

**Donor name:** Fondation Eagle

**Name of Charity:** Mary's Meals

**Foundation Eagle reference number:** FF695

**Date of grant accepted:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Amount granted and number of beneficiaries:** 51,000 CHF for pots and stoves for 125 schools across 4 districts in Zambia, benefiting 76,460 children

**Name and exact location of the project:** Provision of stoves and pots for 125 schools in Mambwe, Katete, Chipata and Chasefu districts in Zambia's Eastern Province

**Period of Project:** 1 year

**Details of progress of the project, achievements, challenges, changes, differences etc, including photographs.**

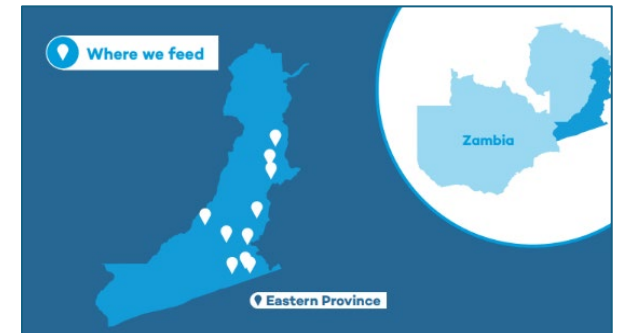
**Please include any other information relevant to the progress/completion of the project.**

Mary's Meals is incredibly grateful for the ongoing and continued support of the Fondation Eagle. Your dedication to our work is fundamental to realizing our vision of ensuring children facing extreme poverty and food insecurity can receive a daily meal in their place of education. Your remarkably generous donation of **51,000 CHF** is enabling us to provide stoves and pots to **125 schools** across Mambwe, Katete, Chipata and Chasefu districts in Zambia's Eastern Province. This work is vital to allow us to keep our promise to the children we serve through the provision of a daily school meal and the opportunity to build themselves a brighter future through their education.

The need for your support in Zambia:

Currently in Zambia approximately **48%** of people are unable to meet their minimum daily calorie requirements and an alarming **35% of children under the age of 5** are experiencing stunted growth.<sup>1</sup> In addition to this **more than half** of Zambia's population are still living below the poverty line whilst the country faces the worst drought on record, with some regions across the country receiving **less than 50% of their usual annual rainfall.**<sup>2</sup>

In February 2024, Zambia's president, President Hakainde Hichilema, declared the state of drought in the country as a national disaster, estimating that it is affecting the livelihoods and food security of more than **one million families.**<sup>3</sup> Such drought, exacerbated by climate change and El Nino, has caused significant crop failures across Zambia and as the country continues to face the impacts of its worst cholera outbreak in its history over the past year, food insecurity is continuing to increase throughout Zambia.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> The World Food Programme, 2024. *Zambia*. ([Zambia | World Food Programme \(wfp.org\)](https://www.wfp.org/countries/zambia))

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Aljazeera, 2024. *Zambia Declares National Disaster after Drought Devastates Agriculture*. ([Zambia declares national disaster after drought devastates agriculture | Climate Crisis News | Al Jazeera](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/12/zambia-declares-national-disaster-after-drought-devastates-agriculture))

<sup>4</sup> Oxfam International, 2024. *Over Six Million people face Hunger, Malnutrition and Water Scarcity in Zambia, Oxfam warns*. ([Over six million people face hunger, malnutrition and water scarcity in Zambia, Oxfam warns. | Oxfam International](https://www.oxfam.org/en/news/2024/02/12/over-six-million-people-face-hunger-malnutrition-and-water-scarcity-in-zambia))

The support that Fondation Eagle is providing to children in the Eastern Province of Zambia, is crucial as poverty often prevents children from gaining a life-changing education. Mary's Meals, with your support, is helping to improve the education sector in Zambia by encouraging more children to attend school through the promise of a daily meal, as well as helping to increase concentration and their ability to participate in class. We have been working in Zambia since 2014 and are proud to be in our **10<sup>th</sup> year of implementing our school feeding programme** in the Eastern Province of the country. Over the last decade, we have worked to become the main provider of school meals in the ten districts we serve. Mary's Meals is currently providing **nearly 400,000 children in over 700 places of education** across Zambia's Eastern Province with a daily meal, giving them the energy needed to concentrate and learn effectively. This would not be possible without your ongoing commitment to our work and your remarkable support over the years.

