



REACH OUT AND HELP

Celebrating over 25 years

Why DAFA



Direct Aid for Africa (DAFA) was founded in 1996 with the sole purpose of supporting the underprivileged people of Zambia.

We are a non-political, non-sectarian organisation and are different from other charities in that nothing comes off the top, every penny of every donation goes straight to Zambia.

How do we achieve this? Not only do all volunteers give their time for free; DAFA operates a unique NGO - Public Partnership as the charity will fund the projects and the Zambian government will then run them.

DAFA aims to:

- Support community-based economic development projects, focusing on education, health care and self-help
- Give underprivileged children the opportunity to obtain an education, access to shelter and daily feeding programmes
- Give communities access to healthcare and medication

The founder

In Barney's words:

“I have been granted a great privilege by God; to live my dream – helping people less fortunate than ourselves. DAFA has been in operation for over 25 years, and at the moment we are working on a plan to carry on for at least the next 25 years.

If you can help – it will allow thousands of Zambians to live their dreams too. Remember they are also human beings with all the same thoughts and dreams that we have.

A wise man once said: “it is in the giving, we receive”. I believe he was 100% correct. I have never been happier; it's the best thing by far I have done in my life.”

Thank you.

Barney Curley
(1939-2021)

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Barney Curley.

On behalf of Barney, thank you and please continue to help what started over twenty five years ago – your support is as valuable now as it was then.

Key projects

Since 1996, DAFA has funded a number of community-based development projects. Let us tell you briefly about 2 of these projects, namely St. Dominic's Missionary Hospital and Yengwe Combined school.

St. Dominic's Missionary Hospital

One of DAFA's key priorities is to provide medical aid and support to the sick, and provide hospice care for the terminally ill. Located 18km from the nearest town, Ndola, St. Dominic's Missionary hospital caters to a surrounding population of 35,000. Previously a small clinic built on the site of an old beer hall, St. Dominic's has now achieved fully-functioning status and is one of the projects we at DAFA are most proud of.

The 125-bed hospital facility offers standard health care procedures, surgical and outpatient facilities, AIDS and Tuberculosis laboratories, dentistry services, vaccinations and even a designated pharmacy. Since 2016, DAFA has funded the construction of significant residential facilities for the medical staff working at the hospital and St. Dominic's treated 15,000 outpatients in the first three months of 2018.

Yengwe Combined School

Yengwe Combined School consists of 24 large classrooms, all funded by DAFA, that cater to 1,500 pupils in total. Thanks to our contribution, not only do the pupils have the opportunity to obtain an education, but they are also provided with lunch every single day as the majority of pupils do not get any breakfast and walk up to 8km each morning to get to Yengwe.

As of 2021, Yengwe now runs a combined school - running a primary and now a full secondary school from grade 1 to the newly established grade 12. DAFA has funded the expansion creating new classrooms such as the Science block and also makes use of equipment generously donated by Suffolk County Council. The school had its first grade 12s last year and the pass rate was 75%. School leavers are returning invaluable skills into the community through work. With help from DAFA some school graduates have become; clinical officers, nursing helpers and involved in purchasing for Yengwe and St Dominic's.



Building a new mission hospital in Chipata

Dateline: JULY 2021

A large consignment of medical equipment arrives from the United Kingdom to start kitting out this much needed local resource.

Social Context

- Nabvutika is a large compound within the city of Chipata in the Eastern Province of Zambia
- Population is estimated at 30,00 inhabitants with over 70% of this population living below the poverty line with little or no income
- High incidence of the Aids virus
- Aiming to cater for a total of 60,000 people from local catchment area.

The Medical Response

- Work started in 2017 with the building of a clinic or mini-hospital
- Set for completion in 2022 and will comprise, Maternity Theatre, X-ray Laboratory; Ultrasound; Dental surgery Dept. Eye Clinic, Pre-natal and post-natal
- 3 Staff houses
- All our constructions come under the supervision of the Ministry of Health.



DAFA: The Future

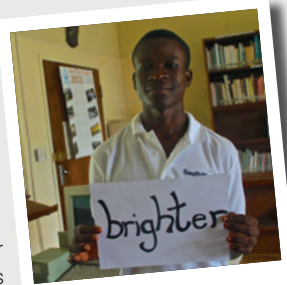
When you get to experience all the great work and all the hope that has been created among the people of Zambia through DAFA's efforts, you are left with the key question: "What can we achieve in the next 25 years?"

We plan to continue building on the expertise we have accrued in schools, hospitals and orphanages across Zambia. The key aim will always be to help the young people of Zambia experience a healthy and educated upbringing.

DAFA's volunteers will be creating a coherent 25-year strategy, which will outline our vision for the future and pinpoint how we can escalate the level of impact we can create.

Inevitably, this will entail the implementation of increased infrastructure in order to achieve our vision of a sustainable future. We will also be looking to partner with international NGOs such as World Vision and Save the Children in order to help direct their resources towards the key areas of child welfare.

We all take great inspiration from the work that DAFA's volunteers have engaged in since 1996. We look forward in the spirit of optimism and ambition towards the next 25 years, in which we hope to achieve our vision of a brighter future for all children across Zambia.





Acknowledgements

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary value created by the contributions of philanthropists and volunteers.

We would not have been able to achieve what we have without you.





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