



ZAMBIA RED CROSS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER JANUARY TO MARCH 2025

Welcome to Zambia Red Cross Society's newsletter!

We are excited to share updates and stories from the heart of humanitarian action and community resilience during the first quarter of 2025. From January to March, we remained steadfast in our commitment to transforming lives through innovative and sustainable solutions that uplift the well-being of those we serve. In this newsletter, you'll find inspiring stories of hope, updates on our programs, and enhancement on our mission which is to save and improve the quality of life of vulnerable communities in Zambia. From disaster preparedness and response to health initiatives and community infrastructure development, we highlight the incredible impact we are making in people's lives.



5 POINT PLAN IN KABWE AND CHIBOMBO

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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ACRONYMS

AA	Anticipatory Action
BEC	Branch Executive Committee
CVA	Cash Voucher Assistance
DMMU	Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit
EA	Early Action
EWS	Early Warning System
IBF	Impact Based Forecasting
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
NFIs	Non-Food Items
NS	National Society
PEC	Provincial Executive Committee
PNS	Partner National Society
RCCE	Risk Communication and Community Engagement
RCRC	Red Cross Red Crescent
RFLs	Restoring Family Links
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nation Children's Emergency Fund
VAU	Volunteer Aid Unit
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WFA	Workplace First Aid
ZRCS	Zambia Red Cross Society

A Message From ZRCS National President



Across the globe, regionally, and here at home, communities continue to face escalating emergencies driven by climate change such as floods, droughts, food insecurity, and health crises like epidemics and pandemics. These challenges have tested the capacity of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide, demanding even greater efforts to support vulnerable populations. Yet, they have also presented opportunities to strengthen our humanitarian response, build resilience, and save lives and livelihoods.

Zambia has not been spared, enduring outbreaks of cholera, anthrax, and Mpox, a devastating drought declared a national disaster in 2023/2024, and re-occurring hazards like floods and food insecurity. Despite these challenges Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) has expanded its operations, reinforcing its role as auxiliary to public authorities. Through strategic partnerships with both governmental and non-governmental organizations, we have amplified our reach and impact, ensuring more communities receive critical humanitarian aid.

Our growth as a National Society is evident in our expanding volunteer base, now at 7,975 members, 74% of whom are youth and our network of 67 branches across all 10 provinces. Notably, 199 persons living with a disability have joined as volunteers, underscoring our inclusivity. The recent induction of a new Governing Board marks another milestone, enhancing governance and positioning ZRCS for more effective local action.

As we navigate an era of increasing disasters, we remain committed to innovation and transformation, ensuring we meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more resilient Zambia—one life, one community at a time.

Martin Ng'onga
Zambia Red Cross Society National President

FOREWORD- Secretary General



As we embark on the year 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) builds on the resilience and lessons of 2024—a year marked by climate shocks, disease outbreaks, and socio-economic hardships. Our first-quarter efforts have focused on proactive solutions, from cholera response in high-risk districts to drought mitigation, ensuring we meet communities' urgent needs while strengthening long-term resilience

Collaboration remains at the heart of our impact. With support from the RCRC movement and partners, ZRCS has amplified its humanitarian reach this quarter. Together, we've delivered WASH infrastructure, cash assistance, and health interventions, translating challenges into opportunities for sustainable change.

While financial constraints and operational hurdles persist, our unity as a National Society—staff, volunteers, and leaders—fuels progress. The seamless transition to the new Board in December 2024 reflects our collective commitment to governance excellence and adaptive leadership.

This newsletter captures ZRCS's journey from January to May, a testament to the power of community-driven action.

Join us as we celebrate milestones, address gaps, and advance our mission to save lives and change minds.

Cosmas Sakala
Secretary General/CEO

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On 17th February 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) held a comprehensive induction for its newly elected Board, following their election on 15th December 2024. The session equipped board members with essential knowledge on governance, strategic planning, and financial stewardship, ensuring they are well-prepared to guide ZRCS's humanitarian mission.

