thank them for their participation in the work of ZAP, and we were delighted when Cllr Stephanie Quigley agreed to visit Zomba in April this year with Yvonne Boyle and Paul Snelling.



The ZAP Management Board is facing the challenge of engaging with churches, schools and individuals in the CC&GBC area so that people in the whole borough will be able to contribute to the work of ZAP and bring much more help for projects in Zomba which is still a very needy area.

Finally I say **thanks** to my colleagues on the **ZAP Management Board** for their support and work over the past year in raising funds for projects, visiting schools and other organisations to promote the work of ZAP. I also say thanks to the members of the **ZAP Zomba Management Board** and its Committees who make a vital contribution in identifying, facilitating and monitoring ZAP funded projects and to **Emmanuel International** for implementing rural projects.

Terry McMullan

Data Protection

ZAP holds contact information for members and people who have attended ZAP meetings; also the ZAP accounts hold a record of all donations made by donors. This information will only be used for these purposes and will not be made available to anyone else. If you have any concerns, contact our secretary, Paul Snelling (07554357704), who will explain your rights and respond to your concerns.

ZAP CONTAINER GIFTS

Container items are really very much appreciated and reach people who wouldn't otherwise benefit from projects. We thank all those who donated knitted and crocheted goods, medical, dental and educational supplies. We are also thankful to the members of the ZAP (Z) Management Board volunteers for distributing these items through Community Based Organisations(CBO's), the hospital and educational institutions thus reaching people who would otherwise not receive any assistance with their needs.



Boxes of educational books, donated by schools, reaching Zomba for distribution.



Rollators, crutches and boxes of medical supplies arriving in Zomba



A few of the school children who received them



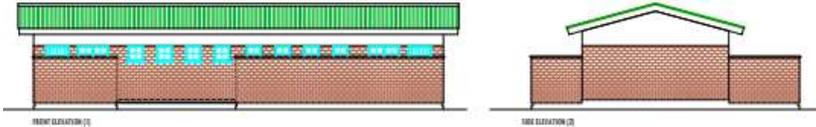
School uniforms start a new life

Women's group at St Charles Luwanga receiving sewing machines donated through Tools for Solidarity



Blind and partially blind University students who received computers with sound and large print software

Proposed Project for a Waiting Room and Reception Area at Sadzi Health Clinic



Patients currently have to queue outside in all weathers, including tropical sun and rain, until called in for examination.



Sadzi Health Clinic is a public health facility, owned by Zomba City Council and operated in partnership with the Malawian Ministry of Health. It **provides primary health care to a catchment of 30,000 people**, referring more difficult cases on to Zomba Central Hospital. The project cost will be £12,000. This project has been submitted from Zomba City Council through ZAP for support and it is hoped that CC&G Councillors and staff will give it their backing over the next few years.

WHAT COULD YOU DO?

There are many other needs in the Zomba area and if you, your church, your school, your organisation could take up the challenge then ZAP will provide you with details of a small or large project that you could support. Sponsoring students is an ongoing request. Please get in contact with ZAP as detailed on the back page.

Gifts can also be books, educational games and equipment, small knitted and crocheted goods, medical support equipment no longer needed, smaller musical instruments and other items that you think can be put to good reuse in Malawi. These are collected and sent in a container. We appreciate contributions to cover costs involved.

Hazelbank Beekeeping Projects

10 Beekeeping Clubs in communities benefit

Bee keeping clubs in 10 communities have each been funded to purchase 10 hives, 3 protective suits and associated support equipment to enable them to keep bees and harvest honey for family consumption and for sale as well as helping to conserve the environment.

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church in Coleraine, having previously supported the completion of an initiative by the Chinamwali CCAP in Zomba to provide primary school education, this year provided funding needed to support the development of beekeeping in areas around Zomba.



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SUMMARY OF ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP) ACCOUNTS

1ST APRIL 2017 TO 31ST MARCH 2018

INCOME SUMMARY	£	£
Opening Balance		
Current A/c	25,045.87	
PROJECTS AND DONATIONS		
Fund Raising	9,080.84	
Donations	<u>21,403.67</u>	30,484.51
Bank Interest C/A/c		<u>40.77</u>
		<u>55,571.15</u>
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
Projects in Zomba Area	26,012.54	
Freight Charges – Containers	<u>3,824.00</u>	29,836.54
Project Support (Coleraine)	1,933.84	
Project Support (Zomba)	<u>4,880.00</u>	6,813.84
Closing Balances		
Current A/c		<u>18,920.77</u>
		<u>55,571.15</u>

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ZAP DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

Year Ended 31 March 2018

PROJECTS/EVENTS

ZAP Gifts	7,520.84	
ZAP Concert 2017(Additional amount)	1,200.00	
Fireside Quiz	360.00	9,080.84

