

Donor name: Fondation Eagle

Name of charity: Mary's Meals

Fondation Eagle reference number: FF695

Date of grant accepted: 6th December 2023

Amount granted and number of beneficiaries: 51,00 CHF for pots and stoves for 125 schools across 4 districts in Zambia, benefitting 78,460 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:

We remain humbled by and grateful for Fondation Eagle's long standing support of our work and are delighted to share this report outlining the life-changing impact of your contribution of 51,000 CHF for the provision of pots and stoves in Zambia on the children we serve and their communities. Your generosity has provided 125 schools across Mambwe, Katete, Chipata and Chasefu districts in Zambia's Eastern Province with pots and stoves, ensuring the continued effective and efficient delivery of our school feeding programme to the 78,460 children enrolled across the schools.

The need for your support in Zambia

Zambia has continued grappling with the aftermath of severe and prolonged drought over the past year, compounded with sudden and erratic flooding as the year comes to an end it is predicted that over half of the country's 2.2 million hectares of maize have been destroyed throughout 2024.¹ This devastating impact of ongoing El Nino induced climatic implications has devastated Zambia's agricultural sector and has pushed millions of Zambians into food insecurity.² As climate related shocks increase vulnerability to food insecurity across the region of southern Africa, it is reported that countries including Zambia are facing a 50% increase in their food needs throughout the 2024/2025 lean season compared to the 2023/2024 lean season.³ This devastating projection of need entering 2025 highlights just how crucial your support over the past year and the start of this lean season has been for the communities we serve in Zambia.

As is often the case, children are bearing the brunt of increasingly damaging climatic shocks as well as soaring living costs and barriers to education. In Zambia approximately 48% of the population are unable to meet their minimum-calorie requirements with more than 1/3 of children experiencing stunted growth.⁴ These alarming statistics places Zambia's rate of malnutrition and food insecurity among the highest in the world, with rates expected to continue rising as refugees continue fleeing into the country in order to escape conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Zambia currently hosts over 82,000 refugees, over 80% of which are women

¹ OCHA, 2024. *Zambia's drought crisis: our response to food insecurity and health risks*. ([Zambia's Drought Crisis: Our Response to Food Insecurity and Health Risks - Zambia | ReliefWeb](#))

² *Ibid*.

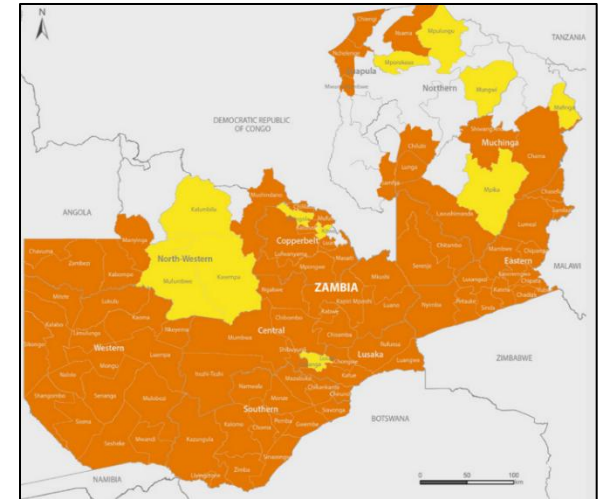
³ FEWS NET, 2024. *Historic high needs anticipated across Southern Africa through early 2025*. ([Historic high needs anticipated across Southern Africa through early 2025 | FEWS NET](#))

⁴ World Food Programme, 2024. *Zambia*. ([Zambia | World Food Programme](#))

and children, and all of whom require urgent humanitarian and food assistance to survive.⁵ As the situation in Zambia becomes increasingly unstable and with the need of the population growing rapidly, our work, and your support, has been needed over the past year more than ever.

The map to the right shows the levels of food insecurity across the country as of October 2024 with areas in orange representing regions in Crisis stage (IPC level 3 of food insecurity).⁶ It highlights that Eastern Zambia, including the districts you have supported, are experiencing crisis levels of food insecurity, emphasizing the need for your generosity and support over the past year.

2024 saw the 10th anniversary of Mary's Meals' work in Zambia which is a remarkable milestone and we are delighted to share that we currently serve over **400,000 children** across the country with a daily meal in their place of education! Fondation Eagle's long-standing support of our work has played a crucial role in making such an achievement possible. Speaking to Panji, Mary's Meals Country Director for Zambia, during the anniversary celebrations, he highlighted the challenges the country, and specifically the Eastern region where you support, have faced: **"Although Zambia is a big country and has vast natural resources, it has experienced challenging economic conditions over the years and continues to rely heavily on smallholders and subsistence farmers for the majority of its food supply. This is subject to variable and often extreme weather conditions, and Eastern Province has suffered severe drought for the past three years; a drought from which it will take more than one season of 'normal' rain to recover. As a result, as Mary's Meals celebrates 10 years of working here in Zambia, the need for our work is greater than ever."**