The induction focused on the Board's critical role in aligning with the organization's commitment for transparency, accountability, and effective leadership. A fresh perspective from the board is a dedication that will be instrumental in advancing the mission, the vision and the core values of the National Society.



Following their induction, the newly inaugurated Zambia Red Cross Society Board plants a tree at HQ, symbolizing their rooted dedication to growth, resilience, and sustainable humanitarian action

APPOINTMENT OF ZRCS SECRETARY GENERAL

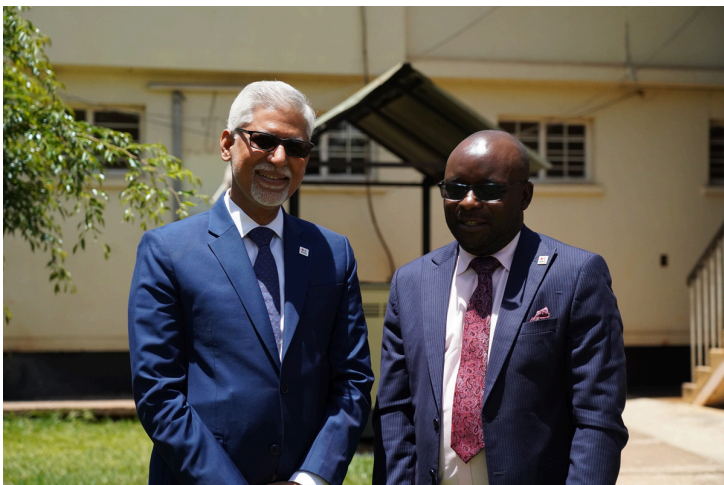


Mr. Cosmas Sakala, Secretary General

On 22 February 2024, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) appointed Mr. Cosmas Sakala as its new Secretary General and CEO. With 22 years of experience in NGOs, corporate, and humanitarian sectors, Mr. Sakala brings deep expertise in public health and development. He joined ZRCS seven years ago as Health and Care Manager and rose through the ranks due to his dedication and leadership.

A seasoned professional, Mr. Sakala holds a Master's degree in Public Health and has served in various supervisory and management roles. His extensive background equips him to steer ZRCS's mission of saving lives and building resilient communities.

As Secretary General, Mr. Sakala is committed to strengthening ZRCS's programs, partnerships, and impact across Zambia. His vision aligns with our core values of compassion, integrity, and service to humanity.



ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Secretary General Mr. Jagan Chapaigh



ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala and ZRCS Director of Programs Dr. Jack Bbabbi

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REBUILDING LIVES FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN SIAVONGA AND GWEMBE DISTRICTS



Farming Inputs, Including Seeds and Fertilizers, Distributed to 1,000 Farmers in Siavonga and Gwembe Districts to Strengthen Long-Term Food Security and Sustainability.

Following the 2023/2024 drought, many families in Siavonga and Gwembe districts were affected by the drought and faced food insecurity. On 13th January 2025, with the support of Netherlands Red Cross, the drought response Project supported small scale farmers with farming inputs to 500 small scale farmers in Gwembe and 500 small scale farmers in Siavonga. Each beneficiary received agricultural inputs such as maize seed, sorghum, cowpeas, okra seeds, and fertilizers, along with capacity building in Climate Smart Agriculture training for 60 lead farmers.

ZRCS collaborated with local stakeholders to ensure fair distribution, targeting the most vulnerable households. Farmers expressed gratitude, noting the inputs would help them recover and secure food for their families. One beneficiary in Gwembe stated, *"This assistance has restored our hope. We can now sow again and feed our families."*

This initiative addressed immediate food needs and also strengthened long-term resilience against climate shocks. By equipping farmers with tools and knowledge, ZRCS is paving the way for sustainable agriculture and food security in drought-prone regions.



ZRCS Teams Conduct Beneficiary Verification Before Distributing Vital Farming Inputs to Drought-affected Families in Siavonga and Gwembe.