REGULAR DONATIONS

CC&G Staff	300.00	
NHSCT Staff	156.00	
Campbell Memorial Scholarships	1,200.00	
Other regular donations	720.00	2,376.00

DONATIONS BY CHURCHES/GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS £100 and over

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church (Beekeeping Projects)	4,500.00	
Ballywillan Presbyterian Church Outreach Fund	1,000.00	
Get Up & Go Walking Club Kilrea	1,000.00	
Rosemary Presbyterian Church	700.00	
1st Castlederg Presbyterian Church Sunday School	440.00	
Kilrea Primary School (For pupil sponsorship)	275.00	
		7,915.00

OTHER DONATIONS

Donations	1,011.00	
Stockman Scholarship	1,000.00	
Individuals £300+	3,195.00	
Subscriptions		5,206.00

GIFT AID	5,906.67	<u>5,906.67</u>
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TOTAL **£30,484.51**

Note: If you are an Amazon customer, Amazon will contribute 0.5% of the value of your orders to ZAP; just use smile.amazon.co.uk and specify Zomba Action Project as your nominated charity. There is no cost to you, the customer.

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ZAP PROJECTS 2017-18

Educational Materials for Zomba Prison	500.00
Chikonde Women's Group Adult Literacy	770.00
Hazelbank - Chinamwali Classrooms (Further payment)	3,375.00
2 Bicycle Ambulances	806.00
Children's cancer Care and Support	600.00
Scripture Union Training Centre Renovations	2,600.00
Hazelbank Beekeeping projects	4,500.00
Likuni Phala Orphan Children's feeding support	775.00
Chiwaula Village Integrated Project 368 Households (Bicycle Ambulance, Shallow well, 18 Goats, 350 Fruit trees, Solar fruit drier)	2,755.00
Campbell Secondary School Scholarships	1,568.00
Hazelbank Secondary School Scholarships	507.00
Stockman Secondary School Scholarships	781.50
Clarke Memorial Sec School Scholarships	350.00
Moore Scholarships	552.00
Maupe Sponsorship	500.00
Additional Secondary School Scholarships	1,927.47
6 Sponsored Tertiary Scholarships	2,462.00
Solar Lights Pilot Project	100.00
Wind up Torches for students	177.60
Computers	281.97
Flood Relief	<u>124.00</u>

26,012.54

Boxes of a range of educational materials, children's and baby clothes and blankets, medical supplies, computers, crutches, wheelchairs, toys etc were sent in part container loads

3,824.00

TOTAL

£29,836.54

DENTAL SERVICE IN ZOMBA AREA HOSPITAL GREATLY IMPROVED

It took 3 years and £2000 transport costs to achieve a very worthwhile project which is a great improvement on what was available and is now greatly appreciated.



2015 proposal received from Dental Department of Zomba Hospital asking for dental equipment. Jean Machinjili wrote: "I feel they really need help because the place is in a pathetic state but they cater for almost the whole Eastern Region"

2016 With help of dentist, Lynne Henderson and Eamonn Devlin of Henry Schein, redundant chairs were sourced and donated by Northern Health & Social Care Trust. They were then dismantled and packed for container to Zomba by Eamonn – quite a job. Thank you Eamonn

2017 – Arrival of chairs in Zomba in crates in container. Following the formal presentation to the Deputy Director the installation of the chairs was carried out by the hospital technicians.

2018 A refurbished and better equipped Dental Department is now serving a wide area around Zomba. It was visited in April 2018 by Paul, Yvonne and Stephanie.

Support Zomba Action Project (ZAP)

-  **Make a donation large or small – One off or regular**
-  **Support Fundraising Events or organise one**
-  **Through ZAP Gifts – identifying how your gift is used**
-  **Serve on a Committee and/or assist with promotion activities – web site and general communication**
-  **Sponsor scholarships or particular project support**
-  **Volunteer to visit Zomba on a team**
-  **Supply and/or fund items for containers**

Thank you to those who already support in these ways

If you can make a donation to **ZAP** please complete:

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ E-mail Address _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to Zomba Action Project (ZAP), and send it to **ZAP c/o Cloonavin Building, 66 Portstewart Road, COLERAINE BT52 1EY.**

If you are a tax payer please complete Gift Aid: I am a UK taxpayer and I would like ZAP to be able to reclaim the tax which I have already made on this amount and any other donations I make to ZAP.

Signed _____

Date _____

Donations can also be made through <http://www.btplc.com/mydonate> Enter ZAP as your nominated charity and e-mail: joyce.mcmullan@tiscali.co.uk to let ZAP know of your donation.

**For more information or to request a speaker for your organisation contact: Zomba Action Project (ZAP) – Paul Snelling Mob: 07554357704
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