Donor Name: Fondation Eagle

Name of Charity: Mary's Meals

Fondation Eagle Reference Number: FF 756

Date of Grant Accepted: 10th April 2025

Amount granted and number of beneficiaries: CHF49,600 (USD56,407)for the provision of 74 pots and 74 stoves across 63 schools and to feed 13 children in Zambia

Name and exact location of the project: 74 pots and 74 stoves across 63 schools and feed 13 children in Zambia.

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 are extremely grateful for your commitment to supporting our school feeding programme in Zambia, by providing brick stoves and cooking pots. We are happy to share this report demonstrating the remarkable change made possible in 2025/26 by **Fondation Eagle.** This past year, your gift has provided an amazing provision of 74 pots and 74 stoves across 63 schools in Zambia. You have also provided school meals for 13 children in Zambia. This is in line with the change to the original file form, to a new school list which was agreed in December 2025. We are pleased to share this final report, demonstrating the life-changing impact your support has had in 2025/26. Thank you for your generosity and partnership, which has made an incredibly meaningful difference in the lives of these children and their wider communities.

Supporting children's growth in a time of rising hunger

Global food insecurity and poverty continue to rise, leaving millions of families without reliable access to nutritious food. In 2024, an estimated **673 million people - around 8.2% of the world's population** - experienced hunger, with the burden increasing sharply across regions such as Africa and western Asia. As the world moves toward a projected **512 million people facing chronic undernourishment by 2030**, the persistence of hunger threatens to deepen global inequalities and undermine long-term development efforts. [1]

For children, these conditions have particularly severe consequences. Nearly a quarter of all children under five - **150.2 million - are currently stunted**, reflecting long-term chronic undernutrition that limits both physical growth and cognitive development. [2] At the same time, approximately **78 million primary-aged children remain out of school**, meaning many are missing the educational opportunities and stability that school environments provide. Hunger directly affects children's ability to learn, concentrate, and thrive, creating barriers that can last a lifetime. [3]

Within this context, school feeding programmes play a critical role. They help bring children into the classroom and keep them learning throughout the day. These meals also provide a crucial safety net for families, ensuring children receive at least one nutritious meal each school day. Our programmes reach more than **3 million children across 16 countries**, protecting them from the immediate effects of food insecurity while supporting their learning, health, and long-term wellbeing.

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[1] Global Hunger, WHO (2025)
[2] The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, UNICEF (2025)
[3] Global Education Monitoring Report, UNESCO (2024)

Our work in Zambia

Despite Zambia's long history of agricultural productivity, the country continues to face serious and widespread food insecurity that threatens the health and futures of millions of families. An **estimated 1.7 million people were projected to experience Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse food insecurity** between October 2025 and March 2026, including 9,900 people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4). Currently, there are 3.3 million people with insufficient food consumption, nearly **20% of the population**. [4]

Child undernutrition remains widespread, with **32% of children under the age of five stunted**[5], reflecting chronic deprivation that undermines physical growth and cognitive development. **Acute malnutrition** leaves young children especially vulnerable to illness and mortality. At the same time, **198,000 children under five are wasted**[6], signalling acute malnutrition that leaves young children especially vulnerable to illness and mortality. These challenges have an adverse effect on access to education for children in Zambia. **16% of primary-school-age children are out of school**, and **the primary school completion rate is only 72%**.[7]

These realities underscore why the regular, nourishing meals provided through Mary's Meals are not just beneficial but vital - helping children in Zambia stay healthy, attend school, and build resilience amidst ongoing hardship. Mary's Meals has been supporting children in Zambia for over 10 years, and in recent years, we have significantly increased the scale of our program – expanding to reach more than 185,000 additional children in 2024/25. Today, **we are serving more than 605,000 children across more than 1,250 schools**, operating in all 15 districts of Eastern Province as well as in Kasama District in Northern Province. Behind these figures are individuals whose daily lives are shaped by poverty and perseverance.