The impact of your support



Speaking to the communities we serve, our amazing volunteers and the children we serve, is vital for our understanding of your impact. One of our amazing volunteers, Evans, is pictured to the left carrying buckets of water to prepare the school meal with. Evans has volunteered at Nsingo Primary School since the introduction of our school feeding programme and talks to us about the impact of your provision of pots and stoves at the school: **"I am Evans, a volunteer here at Nsingo Primary School and I have been a volunteer since the programme started. I have always been available when it comes to providing my services because I love the children. I have been cooking in this same kitchen over the years and I am so excited to see our children coming here to have their porridge that you have brought here as Mary's Meals. We are grateful for that."**

Evans continues to comment on the importance of the new equipment you have provided in empowering him and his fellow volunteers to effectively and efficiently prepare and serve the school meals safely to the children every day: **"My role has been to ensure the porridge is cooked under strict hygiene conditions and help our children gain meaningful education for them to come and become who they are intended to be. I am not alone. I cook with my colleague here, Fadesi, and we remain committed to this programme."** The success of our school feeding programme in Zambia relies heavily upon the tireless efforts of our remarkable volunteers and their commitment to our shared belief that in this world of plenty there is no good reason why a child should go without food. Your support and

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, 2024. Zambia. ([IPC Zambia Acute Food Insecurity Jul2024 Mar2025 Report.pdf](#))

provision of pots and stoves is vital in ensuring our volunteers have the safe and effective equipment to carry out our school feeding programme. The photos below show Evans and Faidesi preparing daily school meals with the stoves and pots that you kindly provided through this grant as well as the school kitchen in which they work.



Evans describes how he uses the stoves and pots you have provided, and updates us on their efficiency: **“Currently, we use these two pots to cook 2 x 20kg bags of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) which we prepare using these two pots we are using. They have been working perfectly well, and we have no problems with them.”** With your contribution, Evans feels supported in his work and it is clear that your kindness is creating a sense of community for our amazing volunteers: **“I am glad to be a part of this programme and I will continue to do so.”**



One of the children your support has directly impacted over this grant period is Mutumayo, an 11 year old student at Nsingo Primary School in Zambia. Mutumayo explains to us how the school meals you ensure are safely and consistently served through the provision of stoves and pots, have impacted his life: **“I do not carry any food to eat at school. I am grateful that we have porridge in school because the porridge is nice and it gives me energy and helps me to concentrate and participate in class. When I am hungry, I feel weak and my stomach hurts. But when I have eaten something, I feel full, energetic and I enjoy the lessons.”** For many of the children enrolled in our school feeding programme in Zambia like Mutumayo, the school meal you empower our volunteers to prepare is the only meal they receive that day. Mutumayo, pictured to the left, continues to gain his education thanks to your support and quite simply enjoys his childhood as he should doing the things he loves now he has the energy to enjoy them: **“I enjoy reading, writing and helping my friends to read. I am glad that we have porridge in school.”**

At Dumisa Primary School volunteers such as Thelma and Griselia, pictured below, rely upon the stove and pot you have provided to continue preparing and serving school meals. At just 20 years old, Thelma dedicates her mornings to preparing the porridge in order to ensure our promise of a daily school meal is kept to the children enrolled at the school. Fondation Eagle has played a crucial role in Thelma and Griselia's ability to continue the work that they love; work which not only provides school meals needed for the children we serve but also creates a sense of belonging and community for our amazing volunteers. Updated, sufficient and effective pots and stoves are essential in creating a harmonious and safe environment in which school meals can be prepared and enjoyed.



Thelma and Griselia serving school meals to the children you have supported.

Expenditure summary

The table below shows how your funding was spent to install **137 pots** and **80 stoves** across **125 schools** in Eastern Province of Zambia over this grant period. The enrolment in the schools you have supported, as shown in the table, shows that the pots and stoves you have provided have helped provide daily school meals to **78,460 children!** Your support has ensured that these children have had the opportunity to continue their education free from the fear of hunger.

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
Total		37485	40975	78460	137	80	\$ 55,975.00

Conclusion

We are incredibly grateful to Fondation Eagle for your continued support of our work and your contribution of 51,000 CHF over this grant period which has provided **137 pots** and **80 stoves** to **125 schools** in Zambia. Your support has been crucial in ensuring the **78,460 children** enrolled in the schools you have supported have had the opportunity to continue their education despite ongoing challenges in their communities. Fondation Eagle has had a life-changing impact on the children we serve in Eastern Zambia and your commitment to our school feeding programme has ensured thousands of children have not had to sacrifice their education whilst safe in the knowledge of where their next meal is coming from. On behalf of all the children we serve, we thank you.

Signature and date:

Manne Grotin

January 2025



Two school children smiling and enjoying their school meal at Nsingo Primary School in Zambia!