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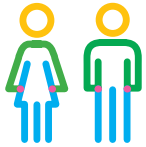


Zambia



ZAMBIA AT A GLANCE

Population*



19,610,769 Million

Females

10 Million

Males

9.6 Million

Growth Rate*



3.4 per cent

Average Household*



4.8 persons

Youth Percentage*



People under 15 are almost

1/2 of population

Children 0-9

4.4 Million

Youth under 25

6 Million



Zambia has one of the **world's highest levels of income inequality** and children are disproportionately affected, although important steps were taken in 2022 to address this.



In terms of Gross Domestic Product, for example, the social sector budget approved in 2022 for 2023 increased **to 9.6 per cent from 8.7 per cent**. Moreover, Zambia's Eighth National Development Plan (8NDP) has increased targets for the delivery of social services.



The expansion of the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) programme, which received the biggest increase from **ZMW3.1 billion in 2022 to ZMW3.7 billion** in 2023, is a testimony of this.

*Data from the 2022 National Census of Population and Housing.

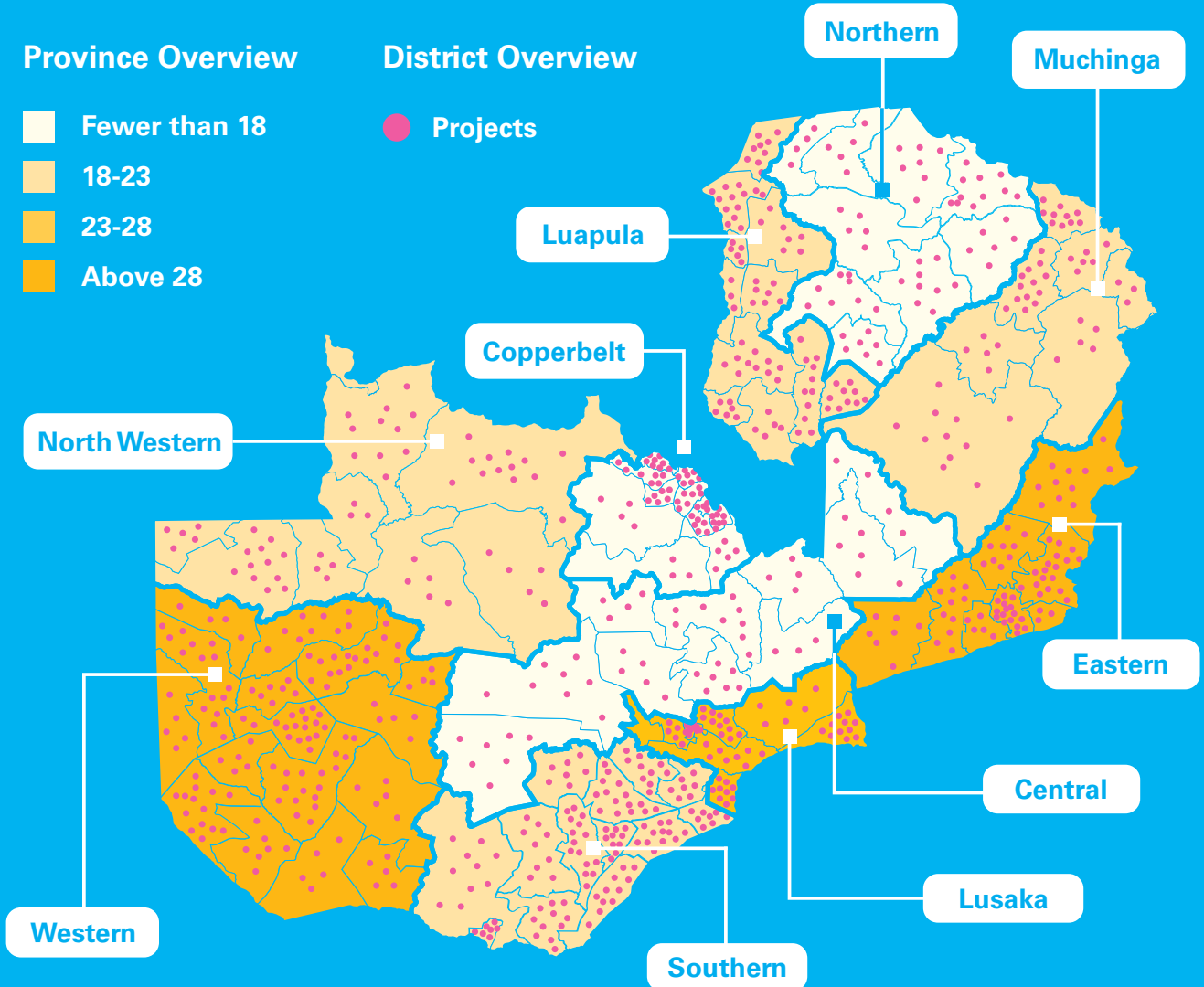
2022 UNICEF Zambia Interventions at Province & District Level

