



## ABOUT US

MCW Global is a non-profit organization with a vision for communities around the world to achieve greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security. Our mission is to address communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow. Founded in 1999, MCW Global is registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit based in New York City with affiliates in Africa (Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia). Across our Young Leaders and Africa Programs, we seek to act with integrity, compassion, accountability, responsibility, and excellence.

## MC-ZAMBIA

Established in 2011, MC-Zambia's community center is based in the center of Chanyanya (pop: 11,018), a fishing village nestled on a lagoon off the Kafue River, approximately 22 miles from the town of Kafue. Today, the center offers accredited programs in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Design, Cutting, and Tailoring, alongside a literacy program and youth-focused social programs. The local MC-Zambia Leadership Team (Board of Directors and Country Manager) oversees the center and its programs. MC-Zambia is registered as a non-profit under the Societies Act CAP 119 of the laws of Zambia.

## THE NEED

Most of Chanyanya's residents depend on fishing for their livelihoods. Since it is a seasonal occupation, the intense swings in economic activity take a drastic toll on people's lives during the year. During the off season, Chanyanya consistently sees increased poverty levels, high rates of alcoholism, and unemployment. During the fishing season, when people are driven by the need to reap as much profit as possible in a small window of time, families often take their children out of school to help the family business. Many of these children do not return to the classroom.

Chanyanya also lacks social opportunities for young people, which contributes to the high rates of illicit activities, such as alcohol and drug abuse. Young girl pregnancy rates are also high, along with the number of girls getting married at a tender age. Illiteracy rates for both children and adults are high, especially among young people. There is also a lack of access to clean and healthy water and sanitation health (WASH).

## OUR SOLUTIONS

The community center, the only one in the area, offers vocational, social, and literacy programs to everyone; however, children and youth are the ones who participate regularly. Behind our programs is the commitment to build community where children and youth become the young leaders of tomorrow.

**Vocational Training** – Launched in 2012, our vocational training programs – ICT and Tailoring – offer Zambians the practical skills they need to find employment and to secure a steady income either in existing businesses or at ones they start.

**Literacy Program** – Open to both young and adult learners, our literacy program, *Learn2Learn*, aims to help children reach literacy levels required to continue with their education; and adults maintain their literacy levels in order to improve their livelihoods. The program also organizes public debates and field trips for the students to national parks. It also supports a library.

**Social Programs** – Since 2012, we have offered youth a range of social activities, such as soccer, cultural clubs and majorettes. These activities provide them with the opportunity to speak about the issues affecting their lives and to come up with solutions. They also offer sensitization courses on critical health topics, who, in turn, share the information in the community. Recently, these courses have focused on hygienic and sanitation practices due to the lack of access to clean water.

## THE IMPACT

194	119	66	167	10
lives directly impacted by MC-Zambia in 2018	students have participated in ICT courses since 2015	students have participated in ICT courses in 2018	students have participated in Design, Cutting, & Tailoring since 2012	students have participated in Design, Cutting, & Tailoring in 2018

80%	276	106	118
of literacy program young students who have gone on to primary school	youth have participated in the literacy program since 2015	young students have participated in the literacy program in 2018	adults and young learners who participated in the literacy program in 2018

37	12	313
adults have participated in Literacy program since 2015	adults have participated in Literacy program in 2018	adults and young learners who participated in literacy program since the beginning

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