

Africa KidSAFE Network Zambia

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KidSAFE: Shelter, Advocacy, Food, Education
for Zambian street children

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Network formed in 2001 with 10 grassroots organizations serving street children in Lusaka

Goals:

- Create a “safety net” of services for street children through partnership and referral
- Mobilize resources to reach more children with quality services
- Improve provider skills and capacity
- Advocate on behalf of street children

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KidSAFE members : local CBOs/NGOs serving children

- Fountain of Hope
- FLAME
- New Horizon
- Lazarus Project
- Zambia Red Cross
- Jesus Cares Ministries
- Mthunzi
- St. Lawrence Home of Hope
- The Anglican Center
- MAPODE
- Nymphande
- Children Transformation Trust
- Bethany
- City of Hope
- Messiah Ministries
- Kalingalinga Orphanage
- Makeni Ecumenical Orphanage
- Bethel Orphanage

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Collaborating partners

Government

- Ministry of Sports, Youth, and Child Development
- Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare

International Organizations & Donors

- UNICEF
- World Food Program
- Street Kids International
- USAID/Matching Grant, FFP/Breedlove

Local Private Sector

- Lusaka Hotel and other local businesses
- Children In Need Network

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Services mobilized through the network partnerships

- **Drop-in centers:** shelter, counseling, medical care, recreation, family re-integration, *referral*
- **Education:** community schools, re-integration into formal schools
- **Nutrition:** meals provided through community schools and drop-in centers
- **Livelihood:** vocational skills training, small business opportunities (older children, caregivers)

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Maximizing impact by linking and coordinating members' services

- Assessing numbers and locations of children on the streets
- Standardized child intake forms
- Centralized database : tracking children through the referral network's services

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Mobilizing new resources to expand members' services

Lusaka Private Sector Initiative

- Local businesses sponsor meals for several hundred children each day at KidSAFE partner centers

World Food Programme

Breedlove/USAID FFP

- Food commodities distributed through KidSAFE partners' feeding programs

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Strengthening technical quality of members' programs

- Trained 75 child and youth care workers in Basic Child Care Qualifications, minimum standards of care and ethics
- Trainees formed a professional association of child care workers, the first of its kind in Zambia.