#### Your impact in Zambia:



Your support is ensuring that children like Linacy, pictured to the left. Linacy is a pupil at Chadzuma school, one of the schools you are supporting with this grant and told us how significant the meals you help provide are to her life and her education: **“I started eating the porridge in 2021 when it just came here. Since then, I have been eating it every day and tastes nice! I like it because it quenches my hunger while at school and it is so satisfying. It helps me to concentrate in class and I am able to pay attention and follow what the teacher is teaching.”** Ensuring that Linacy's school has resources such as pots and a stove is fundamental to our school feeding programme. With your support, and with each daily meal, Linacy is one step closer to realizing her dreams for her future: **“I want to be a nurse when I grow up and I am doing my best in class. Last term I passed number 5 [in her class] and I want to be number 1 in class this term.”** By funding new pots and stoves for Chadzuma school, Linacy can continue her education safe in the knowledge that together, we will continue to keep our promise of a daily school meal; something which is important to Linacy: **“Because I am now used to the porridge and it is helping a lot in my studies, I would feel so bad if the porridge was removed from our school. It is the one [thing] that makes most of my friends come every day to school because we know that while in class, we will have something to eat at break time. I really appreciate you [Mary's Meals] for the porridge I have here at school every day.”**

The success of our school feeding programmes relies heavily on community ownership, leadership and participation. Volunteers, like Christine, pictured to the left, play a crucial role in ensuring that the children we serve receive their daily meals efficiently and safely. Your contribution to the purchase of pots and stoves ensures that volunteers, like Christine, who cooks at Kapepe school, have the needed support and resources to carry out their work. Speaking to Christine, we learnt why she dedicates her time to serving school meals: **“I am a volunteer here at Kapepe School. I have two children learning at this school, one in grade 5 and another in Early Child Education (ECE). I started cooking in 2022 because I saw that the porridge was helping the children, and it was just a good initiative. It helps the children stay in school because in our villages not everyone can manage to provide food every day for our children to carry as they come to school.”** Christine noted the challenges that her community face and how your support is helping tackle them: **“There is hunger in villages and for some, this porridge is all they have. I feel nice when I see the learners eating the porridge that I prepare.”** School feeding at Kapepe demonstrates the importance of community involvement in our school feeding programmes and highlights the need for your generous contribution as we work with communities to ensure they have the resources and equipment needed to serve meals. Christine acknowledges the significance of such community participation: **“I also cook with my friend Beatrice most of the time and I want to encourage my fellow parents in our community who do not cook that they should start helping out in cooking because these are their children. Without the programme, children would suffer because there is no food in most households, so I will keep cooking for the children at school where there is food.”**



Sebastian, the School and Health Nutrition (SHN) Coordinator at Chadzuma School, also notes the importance of community involvement in the preparation of the school meals: **“The community is very supportive of the programme and they want to see it continue because it has proved to be a game changer among learners.”** Sebastian, pictured to the right, went on to describe the differences he has seen in the children since the introduction of the daily meals: **“I can confidently tell you that the School Feeding Programme has improved the performance of the learners at this school generally. I have seen the enrolment go up and the children turn up every day in numbers. The porridge has been helping the school run in this community. The nutritional value is really evident among the learners. Mary’s Meals is helping our pupils keep up with their education in especially difficult times with the drought that has affected our country and this community.”** By providing pots and stoves, your support is directly impacting schools such as Chadzuma and Kapepe and ensuring that the children we serve have the opportunity to build themselves a brighter future through the promise of a daily school meal.



Updates on your support and expenditure summary:

At a time of continued economic instability and increasing food insecurity for communities in Zambia, your support over the past 6 months has been crucial to our school feeding programme. We are delighted to report that at this mid-point of your grant, all **80 stoves** and **137 pots** have been procured in alignment with our proposed project plan. They were all procured from one supplier and are currently being stored safely and securely at the Mary’s Meals Zambia office in Chipata and will be distributed to all 125 schools. It is anticipated by the end of July 2024, all the pots and stoves funded by Fondation Eagle will be in schools. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and look forward to updating you on the success of the stoves and pots in schools at the end of this grant period. All costs for the project have now been incurred, with all stoves and pots purchased. The table below outlines these costs in line with the project proposal.