Province Overview



District Overview

Projects



HOW WE WORK



Systems strengthening,
improving institutional
capacities and
social accountability



Advocacy and
communication for
child-friendly policy
development and
planning



Data, research and
knowledge management
to inform equity-focused
and evidence-based
decision-making



Gender and
disability inclusive
programming



Social and behavioural
change and fostering
community engagement



Health & HIV

Through technical support to strengthen the health system, Zambia was able to maintain minimal disruption of service coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic, with less than five per cent decline along the continuum of reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health services in 2022.

78 per cent

of infants received all antigens

81 per cent

received first dose of measles vaccine (MCV-1)

92.5 per cent

women attended one Antenatal Care (ANC) visit

89 per cent

of people living with HIV know their status

84 per cent

of infants received Penta-3 vaccination

54 per cent

of new-borns and their mothers received a postnatal visit within 48 hours of birth

90 per cent

of women attended ANC four times

99 per cent

of those diagnosed with HIV are on treatment

92.5 per cent

of women delivered by a skilled health personnel

96 per cent

of those on treatment are virally suppressed

661,318

children under 5 received treatment against childhood illness

1.3M

people benefited from essential medicines with basic curative care



Vaccination

Through UNICEF support to the acquisition and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines, cold chain expansion and risk communication and community engagement, Zambia achieved about 80 per cent COVID-19 vaccination coverage among the eligible population of 12 years and above. Moreover, 5.8 million children under the age of 5 years were vaccinated against polio, in response to wild polio virus type-1 (WPV1) outbreak, with UNICEF providing technical and operational coordination, micro planning and monitoring of facility and community-based vaccines delivery.





Nutrition

- Through the Scaling Up Nutrition Programme Phase II, UNICEF supported improved access to **VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTATION** for **3,310,224** children aged 6–59 months.
- **201,800** people benefitted from **HYGIENE PROMOTION.**
- **81,362** households gained access to **BASIC SANITATION SERVICES.**
- **90,781** households with children under the age of 5 were reached with maternal, adolescent, infant and young child **NUTRITION COUNSELLING AND PROMOTION** including lessons on improving children's dietary diversity.
- Early identification of children with acute malnutrition was enabled, with **490,674** children screened through the **INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE MALNUTRITION PROGRAMME.**





Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- An estimated **236,000** people gained **ACCESS TO BASIC DRINKING WATER SOURCE** through small-piped water schemes and borehole drilling.
- **6,000,000** people continued to have access to safely managed water through **WATER CHEMICAL TREATMENT** distribution to commercial utilities.
- Over **470,000** people gained **ACCESS TO BASIC SANITATION** facilities including access to household toilets/latrines with handwashing facilities.
- **615** villages out of the targeted 1,000 certified **OPEN DEFECATION FREE.**
- 113 schools and early childhood learning centres, with **59,892** (31,474 girls and 28,418 boys) learners, benefited from **IMPROVED WASH SERVICES.**
- 36 healthcare facilities reaching a total population of **43,765** (23,514 females and 20,216 males) benefited from **IMPROVED WASH SERVICES.**
- **50,574** refugees benefitted from **CRITICAL WASH SUPPLIES.**





Education

→ Approximately **20,000** caregivers reached with counseling in **INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)** [responsive care, health, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene] administered through home visits, group **COUNSELING SESSIONS** in community settings, including at Insakas and health centres.