Beneficiaries Receive Farming Inputs from Zambia Red Cross Society Under the Acute Crisis Project, Aimed at Building Strengthening Food security

OF BENEFICIARIES 1, 000

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOLLOWING FARMING INPUTS:

- 5KG OF SORGHUM
- 250G OF OKRA SEEDS
- 5KG OF COWPEAS
- 50KG OF UREA FERTILIZER
- 50KG OF D-COMPOUND FERTILIZER



AID ASSISTANCE - FAMILIES HIT BY CYCLONE CHIDO IN NYIMBA AND SINDA DISTRICTS

In response to Cyclone Chido's devastating floods, on 20th January 2025, ZRCS in partnership with DMMU provided critical aid to 150 vulnerable households (750 people) across Nyimba and Sinda districts in Eastern Province.

Targeting the most at-risk groups which included the elderly, pregnant women, and child-headed, homes. The team distributed food items such as beans, cooking oil, dates and non-food items such as chlorine, 20-liter water containers, blankets, and iron sheets to help families recover.

Beyond material aid, ZRCS launched WASH initiatives to prevent disease outbreaks, conducting hygiene promotion sessions on water treatment, handwashing, and cholera prevention.

This integrated approach enabled the communities meet their immediate needs and also preparing them for long term interventions.



ZRCS Distributes Emergency Supplies (Chlorine, Water Storage Containers, Blankets & Hygiene Kits) to Flood-affected Families in Nyimba, Eastern Province



ZRCS Volunteers Distribute Essential Food and Non-food Items to Flood-affected Families in Nyimba Ward, Nyimba District, Eastern Province

OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- NEUTRALITY
- UNITY
- UNIVERSALITY
- VOLUNTARY SERVICE
- HUMANITY
- IMPARTIALITY
- INDEPENDENCE



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTABILITY—1,500 TREES PLANTED IN SCHOOLS IN KAPIRI MPOSHI

Climate change continues to threaten Zambia's agriculture, health, and environment. To combat its effects, ZRCS launched a tree-planting initiative on January 27, 2025, at Mulungushi Primary School. A total of 1,500 trees (both fruit and non-fruit varieties) were planted across five schools in Kapiri Mposhi District, helping to restore ecosystems and provide nutritional benefits.

The event brought together ZRCS officials, government representatives, and local partners. Mr. Henry Kapya, ZRCS Kapiri Mposhi Branch President, highlighted the initiative's dual purpose: "By planting these trees, we're not only fighting climate change but also teaching children the value of preserving our environment," he said. Each school received 300 trees, along with gardening tools like wheelbarrows and hoes to ensure proper care.

This effort is part of the OVC Project's fourth phase, supported by the Japanese Red Cross. By investing in both the environment and education, ZRCS is creating lasting change, one tree at a time.



Pupils Eagerly Receive Trees for Planting, Actively Participating in the Green Initiative to Foster Environmental Awareness and Sustainability



School Head Teachers Demonstrates Tree planting at Mulungushi Primary School, Joined by the Kapiri Mposhi Branch President Mr. Henry Kapya.



CHOLERA RESPONSE IN CHILILABOMBWE DISTRICT:



Volunteers Conducting Community Engagement on Cholera Prevention and Treatment



Volunteers set up an Information Desks and Oral Rehydration Point

When cholera hit Chililabombwe earlier this year, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) sprang into action. Working with partners, our teams distributed chlorine, set up Oral Rehydration Points and centres, and launched community education campaigns. From markets to schools, we've reached thousands with life-saving information on hygiene and early treatment.

The results speak for themselves: more families now purify their water, practice good hygiene, and seek help quickly when symptoms appear. Our strengthened Oral Rehydration Points in busy areas like Kasumbalesa provide immediate care, while improved data collection helps target responses effectively. Thanks to these efforts, cholera cases have dropped significantly. ZRCS remains committed to building community resilience against outbreaks. Together, we're proving that prevention and preparedness can transform health outcomes.



