



■ Country Strategy Zambia

Kindernothilfe's main objective in Zambia is to introduce and implement the child rights approach throughout our program and project work. Intensive trainings, workshops and partner meetings are designed to promote the exchange of information and experience. The partners will cooperate together and work with Kindernothilfe to develop mutual understanding in this area in order to be able to successfully integrate the child rights approach into our current work.

The number of orphans or children with only one parent in Zambia is particularly high due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Children in special circumstances, such as children who have been abused, disabled children, working children etc., are finding themselves particularly marginalized as a result. This is why Kindernothilfe will be focusing on the whole "children at risk" area in the future project work. At least two new projects from this area are going to be included in our support program.

On top of this, all the projects supported are to include "mainstreaming" children with disabilities, i.e. ensure that they participate and are included. Training sessions and workshops are designed to increase our partners' awareness of the problems in this area.

In Zambia the main cause of death in children is malaria. This is why we will be paying particular attention to this area in our projects. General health care as well as preventive and educational activities will all become permanent fixtures in future project proposals.

Other central topics are education, food security, supply of drinking water, resource protection and sustainable agriculture. At least one new project focused on "ecological sustainability" is going to be included in the support program.

One particular area of focus is the continued development of our SHG (Self Help Group) work. Integrating the recently-formed children's groups into the whole SHG structure is what we are now concentrating on. This will be accompanied by an evaluation system to examine the long-term effects on the children's lives and the conditions they live in.

The existing partner structure will be reinforced – possibly strengthening it through the addition of one to two new partners. Apart from this, the goal is to continue working with our current partners, carefully planning new projects with them. Local coordination is managed by one to two on-the-spot counselors who communicate with the partners on a regular basis and act as the link between Kindernothilfe and our local partners.