

Policy plan 2020

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What is Zambridge Senanga?

The Mission Statement of the Foundation Zambridge Senanga is as follows:

Promotion of health and well-being of the most disadvantaged groups among the inhabitants of Senanga District, Western Province, Zambia

The Foundation has been started in 2001 by Dutch people who have worked in Senanga as medical doctor or teacher and who now live and work in The Netherlands. In Senanga the Foundation is represented by a local board.

Senanga District

Senanga District is situated in the Western Province of Zambia on the river Zambezi, 700 km away from Lusaka, Zambia's Capital. With the exception of the river-beds the land is rather infertile. The local people live on selfsubsistent small scale agriculture and fishing. There is not much tourism, commercial farming or forestry. Besides these poor economic circumstances the area suffers from the hiv/aids epidemics that badly hurts the population. Many children have become orphans and are being cared for by relatives. The government is not able to solve all the problems that are caused by this situation. The population takes own initiatives in order to structurally attack the problems.

What is Zambridge Senanga doing?

Zambridge Senanga supports the following local initiatives:

- Maxanaedi Basic Community School and the Senanga Orphans Day Care Centre, both of them educating orphans or otherwise disadvantaged children
- Home Based Care for AIDS patients and education programmes about AIDS

These are long term projects that started with the consent of the local government and have been supported by professionals from the beginning.

For both schools Zambridge Senanga contributes to the school feeding programmes and provides educational materials. Zambridge, together with third parties, also finances the maintenance and extension of these schools.

For the Home Based Care Programme and AIDS Education Zambridge Senanga contributes to the training activities of the group of volunteers.

Activities of Zambridge Senanga in 2020

Maxanaedi Community school

Until 2012 the pupils were being taught in the first school building made of mud and wooden poles. Since then several brick buildings have been constructed, partly financed by the *Wilde Ganzen* ('Wild Geese'), that comply with the government requirements for school buildings. A staff house has also been constructed at the school premises. In 2014 the school was extended by another three classrooms, again with the support of *Wilde Ganzen*. In 2016 new toilets were built with the financial support of *Cordaid*. In 2018 a solar power unit has been installed. This has been made possible by the financial support of *Wilde Ganzen*, Our Energy Foundation and *Energie coöperatie Leur e.o.* Now there are 702 pupils at the school and 12 teachers who are being paid by the government. In 2020 Zambridge Senanga will continue to pay for the school feeding.

Senanga Orphans Day Care Centre (SODC)

As this school has been recognized as an official basic school, the Ministry of Education pays the salaries of the 23 teachers. The government however only contributes very little for the school meals of the 955 pupils. Like in previous years Zambridge will contribute to the extra costs of the school feeding.

The construction of a staff house at the school compound has been completed. Again *Wilde Ganzen* has contributed to this project. The number of toilets has been increased. Like at Maxanaedi the school has been provided with a solar energy unit.

Home Based Care (HBC)

This programme for home based care for aids patients started in 1996. In 2020 we shall continue to support the programme by means of a financial contribution destined for prevention activities and the training of volunteers who act as caregivers.

In 2020 Zambridge will organize a benefit concert. With the proceeds we shall finance the support of the projects.

More detailed information and pictures of the projects are to be found on our website:

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Composition of the boards of Zambridge Senanga

Function	in The Netherlands	in Senanga
Chair	Jan de Waard	Patrick Siyauya
Vice-chair		Mike Mutti
Secretary	Wim Reimert	Patrick Kozi
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All board members, in the Netherlands as well as in Zambia, perform their duties voluntarily and do not get any financial compensation except for the real costs.

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