School	District	Total Boys	Total Girls	Total	No. of Pots	No. of Stoves	Total Cost USD
Beu Primary	Chasefu	260	270	530	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chazovu Primary	Chasefu	240	246	486	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chiginya Primary	Chasefu	301	333	634	1	1	\$ 575.00
Emusa Primary	Chasefu	346	391	737	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kamsisi Primary	Chasefu	232	240	472	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kanyanga Primary	Chasefu	232	239	471	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kapekesa	Chasefu	181	180	361	1	1	\$ 575.00
Luambwa Primary	Chasefu	235	222	457	1	1	\$ 575.00
Nkhanga Primary	Chasefu	257	265	522	1	1	\$ 575.00
Susa	Chasefu	125	139	264	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chigumu	Chipata	273	347	620	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chilobwe	Chipata	243	280	523	1	1	\$ 575.00

Chinjala	Chipata	384	431	815	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chipata	Chipata	693	756	1449	3	2	\$ 1,325.00
Chisitu Adventist	Chipata	492	500	992	1	1	\$ 575.00
Dambe	Chipata	550	538	1088	1	1	\$ 575.00
Dumisa	Chipata	272	216	488	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kalunga	Chipata	361	365	726	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kaphinde	Chipata	334	395	729	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kasupe	Chipata	250	241	491	1	1	\$ 575.00
Katambo	Chipata	285	289	574	1	1	\$ 575.00
Katandala	Chipata	411	417	828	1	1	\$ 575.00
Katopola	Chipata	1020	1185	2205	2	2	\$ 1,150.00
Kauzu	Chipata	239	272	511	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kazimule	Chipata	222	229	451	1	1	\$ 575.00
Magazine	Chipata	562	621	1183	1	1	\$ 575.00
Makangila	Chipata	166	154	320	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mbazima	Chipata	309	297	606	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mchini	Chipata	883	826	1709	1	1	\$ 575.00
Msekera	Chipata	700	758	1458	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mtizwa	Chipata	383	417	800	1	1	\$ 575.00
Nadalitsika	Chipata	810	818	1628	1	1	\$ 575.00
Nsanjika	Chipata	676	653	1329	1	1	\$ 575.00
Nsingo	Chipata	328	341	669	1	2	\$ 975.00
Nyakatali	Chipata	212	233	445	1	1	\$ 575.00
Nyane	Chipata	249	221	470	1	1	\$ 575.00
Walela	Chipata	937	910	1847	1	1	\$ 575.00
Magwero Std	Chipata	368	395	763	1	1	\$ 575.00
St Betty	Chipata	679	741	1420	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chadzuma	Katete	79	180	259	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chasamba	Katete	109	196	305	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chavisikwa	Katete	248	262	510	2	1	\$ 750.00
Chibondo	Katete	196	310	506	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chikwanda	Katete	387	427	814	2	1	\$ 750.00
Chilimbitso	Katete	282	347	629	1	1	\$ 575.00

Chilingondi	Katete	192	171	363	1	1	\$	575.00
Chimbundire	Katete	361	580	941	2	1	\$	750.00
Chimtende	Katete	361	537	898	1	1	\$	575.00
Chimwa	Katete	215	308	523	1	0	\$	175.00
Chinkhombe	Katete	252	356	608	1	0	\$	175.00
Chipepe	Katete	216	229	445	1	0	\$	175.00
Chisindiko	Katete	90	140	230	1	1	\$	575.00
Gaveni	Katete	315	320	635	1	0	\$	175.00
Kalimeta	Katete	181	204	385	1	1	\$	575.00
Kamasa	Katete	173	207	380	1	1	\$	575.00
Kankhande	Katete	180	269	449	1	1	\$	575.00
Kapako	Katete	175	215	390	1	0	\$	175.00
Kapepe	Katete	191	239	430	1	1	\$	575.00
Kaputu	Katete	172	219	391	1	0	\$	175.00
Katawa (Katete)	Katete	158	190	348	1	1	\$	575.00
Katiula	Katete	252	400	652	2	1	\$	750.00
Lukweta	Katete	310	422	732	1	1	\$	575.00
Lupande	Katete	197	271	468	1	0	\$	175.00
Magobo	Katete	182	227	409	1	0	\$	175.00
Matunga	Katete	391	391	782	1	0	\$	175.00
Mkangazi	Katete	185	195	380	1	1	\$	575.00
Mkumbaleza	Katete	247	297	544	1	1	\$	575.00
Mtsanya	Katete	243	315	558	1	0	\$	175.00
Mwandafisi	Katete	198	300	498	2	1	\$	750.00
Mwaziputa	Katete	190	190	380	1	1	\$	575.00
Mzime	Katete	387	512	899	2	1	\$	750.00
Nyembe	Katete	210	230	440	2	1	\$	750.00
Pachulu	Katete	163	243	406	1	1	\$	575.00
Tikondane (Katete)	Katete	240	212	452	1	1	\$	575.00
Tosa	Katete	179	223	402	1	1	\$	575.00
Undi	Katete	441	588	1029	1	0	\$	175.00
Walira	Katete	240	286	526	1	0	\$	175.00
Walubwe	Katete	176	207	383	1	0	\$	175.00

