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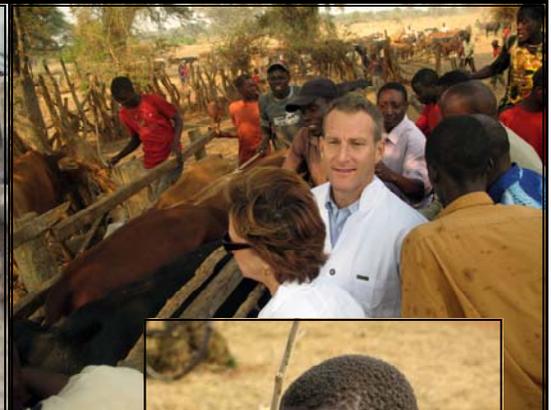
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HEALTHIER CATTLE = WEALTHIER FARMERS



A "herd health service" project, run by USAID partner PROFIT is improving lives of Zambian cattle farmers. (See next page.)

A Message from Chargé d'Affaires Michael Koplovsky



I am extremely delighted to join Ambassador Martinez' team at the U.S. Embassy in Lusaka. I feel lucky to be able to contribute to meaningful American initiatives in Zambia that tackle tough challenges such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, education, women's rights, economic development, and security. My U.S. Embassy colleagues and I have the satisfying task of helping Zambia become and remain, in the words of America's first diplomat, Benjamin Franklin, "healthy, wealthy, and wise."

On my first visits outside Lusaka to Mkushi, Kabwe, Chongwe, Kafue, and Ndola I met and spoke with farmers, nurses, teachers, businessmen, village headmen, and school children from all backgrounds. Over the next three years, I hope to explore much more of Zambia -- from the banks of the Zambezi to the shores of Lake Tanganyika -- deepening friendships and expanding partnerships, building understanding of each other and renewing trust by opening personal lines of communication.

The American people have demonstrated a strong commitment to Zambians' future health, education and welfare. My new job is to help Ambassador Martinez and the U.S. Embassy team put that promise into practice.

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GETTING TO KNOW...

Eda Mutale Lifuka



Eda Mutale Lifuka joined the Defense Attaché's office at the U.S. Embassy in May 2005, to work on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Program. Eda manages a program with a mandate to assist Zambian

Defense Forces by providing comprehensive and quality HIV/AIDS services to its military members and their families. The military is a uniquely at-risk population, which thrives on confidentiality, discipline and obedience.

"I have been able to learn a lot of important principles. Due to the nature of my job it has given me an opportunity to see how different people live in their different cultures, and to respect what people believe in. I can speak various local languages and intend to improve my French and maybe learn another international language."

Ms. Lifuka, an accountant by profession with an expertise in Project Management, previously worked for Medical Stores Limited for close to 12 years before moving to The Policy Project, which was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Eda has a passion for children and is a Sunday school teacher at her church. "My work keeps me busy a lot but I always make sure I go to church and spend time with the children."

U.S. GOVERNMENT HELPS ZAMBIAN FARMERS KEEP THEIR CATTLE HEALTHY

A \$17 million program funded by USAID and implemented by the Production Finance and Technology Project (PROFIT) is improving the lives of Zambian smallholder cattle farmers.

PROFIT focuses on helping smallholder cattle owners maintain healthy animals by giving them access to private veterinary services. The lack of veterinary access has been a major challenge for Zambian farmers over the past decade.

Dr. Stanley Njovu attends to the Lwiimba Community. With assistance from PROFIT, Dr. Njovu has designed the Herd Health Plan (HHP) for cattle-owning communities. Lwiimba, Nyangwena, and Chitentabunga communities have implemented HHP for the past 18 months. Through the plan, 700 animals now receive preventative health care services. Dr. Njovu is one of ten veterinarians offering Herd Health Plans across Zambia. There are around 5,000 cattle on contract with a further 15,000 to 20,000 animals receiving regular care through one-off services throughout the country.



Michael Koplovsky is briefed by Dr. Stanley Njovu at the Lwiimba Community Site.

Such veterinary health care practices have resulted in an estimated 48% decline in livestock disease and a 70% reduction in cattle death, saving Zambian farmers an estimated \$8,750 per year!

GETTING TOGETHER



Above: AIRC staff members Joseph Ngwira (front row, second from left) and Matilda Sakala (middle row, fourth from right) join colleagues from throughout Africa at the annual meeting of Information Resource Center Directors, held this year in Kampala, Uganda. The MLK Library in Lusaka was recognized at this year's gathering for its innovative spirit, high number of patrons and strong outreach programs.

Below: Visiting U.S. Journalist Herb Frazier compares Ndola baskets and hats to those of Americans of African descent from his native South Carolina. Mr. Frazier met with numerous journalists on his visit to Zambia.



Above: Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Koplovsky hands over 40 million condoms to Deputy Health Minister Dr. Lwipa Puma. The condoms were given to the Zambian government by the American people.



YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN JOIN PREVENTION EFFORTS TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS

Miriam Nachamba, 21, has several friends in her rural town who are sexually active. But she has made different choices because as an HIV/AIDS peer educator at Chibombo YMCA she knows very well the dangers of contracting the disease. She has enough information and the strength to say no to advances by men.

“My right time is coming, I don’t want to rush” she says. “When I was at boarding school, my friends who had boyfriends would tease me that I was not bright (because she would not have sex with them). But I have managed to challenge them.” As the eldest daughter in a family of 10, Miriam wants to set a good example to her younger sisters.

