

ZANE KIDS



Over five million people in Zimbabwe require urgent food aid – a huge number of them children. In addition, thousands of children are not attending school, their parents unable to afford the school fees. ZANE Kids is a ZANE initiative aimed at encouraging children and young people in the UK to raise money for destitute children in Zimbabwe, in turn understanding and empathising with children so much less fortunate.

ZANE – Zimbabwe a National Emergency is a UK based charity providing aid and relief to the most impoverished communities in Zimbabwe. The main core of its work is supporting elderly people – those who lost their pensions and savings when the Zimbabwean economy collapsed and are now entirely dependent on charity to survive. However, there is also a desperate need to support children and young people, particularly in helping them secure a good education so one day when the situation in Zimbabwe improves, they will be able to work and help re-build the country. That's why ZANE Kids has been launched.

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Some key facts about Zimbabwe today:

- Zimbabwe is now one of the poorest countries in the world.
- Over five million people require urgent food aid.
- Zimbabwe has no welfare state. Children can only attend school if their parents can pay the school fees. People can only receive medical treatment if they can afford to pay for it.
- Over 90% of people are unemployed.



ZANE Kids supports a number of projects in Zimbabwe aimed at improving the lives of thousands of children living in extreme poverty. These projects include:

Education

ZANE Kids supports a school in Harare for 80 children. It has provided a pop-up classroom, enabling a further twelve children to attend. It funds the salary of a teaching mentor and it provides a daily nutritional food supplement for all pupils.

ZANE Kids pays the school fees of a small number of children so they can attend school and receive an education.

ZANE Kids has secured funding to provide an additional pop-up classroom in a high density township so very poor children whose parents can't afford school fees will soon be able to attend school. The aim is to find funding for several of these classrooms in very poor townships.

Clubfoot Correction Programme

There are over 10,000 children with untreated clubfoot in Zimbabwe. Clubfoot is a congenital deformity where the foot is permanently twisted, making it painful and almost impossible to walk. Children with clubfoot face the rest of their lives unable to work, with an extremely disabling condition causing pain, exclusion, probable abuse and stigma.

To date, ZANE has funded the treatment of 2,200 children helping to ensure that all children born with clubfoot in Zimbabwe have the opportunity to live a life without disability where they can run, skip and play and eventually work to support themselves.

The Gift of Sound

Hearing impairment is a silent, progressive condition whose consequences are devastating in the absence of early and timely intervention. Hearing loss in children results in failure to attain the spoken language, literacy and numeracy skills leading to poor educational performance and limited vocational prospects.

ZANE Kids aims to secure funding to provide treatment and hearing aids – bringing the gift of sound to children in Zimbabwe who otherwise face a lifetime of silence.

How you can help

There have been a number of exciting initiatives so far to raise funds for ZANE Kids. These include:

- Three Peaks Challenge. A family of one adult and three children (aged 12, 14 and 15) took part in a sponsored 24 hour climb of the three highest mountains in the UK, raising over £4,000.
- Two children completed a sponsored five mile walk with a difference – it was a three legged walk and raised over £1,200.
- Several schools have held fundraising days for ZANE Kids – the most popular idea being a dress down day with all pupils dressing in the colours of the Zimbabwe flag in return for a donation.
- A half marathon raising over £1,800.

Making a difference

- £240 covers the entire cost of the treatment for one child with clubfoot.
- £490 will bring the gift of sound to one child.
- £550 will pay for the books, pens and pencils for twelve children attending a pop-up classroom in a township.
- £1,000 will provide a nutritional food supplement for twelve school children for an entire year.

ZANE Kids would like to engage as many schools as possible, encouraging UK school children to fundraise and think about children in Zimbabwe so much less fortunate than themselves. ZANE Kids really does enhance and transform the lives of children in Zimbabwe. Your school can help us continue this life saving work.



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