

# IN CHIPATA FAMILIES ARE FALLING APART



SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES

A loving home for every child






# Be part of building a Village and rebuilding lives

SOS Children's new Village in Chipata, Zambia, will be home for children left alone because of poverty and disease. Soon, the first of generations of children will have a family home with an SOS mother.

## **We want to tell you how to be part of Chipata.**

All over the world, families step in when children lose the care of their parents. But when chronic poverty, and diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria, pneumonia, and TB are commonplace, well-established support networks are overwhelmed. Adult carers die young or are unable to support children.

In Chipata, the main town in Zambia's Eastern Province, rural-urban migration has seen the population grow. HIV infection rates have risen and there is a particularly high rate of family breakdown and child abandonment. Around 1 in 6 of all children in Chipata has lost a parent, compared to 1 in 12 in the general population.



We already care for nearly 600 children and young people in our three SOS Children's Villages in Zambia, providing them with a loving and stable family home with their SOS mother to bring them up.



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Half of Zambian children aged 7-14 go out to work regularly. In the Eastern Province this rises to 77%.



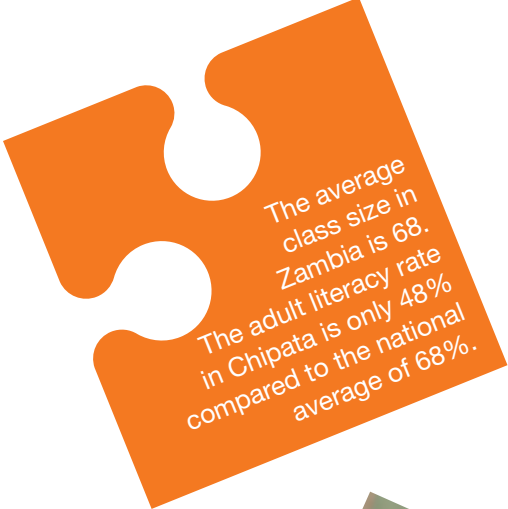
# Be part of helping young people to learn

Only 1 in 4 adults in Zambia finishes secondary school – and when children can go to school the average class size is 68. Grinding poverty and the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic put sending children to school out of reach of families who are struggling to survive.

At the SOS Children's Village the children will go to our SOS Nursery School. We are extending the local community school too: Damview Community Primary School, is where children will go after nursery school. We want all the children in the area to have a better chance in life: class sizes will be reduced and the children at the school will now have electricity and toilet blocks.

More than 3,000 community schools across Zambia provide an education for a quarter of primary school children in the country. Community schools specialise in reaching vulnerable children – just like SOS Children.

 £15 per month towards the cost of a child's education at Damview Community Primary School would cover schooling expenses including materials like exercise books, pens, and pencils.



The average class size in Zambia is 68. The adult literacy rate in Chipata is only 48% compared to the national average of 68%.





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## Be part of empowering local communities


At SOS Children we reach out into local communities through Family Strengthening Programmes (FSPs). In Chipata we have an FSP in Mchini – it's a shanty town with little by way of health and education facilities. The nearest health clinic is 5km away and there's no transport for patients in need of care.

Thanks to SOS Children's FSP, families where the main care-giver may be chronically ill, families headed by a grandparent or other relative, and child-headed families are helped to help themselves – we provide care for children, and training and opportunities for carers. Our FSP means there will be fewer children abandoned in Chipata.



£10 per month would help to provide food parcels for local families who are part of the Family Strengthening Programme. These parcels consist of essential items such as rice, beans and cooking oil.





In Zambia as a whole, it is estimated that there are 1.1 million orphans, and 6 out of 10 of them have a parent who died of HIV/AIDS.

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## Be part of helping to save lives

SOS Children's Medical Centre in Chipata will bring healthcare to a community in desperate need of help. We will care for orphans and vulnerable children, HIV/AIDS-affected families, child and grandparent-headed families, pregnant women and newborn babies.

Our SOS Mobile Medical Unit is a specially adapted vehicle which will bring health education and medical treatment to poor and isolated communities.

With your help we can quite literally save the lives of Zambian children and their parents and carers, starting with critical preventative measures such as vaccination, ensuring good nutrition, and promoting hygiene.



£5 per month would cover the cost of basic medical treatment for 12 children over the course of a year for common problems, like diarrhoea, that can often be easily treated with simple medication.

## Be part of a global movement

Across the world people are sponsoring SOS Villages and the children who live in them. Together our many thousands of supporters make a huge difference. If you make a donation or become a Chipata Village sponsor you will be part of the project from its earliest stages. Everyone who is part of Chipata gets regular updates to let them know the latest news as the Village takes shape.

 £20 a month - just 66p per day - on a regular basis would cover a child or Village sponsorship.



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Help children and vulnerable families  
by supporting our projects in education,  
health and family care. Your gifts would  
help people to live, to grow, and to learn.

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