

# Summary of DFID's work in Zambia 2011-2015

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## Why we work in Zambia?

More than a decade of growth, built on sound economic policies and a strong business environment, has brought Zambia to the point of lower middle income status. This impressive growth has attracted major foreign investment, notably in the mining sector, which has helped urban poverty to fall by a third from 1996-2006. However, as mining employs only 50,000 people and currently contributes about 3% of GDP in tax revenue, it has had little impact on the lives of the poorest people in Zambia. Three quarters of the rural population survive on less than a dollar a day mostly from subsistence farming, seasonal labour and petty trade.



In 2009 DFID funded the immunisation of nearly 1 million children.

In recent years significant progress has been made on Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets on child health, education and HIV/AIDS. However the targets on extreme poverty and hunger and maternal mortality remain severely off-track. Zambia still ranks 150<sup>th</sup> out of 169 on the 2010 UN Human Development Index. Key challenges in the next four years include reducing the number of children that are stunted, continuing to reduce the number of mothers that die unnecessarily in childbirth and increasing the number of people that have access to adequate sanitation.



Elatina Banda outside her new house which she was able to build with support received from the DFID-supported Social Pension Project in Kadula Village, Katete.

## What we will achieve

Over the next four years, DFID support will help:

- 100,000 additional small scale farmers gain access to improved agricultural inputs and advice
- 45,000 women and 209,000 children under five years of age to sleep under an insecticide-treated bed-net
- 200,000 additional couples access modern methods of contraception
- 94,500 of the most vulnerable people receive cash transfers
- 3 million additional people access improved sanitation facilities
- Over 3 million people exercise their democratic rights in the 2011 elections

## Who we will work with

The UK has strong historical ties and a well-established relationship with the Zambian Government and other donors operating in the country. We will use a variety of financial and technical aid instruments and partnerships, ensuring that each one is the best fit in the context of the results that we want to achieve.

UK aid will be delivered through both the Zambian government and other partners, in addition to our directly implemented projects. We will continue to work closely with the Zambian Government and other donors but we will also partner and support, civil society and private sector groups where appropriate.



With DFID support, 86 government health facilities will be able to provide emergency obstetric care to a third of Zambia's population by 2012.

## How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

In Zambia we are committed to embedding and improving value for money in the delivery of our entire country programme. Value for money assessments will be made for each programme using cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses. We will also ensure that all programmes have comprehensive monitoring and evaluation frameworks, including impact evaluation wherever possible. We already have significant evaluations under way and the lessons learnt from these will be used to develop future programmes both in Zambia and elsewhere. To help improve value for money and reduce the risk of corruption around all public spending we will continue to lead in the area of public financial management. We are also helping the Government of Zambia to reduce waste in its own budgets through improved public sector procurement and management.

To ensure greater transparency and accountability we will publish clear and concise information about our programmes on the DFID website and make information more accessible. We will continue to work with our partners to encourage them to be more transparent in accounting to their stakeholders on their decisions, results and use of resources. We will also continue to involve beneficiaries in the design, monitoring and evaluation of our programmes as this will provide useful feedback on what has and has not been successful.

## More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Zambia's Operational Plan, please visit: [www.dfid.gov.uk/zambia](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/zambia)

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