

Livingstone Community Projects

July – September 2017

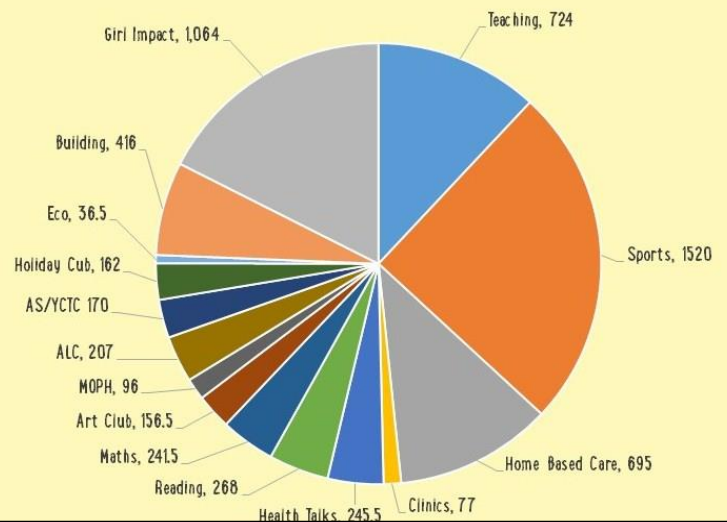
120 Volunteers

20 Nationalities

6079 Hours Volunteered



Hours On Each Project



AVG TEMP:

19.1



NYANJA LESSON:

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

Today

WHAT'S NEW ON THE GROUND?

- Our Women's Group has officially launched their Sakubita Village tour, a venture that aims to generate an income for the women while also raising money for our Sponsor a Child Program.
- We welcomed a new NGO intern, Silje, who joins us all the way from Norway!
- Our Reading Club project at Zambezi Sawmills Community School has implemented a mobile library program that allows grade 6 students to read young adult novels for an hour each week.

MEDICAL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Medical Volunteer, Liam, provided HIV education to 3 groups of school children in a local community we support, Linda Farm. This education is vital for prevention and transmission of the virus.
- Volunteers visited a man with a life-threatening infection and got him access to treatment at a local clinic. The man underwent a life-saving operation and is now recovering well!
- We welcomed 30 medical volunteers, all of whom made a HUGE impact on Livingstone's communities!
- We expanded our home-based care initiative (where we visit patients in their rural homes), and now routinely visit Mulula Village (pictured on the right!).



TEACHING PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Math's Club now enters its final term with our Grade 6 students. We've worked with our Math's Club students for the entirety of the year and seen exceptional improvement. Thankfully, this quarter we've seen a substantial boost in attendance and hope to see this reflected in their final tests in the coming quarter.
- At the Linda Farm community, during a 4 week break from school, we held Holiday Club; a project where we create a safe and fun environment for children to come and learn before the all-important term three. This Holiday Club, we had some fantastic teaching and sports volunteers throughout and thus were able to always have a blend of P.E lessons and indoor lessons every single day!
- At the Zambezi Sawmills Community School, we extended our Reading Club Project to include the Grade 6 students. Our focus with these students has been to challenge their existing reading and creative writing skills as well as improving their grammar and punctuation knowledge. We've seen great improvements in all the children - especially in reading comprehension - which we have worked on through our newly implemented mobile library program! Each week we give out around 40 young adult novels for the children to read and discuss with their peers!
- In Adult Literacy Club, we have had great success with our newly developed program for the Level 3 Group. This course is designed to focus far more on life-applicable English for our students. Since this has gone down so well, we look forward to implementing this course into our Level 2 group, who are very much looking forward to it!



SPORTS PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- This quarter we've had 14 sports volunteers who have brought such great energy to the project (a prerequisite as it gets hotter)! We've increasingly implemented topics from the integrated science curriculum and have focused especially on the heart, blood and diet in the learning portion of P.E lessons. Apart from that, we've learnt a huge amount about teamwork, inclusivity, sportsmanship and much more. It really has been a fun quarter to be on the sports program!
- At Health Club, we've now covered 3 topics in detail with the Mwandu Community School Grade 4s, 5s and 6s; that equals around 150 students who have learned about the heart, blood, healthy eating, drugs and addiction. The Grade 4s have been thrilled to become a part of Health Club this quarter. They love coming every Thursday and Health Club has now firmly established itself as a volunteer favorite too!



"It was a great experience and I feel proud to be a part of what I would like to call 'a family!' African Impact connects people from around the world in such a unique way! It is really a learning experience for your own life! I would advise it to everybody. It is priceless." - **Sven, Volunteer September 2017**

BUILD-IT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dambwa Christian Trust School's Pre-School classroom now has a beautiful and educational mural of wild and domestic animals, thanks to our talented volunteer team!
- We welcomed a group of Build-It volunteers from Kirkwood Community College in the United States! These volunteers put great effort into our projects at Dambwa Christian Trust School, helping complete several benches for the children to eat on!
- And, drumroll please... our Build-It project won yet ANOTHER award. This time, it won Outstanding Volunteer Project in the Global Youth Travel Awards!





VIEW PROJECT

GIRL IMPACT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our Grade 5 students have completed a 3-week career and goal setting workshop. Highlights from the workshop include writing poems about their future goals and modeling for a "When I Grow Up" photo series, where the girls dressed up as what they want to be as adults. Check out a few of the photos on the left!
 - 6 weekly lessons with our Grade 4 girls have taken off and the girls have begun working on a series of mental health workshops led by THAF intern, Silje!
 - The vegetable garden is in full bloom and our harvest has begun! The girls have harvested nearly 1,000 onions - as well as rape and cabbage = some of which is used to feed the girls during each session. The rest is sent home with them for their families!
 - Our Grade 5 boys completed a 2-week gender equality workshop, complete with a pre and post-test to help assess what they learned! To our delight, the post tests showed a complete change in attitude toward gender issues!
- Our Women's Group spent months working on their public speaking skills as well as fine tuning their English, all in an effort to ready themselves for the launch of their Village Tour! Having progressed immensely, the women were finally ready for their first tour In September! WOOHOO!



VOLUNTEER ALEX'S BUNJEE SWING ADVENTURE!

"I booked the bungee swing as soon as I decided to go to Zambia. Being an adrenaline junkie, this was the perfect opportunity to both get my heart racing and scare my mother a little bit (Sorry Mom). At 111 meters, the bridge is one of the highest bungee jumps that you can do. I went with another volunteer, Silvia, and we both motivated each other to the edge. The guys were very nice as they put the bungee on us and they even gave everyone a little push off the bridge. Free falling is such a cool experience because you feel weightless. The video that they sell you at the end is definitely worth it. My goal was to not scream on the way down and the video proves to my family and friends that I kept that goal."



VOLUNTEER MEGAN'S EXPERIENCE TEACHING!

"My experience at African Impact has been life changing. I have had the opportunity to participate in some fantastic projects, in particular the teaching. The children's enthusiasm and desire to learn is contagious and I have felt blessed to be a small part of their journey. I have learnt so much being here and I will go home with a new perspective that I hope to share with my class, family and friends."

Until next time...
The Livingstone Team