Her colleague Jonathan Gondwe, 26, is married and has a six-year-old daughter. He claims he went from drinking daily with friends and having more than one partner to becoming a



responsible family man. He recalls the times when he stayed out late with friends who took drugs and forced him to go out with girls. Now he no longer drinks and is faithful to his partner.

“I used to be an angry man. I would get upset if my wife offended me and would take revenge by going out with other women. But now I have learned to control my temper and I sit

down and talk to my wife.” For Jonathan, resisting pressure from friends was a big challenge. But he says “Anyone can change. We just have to convince our minds.”

In Zambia, where a significant number of people aged 15-44 engage in high-risk behavior, the International Youth Foundation (IYF), which supports the peer-education program under Empowering Africa’s Young People Initiative (EAYPI), focuses on the Girl Guides of Zambia, the Zambia Scouts Association, the Zambia YWCA, the Zambia YMCA and the Zambia Red Cross Society to reach out to the youth. In 2007, the IYF received \$490,332 from the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to help Zambians gain knowledge about HIV/AIDS, form values, and develop civic and leadership skills.

So far, 60 peer educators (27 women and 33 men) have received training at Chibombo YMCA and most of them are committed to the youth program. They are actively involved in identifying young people in schools and communities who are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and teaching them how to avoid the disease.

This year EAYPI estimates 33,300 Zambian youth will receive HIV/AIDS prevention education through 1,000 trained peer educators. The peer-to-peer approach promotes abstinence, being faithful and referrals for accessing voluntary HIV testing, condoms and other services for youth who are sexually active.

WHAT’S AHEAD

November 6th:

CIS COLLEGE FAIR

The Council of International School’s first-ever college fair in Zambia will take place at the American International School. 12 American and 4



Canadian universities will take part in the fair. The U.S. Mission Public Affairs’ Education Advising Center will also participate in the invitation-only event.

SPOTLIGHT:

Interactive Radio Instruction

The U.S. supports community education in Zambia through an innovative Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) program. The project, implemented by the Quality Education Services Through Technology (QUESTT) project, is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Since 2001, over 300,000 children have benefited from the enormously popular IRI radio program, “*Learning at Taonga Market*,” created for children outside conventional government schools. This year, over \$2 million went towards making “*Learning at Taonga Market*” available in all schools in Zambia. The program is heard by more than 100,000 students in over 1,000 community schools.



At Chibengelele Community School (*above*), near Chongwe, IRI started as a pilot program in 2000 for children from six villages. The first class was conducted under a tree, and the program has now grown to four teachers and 169 learners through grade 6. Through QUESTT, USAID has also provided \$300,000 to support income generation activities in community schools and \$45,000 to provide reading books to improve literacy.

U.S.A. ROWERS MAKE POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON ZAMBIAN YOUTH



Although the backdrop for the visit of the American rowing team from Brown University was an international regatta on the Zambezi River, just above Victoria Falls, the crew took time out to visit Zambian youths at Nakantindi Community School. There, the American crew learned about Interactive Radio Instruction (*see previous page*), including listening to the day's "Learning from

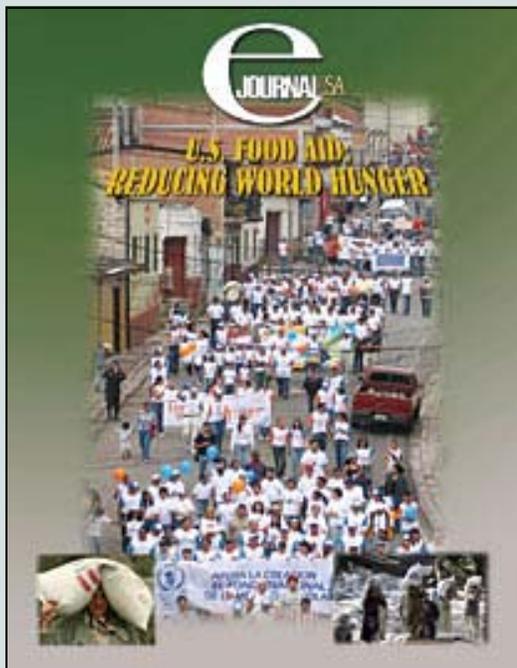
Taonga Market" episode. After the lesson, the Zambian students enticed the Americans into a friendly game of football. The world-class rowers, however, were no match for the skills of Nakantindi's best, who defeated the crew 2-1, in a friendly, well-played match.



AIRC Corner: What's Happening at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library

Electronic Journals (e-journals) from the U.S. Department of State

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/ites/0907/ijee/ijee0907.htm>



U.S. FOOD AID: REDUCING WORLD HUNGER

It is estimated that some 850 million people around the world suffer from hunger and malnutrition. Through articles written by NGO representatives and U.S. Government officials, this edition of eJournal USA describes some of the ways in which the United States government works through its agencies and in conjunction with international organizations and NGOs to provide food and assistance to save lives and to help hungry people feed themselves.

This eJournal features articles on ending world hunger, the green revolution, feeding the hungry through biotechnology, key players in food aid, and the American farmer and food aid. Another article, "Southern Africa's Triple Threat," outlines the relationship between HIV/AIDS and food aid.

View it online, or stop in to the MLK Library, in the COMESA Building, for this, and many other valuable publications.