



Fact Sheet

U.S. Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program

What is the U.S. Ambassador's Special Self Help Program?

The U.S. Ambassador's Special Self Help Program in Zambia provides assistance directly to community organizations as part of the U.S. government's ongoing commitment to support Zambian-driven development activities on a local level. Projects help improve basic economic or social conditions at the community or village level.

The program is a partnership between the U.S. Embassy and select community organizations. Each grantee is required to contribute substantial community involvement and adhere to rigorous budget and accounting processes.



U.S. Ambassador Mark C. Storella visits a chicken pass on project managed by Self Help grantee Kalungu Lubemba Trading and Farming, in September 2012.

History

The U.S. Ambassador's Self Help Program started in Togo in 1964 and has since become one of the most visible and successful U.S. assistance programs in Africa.

Since 2000, the Self Help Program in Zambia has partnered with nearly 90 organizations and contributed more than U.S. \$800,000 (ZMW4.2 million) directly to communities throughout all ten provinces of Zambia.

Applications and Guidelines

Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy's website: <http://zambia.usembassy.gov>. Proposals are reviewed on an annual basis. Applications received by September 30th will be considered for the next year's funding.

Registered associations and organizations may receive an SSH grant one time only, with funding limited to one project. Project budgets must be reasonable and usually range from \$500 (ZMW2,625) to \$15,000 (ZMW78,750) with rigorous budget and accounting processes required from each grantee.

If you have questions or would like to receive an application by mail, contact the Self Help Small Grants Coordinator at 0211 357 116 or SelfHelpLusaka@state.gov.



U.S. Ambassador Mark C. Storella visits Kansobe Community School, a Self Help Program recipient, in April 2011.



U.S. Ambassador's Special Self Help Program 2013 Grantees



Apali Umunwe Multipurpose Cooperative Mansa, Luapula Province

Award: \$10,000

The members of Apali Umunwe Multipurpose Cooperative will commence a poultry project to sell eggs in the surrounding villages providing income for the group and a source of readily accessible, affordable protein to the community.
Beneficiaries: 97

Chikuni Mission Hospital Monze, Southern Province

Award: \$12,687

Chikuni Mission Hospital in cooperation with a community advisory committee will oversee the installation of a hammermill at the nearby Hanamaila Health Post. Profits will help support school fees for orphans and vulnerable children.
Beneficiaries: 55

Luwingu Honey Producers Luwingu, Northern Province

Award: \$5,000

This award will allow group members to diversify their incomes by starting a small scale beekeeping operation.
Beneficiaries: 20

Strategic Youth Organisation Mkushi, Central Province

Award: \$13,726

This grant will enable Strategic Youth Organisation to start a cooking oil processing enterprise in Mkushi town center. Profits will support group activities related to their mission of youth development.
Beneficiaries: 255

Tisaine Women's Club Chipata, Eastern Province

Award: \$7,125

This award will allow the women's club of Tisaine to build 50 bee hives in a forested area near their village. Profits from the honey will help support group members.
Beneficiaries: 80

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