

# HIGH FIVE CLUB

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## Clean Water Provision, Zambia

1 in 8  
PEOPLE  
drink water  
that could kill



### Background

As access to safe, clean drinking water is the number one priority of most communities living in rural Africa, the High Five Club has for many years made water provision in villages in wildlife areas one of its core deliverables. We are expanding our reach over time to bring water to thousands of people in villages across Mnkhanya Chiefdom in Zambia's Luangwa Valley. Villagers who normally would have no choice but to often walk for several hours each day to collect water from contaminated streams, dugouts and watercourses shared with wildlife. This naturally leads to increased conflict with wildlife during the dry season and the contraction of totally preventable water-borne diseases such as dysentery and cholera. Many young children and babies die from the dehydration caused by diarrhoea.

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**High Five Club Support:** Over the last few months, through our community partner in the Luangwa Valley *Mnkhanya Community Resources Board (CRB)*, we have funded the spare parts and rehabilitation works needed to bring 5 redundant boreholes back into operation across 5 different geographic areas of Mnkhanya Chiefdom (Chibaula Village in Chitempa VAG, Kafwembela Village in Masumba VAG, Amon Village in Ncheka VAG, Eluzi Village in Katemo VAG and Ching'anze Village in Matula VAG) in Zambia's Luangwa Valley.



In addition the community outreach team at Mnkhanya CRB empowered and supported the community to set up and establish a fully functioning and effective Water Committee in each of the five villages prior to the repair work commencing. It was made clear to the community from the outset that the establishment and running of a Water Committee was a precondition of their borehole being rehabilitated. Each household in the villages agreed to make regular contributions of 5 Zambian Kwacha (ca. 20p) a month towards a village water fund to maintain and repair their borehole moving forwards. Mnkhanya CRB will on a regular ongoing basis check that these Water Committees are operating effectively and that the boreholes are being maintained properly by the community so that moving forwards these water sources are sustainable and not reliant on donor funding to keep them working. High Five Club's ethos is one of empowering communities to be responsible for their own development.



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At an average cost of ca. £175 to rehabilitate each borehole, our total contribution of £870.11 has brought safe, clean water to 2,500 people in the Luangwa Valley, as each of the 5 rehabilitated boreholes serves ca. 500 villagers. **That is just 35p per person for the provision of safe, clean water – what amazing value!** We would like to say a special thank you to Joynab who contributed £200 and Blerina and her friends who also contributed £200 towards this project.

**From 2011 to 2023** High Five Club members have joined hands together to construct 29 wells, along with renovating 12 non-operating wells and 5 boreholes, bringing safe, clean drinking water to 23,000 villagers bordering the wildlife-rich South Luangwa National Park. Incidents of water-borne diseases in all of the villages has reduced significantly and the women report that they now have more time to do other chores aside from collecting water from far away streams and dugouts. School attendance levels have also increased with less diarrhoeal diseases amongst the children and conflict with wildlife in the dry season has reduced.



High Five Club Water Programme in Luangwa Valley, Zambia	Total Number of Wells	Total Number of villagers Benefiting	Av. Cost/Villager (£)
New Wells Constructed	29	14,500	1.09
Existing Wells Renovated/Made Operational	17	8,500	0.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>0.86</b>



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