Your impact in Zambia

Every school meal begins with a fire. At Kalanda Thundu School in Zambia, supported by Mary's Meals and Fondation Eagle, the school day begins with more than lessons. It begins with the quiet rhythm of cooking - a rhythm that is transforming lives, one meal at a time.



With 497 learners enrolled, the school reflects both encouraging progress and ongoing challenges. Attendance continues to rise, largely driven by the school feeding programme.

As Deputy Headteacher James, who has worked at the school since July 2025, explains, **"The increase in enrolment is attributed to the porridge."** He says that the strength of the programme lies in the people behind it: **"The volunteer cooks are always present and committed to the programme, and the system works well."**

Built within a permanent kitchen structure, the brick stove is designed to reduce firewood consumption while remaining practical for large-scale cooking. This efficiency makes a significant impact. In communities where firewood is scarce and time is limited, a stove that uses less fuel represents more than convenience - it supports sustainability, eases pressure on families, and strengthens the long-term viability of the feeding programme.

[4] Hunger Map, WFP (2026)
[5] Zambia, GHI (2026)
[6] Child Malnutrition, UNICEF (2025)
[7] SDG4 Scorecard Progress Report on National Benchmarks, UNESCO (2025)

Behind this system are dedicated community members like Joyce. At 41, Joyce is more than a volunteer cook - she is a mother, a provider, and a vital pillar of the programme. She began cooking at the school in January 2026, motivated by both compassion and necessity. **“I started cooking to help the children and also support my own- I have three children here at the school”** she shares.

For Joyce, the programme is also a source of empowerment. Through her involvement, she contributes to her children’s education, helping provide uniforms and ensuring they remain in school. Speaking about her daily work, she explains how the improved equipment has made a difference: **“The stove is great - it is stable and allows us to cook the porridge faster,”** she says. **“It doesn’t use as much firewood as traditional ones.”** She also expresses her appreciation, adding, **“The stoves are stronger and more stable and I am grateful to Mary’s Meals supports for helping us have these.”**

The impact of the programme is visible across the school community. Attendance has improved, hunger has reduced, and a renewed sense of hope has taken root among learners and their families alike.

In a modest kitchen at Kalanda Thundu School, a stove burns steadily beneath a pot of porridge. It represents something powerful: a reliable source of nourishment, dignity, and hope for every child who arrives at school.

And for hundreds of children, that promise is the reason they come.







Expenditure summary

We are proud to report that all **74 brick stoves** have been successfully installed, and **74 cooking pots** have been provided across **63 schools** in Zambia and the project is complete with funds spent in full. The number of children enrolled at the schools you have supported is 24,220, with 11,368 boys enrolled and 12,852 girls. Thanks to your contribution, we were also able to feed 13 children for one year across our Zambia programmes. For each of these children, this daily meal represented a source of nourishment and a source of hope.

Provision of pots		
No. Of Pots	**Cost per Pot (USD)**	**Total cost for Pots (USD)**
74	$ 143.00	$ 10,582.00
Provision and installation of brick stoves		
No. of brick stoves	**Cost per Brick stove (USD)**	**Total cost for Brick stoves (USD)**
74	$ 615.00	$ 45,510.00
School feeding for one year		
Number of children	**Cost per child**	**Total cost (USD)**
13	$ 25.20	$ 327.60
TOTAL (USD)		**$ 56,419.60**
Fondation Eagle		$ 56,407
Mary's Meals		$ 12.60

Thank you

We are deeply grateful for Fondation Eagle's support: your generosity has provided hope to 24,220 children in **Zambia** through the provision of **74 brick stoves and 74 cooking pots**, and also provided school meals to 13 children. This hope is felt by children, teachers and communities alike, who have the tools and skills to continue delivering the school feeding programme for years to come. **Thank you** for standing with us, for believing in the power of education and nourishment, and for helping us build a brighter future for millions of children. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, bringing hope and opportunity to those who need it most.

Signature and date:



June 2026