Oral Rehydration Point Set Up in Chililabombwe

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ANN NAKAWALA



EDDIE KAPANDULA



VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF ZRCS

Zambia Red Cross Society's impact in communities would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers.

Eddie Kapandula, Ann Nakawala, Emeria Lubunda, and countless others have been the driving force behind various activities and responses, demonstrating the power of volunteerism in humanitarian action.

From disaster response to community health initiatives, these unsung heroes have worked tirelessly to make a difference.

Their selfless service embodies the Red Cross spirit and reminds us that real change begins with people willing to serve others in their Communities

EMERIA LUBUNDA



DROUGHT RESPONSE- BOOSTING NUTRITION IN SINAZONGWE

On February 19, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) handed over 100 boxes of Plumpy'Nut supplements to Sinazongwe District Health Office. This donation, funded by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), supports communities recovering from drought-induced hunger. The event marked another step in ZRCS's efforts to combat malnutrition in vulnerable areas.

The Plumpy'Nut supplement donation builds on last year's donation & distribution of High Energy Protein Supplements (HEPS), bringing the total value of nutritional aid to K1 million.

These life-saving supplements are critical for children and families facing severe food shortages, helping them regain health and strength.

ZRCS remains committed to addressing food insecurity and malnutrition in drought-affected regions. Through partnerships and targeted interventions, we're ensuring that communities receive the support they need to recover and thrive.



A mother Feeds Her Child Plumpy'Nut, A Nutritional Supplement Aimed at Helping Malnourished children in Sinazongwe District, Southern Province



Plumpy'Nut Packs Donated to Sinazongwe District Health Office



ZRCS Donates Plumpy'Nut to Sinazongwe District Health Office to Combat Malnutrition in Under-5 Years Old Children



100 Plumpy'Nut boxes donated to Sinazongwe District Health Office



Zambia Red Cross Society Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala Hands Over Essential Relief Items to Families Displaced by Floods in Chaisa, Lusaka.



85 Flood-Affected Families Find Shelter at Chaisa Youth Skills Development Centre

ZRCS PARTNERS WITH DMMU TO SUPPORT FLOOD DISPLACED FAMILIES IN LUSAKA



ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala and DMMU Country Coordinator Mr. Norman Chipakupaku Tour Flood-hit Areas in Lusaka



Flooded Affected Homes in Kanyama, Lusaka, After Heavy Rains Left Homes Submerged and Families Displaced.



Flood Affected families at in Chaisa Receiving Relief items Donated by ZRCS and DMMU

On February 26, 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) provided essential relief items to families displaced by floods in Lusaka and Chilanga districts. Heavy rains destroyed homes, forcing many residents to evacuate.

Working closely with the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU), ZRCS delivered non-food relief items to 85 households in Chaisa Compound after assessing needs in flood-affected areas, including Kalundu (Chilanga), Villa Park (Kanyama), Blue Water (Chawama), Foxdale (Munali), and George Compound (Matero).

DMMU National Coordinator Mr. Norman Chipakupaku and Secretary General for Zambia Red Cross Society, Cosmas Sakala, visited the areas, to assess the flood damage firsthand.

The floods displaced 135 people, with 85 being housed at Chaisa Youth Skills Training Centre. Each household received 3 sleeping mats, 2-20-liter water containers, 2 mosquito nets, 1 solar lamp, 3 blankets, and 3 bars of multipurpose soap. Total relief items valued at ZMW400,000.

ZRCS also distributed cleaning supplies for the shelter and set up hand-washing stations to maintain hygiene at shelters. The organization also planned to provide cash assistance to support long-term recovery.

Through rapid response and strong collaboration with DMMU, ZRCS demonstrated its commitment to helping communities in crisis, proving that collective action makes a difference in difficult times.

