



The Luapula Foundation is a community-based organizations (CBO) supported by the SLF in Mansa, the capital of Luapula province, an area of beautiful rivers, waterfalls, lakes and wetlands in Zambia. It was established in 2001 by Anderson Zulu, Moses Zulu and Linda Lahme.

VISION • *to build a self-sustaining* Zambian community.

MISSION • *to empower* Zambian communities to be self-reliant through the provision of responsive and sustainable services in poor and vulnerable communities.

Projects support individual and community socio-economics and health. Below are its five guiding principles.

- 1) Focus on hard to reach and the underserved population;
- 2) Let the affected lead us the sustainable solutions;
- 3) Advance both health and human rights;
- 4) Use our partnership to achieve long-lasting impact until partners can carry on without us; and
- 5) Work within government framework (policies) to improve the systems.

#### Core Areas:

##### HIV Care and Prevention

- Behavior change to reduce HIV risk
- Support Development of Children up to 5 years exposed or confirmed with HIV: Luapula Foundation support the mothers nursing such children with early response activities that promotes brain stimulation.
- Promote Counseling and testing services among incarcerated men, women and adolescents. Luapula Foundation collaborates with local health office and prisons to make available counseling and ART (medicine) services in prisons.

##### Building social welfare delivery structural systems

- **Child Protection Programming:** The focus is to promote children’s rights in all areas in order to make services accessible to children in an inclusive way and led by the children themselves. Luapula Foundation works with the children to end child marriages, continue with education and fight against parenting with violence in Ndola and Luwingu Districts in Zambia.
- **Service Efficiency and Effectiveness for Vulnerable Children and Adolescents:** focus on promoting access of the services to the vulnerable children and adolescents
- **Organisation capacity building:** Since 2016, LF has been providing organisation capacity building services to six Firelight partners in Zambia focusing on governance, leadership, financial management, organizational policies as well as monitoring and evaluation among other aspects. (Firelight Foundation is another financial supporter of the Luapula Foundation.

“Access to medication has saved lives. But the medication needs to be accompanied by strong emotional support, healthy food, and clean water. Fighting HIV is not just a health issue, it's a social issue.”