→ **7,737** children aged 0–3 years reached with **INTEGRATED ECD**.

→ **3,229** children aged 3–8 years reached through **PLAY-BASED LEARNING** opportunities at the Insaka early childhood education classroom and accompanying playground.

→ **CONSTRUCTION OF 12 INSAKAS**, supported along with drilling of 12 boreholes and provision of ECD services across 26 community sites and at several surrounding health facilities.

→ Over **2,300** radio/audio materials developed for ECE and Grade 7 learners; about 500 interactive e-learning contents developed for children with disabilities, and a teaching and learning platform called '**THE LEARNING PASSPORT**' launched to make learning accessible to all.

→ **FLAGSHIP CATCH-UP PROGRAMME** implemented in Luapula - one of Zambia's most underserved provinces – reaching **42,861** learners (21,642 females and 21,219 males) and 260 schools. At midline, 44 per cent of learners could read at least a simple paragraph compared to 31 per cent at baseline while 62 per cent of the learners were able to perform addition at midline compared to 39 per cent at baseline.

→ **1,322 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION STAFF TRAINED** in the Catch-Up methodology.





Child Protection

- UNICEF provided continued support to **STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK** for the protection of children, as evidenced by Zambia's adoption of the Children's Code Act, the Social Worker's Act, the Anti-Human Trafficking Act and policies on migration, trafficking/smuggling, volunteerism, and civil registration.
- **311,958** children and **356,047** adults were reached with **PROTECTION SERVICES** (including community case management, psycho-social support, alternative care and protection of child victim/witnesses in judicial processes) and behaviour-change engagement which focused on **ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE AND PREVENTING UNWANTED TEEN PREGNANCY** through gender transformative dialogues and local radio broadcasts.
- **THE INTEGRATED CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM** was rolled out to 40 of the 116 districts, leading to a total of **152,162** (76,543 male and 75,619 female) births being notified and 84,349 children (42,691 male and 41,658 female) being registered representing, a 70 per cent increase in birth registration compared to 2021.
- **PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE** was mainstreamed across all programmatic areas reaching **737,446** community beneficiaries (365,036 males and 372,410 females) with messaging and access to safe reporting channels.





Social Protection

- ➔ **THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME**, with support from donors and UN agencies including UNICEF, covered **5,061,280** people (approximately 51 per cent of the country's poor population). Transfer values increased from ZMW150/300 to ZMW200/400 a month for households without or with a member with severe disability, respectively.
- ➔ To **EXPAND COVERAGE** to pregnant and breastfeeding women and infants, the Government, with UNICEF support, commenced a new flagship pilot in four districts, enrolling **12,913** households for additional SCT payments.
- ➔ UNICEF supported the **DEVELOPMENT OF THE 8NDP**, approved and launched by the Government in 2022. UNICEF also supported analysis and evidence around budgets to inform advocacy on gaps in the social sectors.





Advocacy for Children's Rights



UNICEF helped amplify children's voices for child rights in Zambia. With our support, on **WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY**, the Government of the Republic of Zambia hosted a multi-country event with the Presidents of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Vice-President of Namibia and 500 children. The commemoration served as an opportunity to celebrate the **ADOPTION OF THE CHILDREN'S CODE ACT** and reflect on the situation children's face while assessing progress made in the learning crisis, climate change, disability rights and inclusive environments.



UNICEF Zambia engaged **4,056** adolescents and youth, ensuring their **VOICES AND OPINIONS WERE HEARD** on issues affecting their lives.



Key high-profile individuals were engaged to support **ADVOCACY AROUND CHILD RIGHTS**, including the President, the Vice-President and different ministers and media personalities.





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