ZRCS STRENGTHENS HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS



ZRCS Secretary General and in the Company of Managers from Various ZRCS Units Pay a Courtesy call on UNHCR Country Representative Ms. Preeta Lawat Her Office in Lusaka

In enhancing the Positioning Pillar for the National Society, on 18th March, ZRCS Secretary General (SG) Cosmas Sakala in the company of Managers from various Units within the National Society paid a courtesy call on United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR Country Representative Preeta Law in order to strengthen the partnership.

ZRCS SG also paid a courtesy call on the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, where Minister Mr. Collins Nzovu welcomed collaborations and discussions with regards to access to safe and clean water for communities, schools and public spaces



ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala Pays a Courtesy Call to Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu, Minister of Water Development and Sanitation, to Strengthen Collaboration on WASH Programs.

Mr. Sakala also paid a courtesy call on Ministry of Community Development and Social Services Minister, who was represented by the Director Social Services Patrick Choolwe in order to align social protection efforts during responses.

Both ministries committed to formalizing partnerships through a Memorandum of Understanding.

These courtesy calls demonstrate ZRCS's proactive approach to building Institutional relationships that enhance service delivery.



ZRCS Secretary General Cosmas Sakala Meets with Ministry of Community Development and Social Services Director Patrick Choolwe During a Courtesy Call to Strengthen Collaboration



ZRCS CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY 2025

On 7th March 2025, ZRCS staff kicked off pre-Women's Day celebrations at HQ with energy and zeal, embracing this year's theme which was: "For all Women & Girls: Rights, Equality & Empowerment." Secretary General Cosmas Sakala joined the festivities, flagging off a vibrant program filled with laughter and dancing.

On the 8th of March, the momentum continued as the women volunteers joined other organizations in a march past at the Showgrounds.

Guest of honor at the event Her Honour, the Vice President Mrs. Mutale Nalumango visited ZRCS stand which showcased products alligned to the theme.



Her Honour the Vice President Mrs. Mutale Nalumango Visits ZRCS Exhibition Stand During Women's Day Celebrations at Showgrounds in Lusaka



ZRCS volunteers Celebrating Womens Day2025 under the theme: 'For all Women & Girls: Rights, Equality & Empowerment.'

**2025 WOMEN'S DAY
THEME: FOR ALL WOMEN &
GIRLS, RIGHTS, EQUALITY &
EMPOWERMENT**



LIFELINE SUPPORT FOR DROUGHT-AFFECTED FAMILIES IN CHIKANKATA DISTRICT



Beneficiaries Queue to Receive Emergency Cash Assistance in Chikankata District, Southern Province



ZRCS's Emergency Cash Assistance in Chikankata District

In response to last year's drought declared a disaster, on 11th March 2025 ZRCS disbursed emergency cash assistance to over 5,863 households in Chikankata District. Supported by European Union through the ECHO-PP project, the program provided K600 monthly for four months to help families meet urgent needs like food and essentials.

This Cash and Voucher Assistance initiative offers flexibility to beneficiaries by allowing them to prioritize their most critical household need. The intervention aligns with the Republican President's disaster declaration and demonstrates ZRCS's commitment to offering community-centered support during disasters.



55-year-old Bonface Sing'andu, Receives in Nanzele, Chikankata District, Southern Province



ZRCS CELEBRATES YOUTH DAY 2025

On 12th March 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) joined the nation in celebrating Youth Day with energy and passion under the theme "Voices Amplified and Innovations Ignited." Our young volunteers demonstrated their commitment to humanitarian action, proving that the future of service starts with today's youth. Their enthusiasm and leadership was on full display as they engaged in various activities, showcasing the vital role young people play in driving positive change.

From community outreach to innovative projects, ZRCS youth stepped up and showed up, embodying the spirit of the day. Their dedication reminds us that empowering young voices is key to addressing current and future challenges. This celebration was not just about recognition but also about inspiring continued action and collaboration.

As we reflect on Youth Day 2025, ZRCS reaffirms its commitment to nurturing young leaders who will shape the humanitarian landscape. Together, we are amplifying voices and igniting innovations for a better tomorrow.