Zakonkha	Katete	179	197	376	1	1	\$ 575.00
Zinaka	Katete	272	353	625	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chankhanga (Katete)	Katete	136	222	358	2	1	\$ 750.00
Chaduka Com.	Mambwe	150	177	327	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chigombe Comm.	Mambwe	143	151	294	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chipako Primary	Mambwe	358	433	791	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chitempha	Mambwe	318	294	612	1	1	\$ 575.00
Chiutika	Mambwe	534	475	1009	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chivyololo	Mambwe	184	187	371	1	0	\$ 175.00
Chombe Comm.	Mambwe	141	161	302	1	0	\$ 175.00
Hambidzi	Mambwe	97	115	212	1	0	\$ 175.00
Jumbe Primary	Mambwe	379	365	744	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kabila Comm.	Mambwe	148	130	278	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kakumbi	Mambwe	212	201	413	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kambwiri	Mambwe	171	177	348	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kamoto Primary	Mambwe	259	278	537	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kamphasa Primary	Mambwe	287	317	604	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kapilisongola	Mambwe	125	199	324	1	1	\$ 575.00
Kasamanda Primary	Mambwe	281	266	547	1	0	\$ 175.00
Katapila community school	Mambwe	165	197	362	1	0	\$ 175.00
Katemo	Mambwe	221	213	434	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kaungo Primary	Mambwe	459	463	922	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kawaza primary	Mambwe	491	375	866	1	0	\$ 175.00
Malimba	Mambwe	314	288	602	1	1	\$ 575.00
Matizi	Mambwe	132	124	256	1	0	\$ 175.00
Matula Primary	Mambwe	343	336	679	1	0	\$ 175.00
Mbulyenji Comm.	Mambwe	156	186	342	1	0	\$ 175.00
Mdima	Mambwe	434	475	909	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mfuwe	Mambwe	684	704	1388	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mkuvulo Comm.	Mambwe	242	259	501	1	1	\$ 575.00
Mnkhanya Comm.	Mambwe	256	251	507	1	0	\$ 175.00
Mphandika	Mambwe	251	257	508	1	0	\$ 175.00

Mphata Primary	Mambwe	258	253	511	1	0	\$ 175.00
Msoro Primary	Mambwe	255	233	488	1	0	\$ 175.00
Mwandakwisano	Mambwe	192	185	377	1	1	\$ 575.00
Ncheka Primary	Mambwe	242	254	496	1	0	\$ 175.00
Nsefu primary	Mambwe	275	257	532	1	0	\$ 175.00
Pendwe primary school	Mambwe	157	174	331	1	0	\$ 175.00
St. Francis	Mambwe	395	387	782	1	1	\$ 575.00
St.Daniel (Chikowa Primary)	Mambwe	509	562	1071	1	0	\$ 175.00
Tafika	Mambwe	246	246	492	1	1	\$ 575.00
Uyoba	Mambwe	520	538	1058	1	0	\$ 175.00
Vinza Comm.	Mambwe	125	134	259	1	0	\$ 175.00
Wazaza Primary	Mambwe	283	275	558	1	0	\$ 175.00
Yosefe	Mambwe	438	486	924	2	0	\$ 350.00
Kasimo	Mambwe	167	181	348	1	0	\$ 175.00
Kapita (Mambwe)	Mambwe	237	198	435	1	1	\$ 575.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>37485</b>	<b>40975</b>	<b>78460</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$ 55,975.00</b>

Thank you

We are incredibly thankful for the remarkable and ongoing support Fondation Eagle continues to provide to our work. Your current contribution to the construction of stoves and provision of pots for **125 schools** across Zambia is playing a crucial role in our ability to keep our promise of a daily meal to the children we serve and ensures that our amazing volunteers are supported in their commitment to cooking and serving the school meals. Your kindness will continue to support approximately **76,460 children** across the schools receiving the stoves and pots you are funding. We are delighted to share that this project is on plan with alignment with the proposal and look forward to updating you on further progression at the end of this reporting period. On behalf of all the children we serve, we **thank you**.

**Signature and date:**



June 2024



School children at Chadzuma School, enjoying their school meal!