



Policy plan 2022

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in the name of Zambridge Senanga, Utrecht**

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 was 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 which operates in very good agreement with the Dutch 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 and these initiatives deserve our support.

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 2022

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.* Thanks to individual contributions books could be purchased for a library and tablets for ICT lessons. At present there are over 700 pupils at the school and 13 teachers who are being paid by the government. The teaching programme has been extended with two extra years, grade 8 and 9.

In 2021 it became clear that the present school building was too small to accommodate the growing number of pupils. Zambridge has decided to extend the school with a new building of three classrooms. This will be accomplished with the support of third parties. The campaign to acquire funds which had started in 2021 will be continued in 2022 because the grant received in 2021 was

not sufficient to pay the building costs which had increased a lot due to the worldwide inflation. As is 2021 *Wilde Ganzen* will bear one third of the costs. Apart from that Zambridge will, as in previous years, continue to pay for the school feeding.

Senanga Orphans Day Care Centre (SODC)

Also for this 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 more than 900 pupils.

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. Because of the growing number of pupils the community started in 2020 to build a new classroom block with 3 classrooms which has now been completed. As with Maxanaedi this school has been provided with a solar energy unit. Thanks to individual contributions, also at SODC books for a library and tablets for ICT lessons could be purchased.

Mid 2021 Zambridge received the request to assist in the construction of yet another three classrooms. That same year the work started with the help of third parties including *Wilde Ganzen*. In 2022 an additional campaign will be started to raise money for the completion of the building because the subsidy received in 2021 was insufficient due to the strong price increase resulting from to the worldwide inflation.

Like in previous years Zambridge will contribute in 2022 to the extra costs of the school feeding.

Home Based Care (HBC)

This programme for home based care for aids patients started in 1996. In recent years the focus has been mainly on prevention of this disease. In 2020 a Youth Friendly Corner was established for health education in collaboration with the schools. This facility could be realized with the support of *Wilde Ganzen*. In 2022 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 2022 Zambridge will organize a benefit concert to raise funds for the proposed activities.

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

Composition of the boards of Zambridge Senanga

Function	In Netherlands	In Senanga
Chair	Jan de Waard	Mike Mutti
Secretary	Wim Reimert	Patrick Kozi
Treasurer	Nelke van der Lans	Rosemary M. Kalaluka
Member	Edith Middelkoop	Sibeso Mwandamena Mwenyi (<i>vice chair</i>)
Member	Joost Meijer	Steven Nasilibane (<i>vice secretary</i>)
Member	Elske van Zanden	Charles Samulaba (<i>vice treasurer</i>) Theresa Inonge Sikwatiketo Patrick Siyauya Anna Sakala

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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Chairman