ZRCS Volunteers in Monze District Commemorate Youth Day 2025 – Showcasing the Vital Role of Young Humanitarians in Community Development



Marking Youth Day 2025: ZRCS Volunteers in Monze District Lead Celebrations, Highlighting Youth Engagement in Humanitarian Action

2025 YOUTH DAY
THEME: "VOICES AMPLIFIED AND INNOVATIONS
IGNITED."

COMMEMORATION OF WORLD WATER DAY 2025 IN ZIMBA DISTRICT

On 22nd March, ZRCS joined the rest of the world in commemorating World Water Day which was celebrated under the theme "Protection of Water Sources Amidst Climate Change and Pollution." The event was held in Chuundwe area in Zimba District, Southern Province, attended by ZRCS Disaster Board Member and ZRCS Secretary General. As a partner to Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, and in line with ZRCS auxiliary role, ZRCS participated in the official commissioning of Chuundwe Dam which is a critical water reserve for the community. The dam was commissioned by Honourable Collins Nzovu, MP, Minister of Water Development.

During the commemoration, Honourable Nzovu visited the ZRCS stand, where Epidemic Response Officer James Phiri provided an update on the organization's interventions related to water source protection amid climate change and pollution. Phiri highlighted various response efforts which included water source monitoring, as part of ZRCS's commitment to safeguarding water quality and public health.



Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu, Minister of Water Development and Sanitation, Visits ZRCS Stand During World Water Day Commemorations in Zimba District



ZRCS Joins Global World Water Day Commemoration, Showcasing Sustainable Water Solutions



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This Year's World Water Day was Commemorated Under the theme Protection of Water Sources Amidst Climate Change and Pollution

CHOLERA ELIMINATION PROJECT RESPONSE IN LUSAKA



FRC Country Support Program Coordinator Dr. Joseph Seriki Hands Over Donated Items to Lusaka District Health Office Public Health Specialist Ms. Lalisa Nambeye

On 17th March 2025, Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRC), with support from IFRC, donated essential protective gear to the Lusaka District Health Office to strengthen cholera response efforts. The donation included 200 sets of gumboots, 200 raincoats, 200 T-shirts, and 200 caps, equipping health workers and volunteers with the tools they need to act swiftly during outbreaks.

These items will play a crucial role in the Case Area Targeted Intervention (CATI) approach, which focuses on rapid response within the critical 48-hour window. Health teams will use the gear while disinfecting homes, testing water sources, and sharing life-saving information with affected communities. This initiative underscores ZRC's commitment to supporting frontline workers in the fight against cholera.



The Donated Items Aimed Strengthening Cholera Response by Boosting Safety for Cholera Responders



Donation to Lusaka District Health Office includes 200 Pairs of Gumboots, 200 Raincoats, and 200 T-shirts

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Zambia Red Cross Society Steadfastly Amplifies Mpox Response in Kalumbila



ZRCS Volunteers Lead Mpox Sensitization in Kalumbila District: Our dedicated Volunteers Conducting Door-to-Door Community Outreach in Kalumbila, Providing Mpox Prevention Education to Curb Transmission and Address Public Concerns

MONITORING OF ECHO PROJECT IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE



ZRCS Board Member Mr. Evans Mpangaiche Conducts a Monitoring Visit to ECHO-Funded Project Sites in Choma and Namwala, Ensuring Effective Implementation and Community Impact

On 23rd March 2025, ZRCS Mr Evans Mpangaiche Disaster Board Chairperson conducted field visits under ECHO-funded project sites in Choma and Namwala Districts. Their first stop was the newly constructed Provincial Warehouse in Choma, a strategic facility that will enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities across the region by stocking the most needed essential disaster response non-food items. The visit allowed the Board chairperson to assess progress and provide input in the ongoing initiatives.

In Namwala District, in Chilumino Ward, ECHO PPP project has transformed community access to safe and clean water through the construction of handwashing facilities, modern water reticulation system and animal drinking troughs. This integrated approach not only provides safe water for households but also for livestock. The infrastructure demonstrates ZRCS's commitment to sustainable, community-tailored solutions. Chilumino was identified as a safe haven, in a situation of crisis for communities

Board monitoring visits confirms that donor investments like ECHO's translate into tangible improvements for vulnerable communities. Such oversight strengthens both program quality and community trust in ZRCS's work.



New WASH Infrastructure Brings Relief to Chilumino, Namwala



ZRCS Board Member Mr. Evans Mpangaiche Inspects Newly Constructed Provincial Warehouse in Choma





5-POINT PLAN PROJECT BOOSTS CHILD IMMUNIZATION IN KABWE AND CHIBOMBO DISTRICTS

Zambia Red Cross Society volunteers conducted door to door checks to ensure communities have adhered to immunisation programs for their children who are under 2 years old. This activity identifies and confirms the importance of child immunization ensuring that all are protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

The 5 Point Plan Project is with the support of American Red Cross which strengthens routine vaccinations in communities. On March 28th, 2025, ZRCS Secretary General Mr. Cosmas Sakala joined volunteers as support from top leadership for this life-saving mission in remote areas.

Through this project, ZRCS is helping build healthier communities by making sure no child misses critical vaccines. The hands-on approach demonstrates our commitment to improving community health in Zambia.



ZRCS Secretary General, Mr. Cosmas Sakala, Interacts with Volunteers During the 5 Point Plan Door-to-Door Mapping Exercise



3ZRCS volunteers Using Bicycles to Reach Remote Communities as Part of the 5 Point Plan Mapping Exercise



A ZRCS Volunteer Conducts Door-to-Door Mapping to Assess the Immunization Status of Children Under Two Years Old.



ZAMBIA HOSTS SOUTHERN AFRICA PARTNERSHIP OF RED CROSS & RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES MEETING



The 2025 SAPRCS meeting, hosted by Zambia Red Cross Society, was Graced by the Presence of Her Honour the Vice President of Zambia Mrs. Mutale Nalumango

Zambia Red Cross Society (ZRCS) proudly hosted the Southern Africa Partnership of Red Cross (SAPRC) meeting in Lusaka on 3rd April 2025 at Southern Sun Hotel. The high-level gathering brought together Red Cross and Red Crescent top leadership from 10 Countries, Partner National Societies, and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and International Committee of Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC).

The opening session was graced by Zambia's Vice President, Her Honor Mrs. Mutale Nalumango who officially opened the meeting. She highlighted importance of innovative strategies for regional cooperation, and youth engagement in building resilient communities. On the second day of the meeting, delegates were joined by representative from the Permanent Secretary's office, Ministry of Youth and Sport Administrative Director of Youth, Sport and Arts Mr. Wezi Lukhele, who shared valuable insights on youth empowerment and regional collaboration.



Youths from Southern Africa National Societies During the Landmark SAPRCS meeting Held in Lusaka



ZRCS handed over WASH infrastructure which was in response to the cholera outbreak, to local authorities in Ndola and Kitwe Districts. The infrastructure, constructed in various health facilities, schools and public spaces such as markets in Lusaka, Kitwe, Ndola and Kafue districts was at a total cost of **ZMK 10 million**. Construction included solar-powered water reticulation systems, rehabilitation of water points, waterborne toilets, and handwashing stations. This was with the support of IFRC and various partners in collaboration with local authorities.



CHOLERA RESPONSE: CONSTRUCTION OF WASH INFRASTRUCTURE



Cholera response locations

in Kanshimu, Luongo, Luangwa, Kwacha, Kawama, Bulangililo, Kamatete Health Post, Mugala Health Post, Nkana East, Misaka Health Post, Ipusukilo, Wusakile, Ndeke Village Mini Hospital, and Mwaiseni, within Kitwe district. In Ndola district, the following locations were the areas of response, Masala market, Giddings Community Hall, Katondo Market, Mushili Old Market, Musa Kasonka Stadium, Zambia Compound, Targagan Market, Mine Masala, and Habitant Market



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